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## Newsletter



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### SAVE THE DATE! EARTH DAY 2015 – COMMUNITY CLEANUP

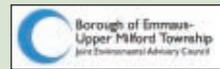


Saturday, April 18

9 AM to 1 PM

RAIN or SHINE

(In the event of extreme weather, listen to WFMZ)



**WHO:** Community members from Emmaus, Lower Macungie and Upper Milford are invited to participate in this fun, earth-conscious event!

**WHAT:** Cleaning up litter and debris from local sites around the Borough and Townships.

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 18. We will begin gathering at 8:30 a.m. for coffee and to get organized, then start cleaning up the town by 9 a.m.! Come back to the park afterwards for snacks & educational community fun!

**WHERE:** Meet at the Emmaus Community Park Shimerville Road at South 14th Street. Instructions and directions to all the cleanup sites will be provided.

**WHY:** Earth Day is a great time to show your commitment to our community's environment. Help out by cleaning up litter and debris, and providing community education about the importance of protecting local water resources!

**Presented by the Borough of Emmaus & Upper Milford Township Joint Environmental Advisory Council (EAC).**  
As details are developed, they will be posted online at [emmausuppermilfordeac.blogspot.com](http://emmausuppermilfordeac.blogspot.com), or email the EAC at [eacinfo@uppermilford.net](mailto:eacinfo@uppermilford.net) to be placed on an email list for updates.



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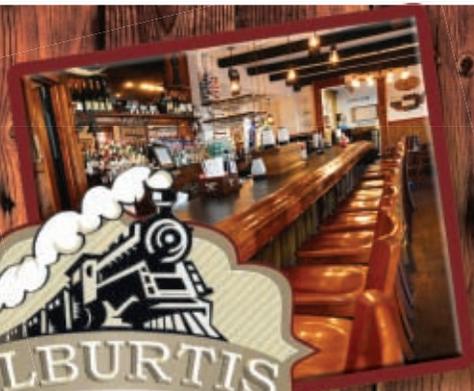
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## Other Important Phone Numbers

Berkheimer (per capita tax).....	610-599-3139
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Electronics Recycling.....	484-866-0927
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PA One Call.....	1-800-242-1776
Sanctuary at Haafsville.....	484-788-8062
Street Lights –	
Repair and Maintenance, PPL.....	1-800-342-5775
Trash/Recycling – J.P. Mascaro.....	1-800-333-4624
West Nile Virus	
Mosquito Info Line.....	610-366-8345
Youth Organization – EYA.....	info@eyanews.org

## INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

The Borough of Emmaus is currently accepting letters of interest to serve on the **Arts Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Shade Tree Commission, and Special Entertainment Commission.** Interested volunteers should complete the Board and Commission/Volunteer Information Sheet and forward it to: Borough Manager, 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049.

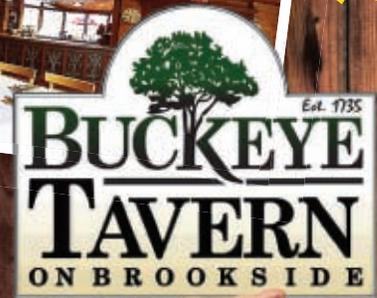


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## The Emmaus Main Street Partners is Pleased to Announce the 10th Annual Golf Classic Fundraiser Tournament

Fore! The Emmaus Main Street Partners is pleased to announce  
**The 10th annual Golf Classic Fundraiser Tournament**  
Monday, June 15th at Green Pond Country Club

Early bird registration by May 15th, \$95 per golfer / \$375 per foursome and includes welcome bag, greens fee, cart, refreshments, hot dog, drink at the turn, light breakfast, and hot buffet lunch. Select sponsorship opportunities are still available and we're accepting raffle prize donations through the end of May. Golf, donate or do both – help support the EMSP's biggest fundraiser of the year!



The EMSP's monthly e-newsletter, "The Horn," has been revamped! While we utilize this tool to promote our events and projects, we also offer our members the opportunity to promote their specials, sales and business events. The Horn has also become a platform for our partnering non-profit groups and civic organizations to promote their monthly happenings. We recently reformatted the layout to enhance readability with less text and more images, making it easier to browse. Let us know if you'd like us to add your email address to receive our monthly information.

Coming soon, new OPEN flags for EMSP business members! The restyled design has a more modern flair that will be sure to grab the attention of passersby.

Let's stay connected! Like us on Facebook at Emmaus Main Street Partners and keep your eyes open for upcoming events and programs! For more information, contact EMSP Main Street Manager, Jessica O'Donnell, [jessicao@emmausmainstreet.com](mailto:jessicao@emmausmainstreet.com). Or call, 610-965-6279.



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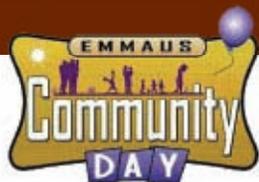
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## 5TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY

Join us as the Emmaus Parks and Recreation Commission hosts its

### 5th Annual Community Day

June 21, 2015 • 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Rain or Shine

With the success of last year's Community Day being held on a Sunday, the Emmaus Parks and Recreation Commission has decided to once again host Community Day on Sunday, June 21, 2015. The Commission invites community clubs, organizations, churches, and scouts to join us in this endeavor at our beautiful Emmaus Community Park. Food and craft vendors will be on hand to display their wares. Baseball and softball teams from EYA will be playing on both fields all day long, as well as the "Old Timer's and "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend" games and for the first time the Commission will host a pie eating contest to the festivities of the day. The event will be held on Father's Day, so look for some very special father and me type games.

The Commission is looking for stage performances, crafters, and food vendors to complete the day. The Commission is also looking for any female/male over the age of 20 who played softball/baseball for any Emmaus team to come out and play the game. All interested players are required to register at: [www.eyanews.org](http://www.eyanews.org). Click on the Register box on the right side of the home page and scroll down to the bottom of the page for the Community Days' Alumni Baseball/Softball game, or contact Kathy Mintzer, President at 610-965-6250.

If you are interested in being a part of Community Day 2015 please contact us at [EmmausParksRecs@gmail.com](mailto:EmmausParksRecs@gmail.com)

### Help Us to Reach You!

As of May 2010, the Borough was required to have an auto-dial system in place that allows it to provide immediate notice to all customers of failures in the water system and other important information. The Borough obtained a contractor, Swift Reach Inc., which will route the calls for us, though we create the actual notice.

We need your help in creating a reliable database of Borough residents. You may provide your phone number to the Borough by visiting the Borough's website at [www.borough.emmaus.pa.us](http://www.borough.emmaus.pa.us), and clicking on the Swift Reach, Inc., section of the Home Page. If you are not receiving the Borough's auto-dial calls, please provide your

phone number, and it may be a cell phone number, to the Borough as soon as possible.

Work phone numbers are not acceptable. You may also provide us with your email address for future contact. Additionally, if you change your phone number, please contact Town Hall at either 610-965-9292 or 610-965-9288 and advise us of the new number.

Please remember that this Program is required by the state and is implemented for your benefit. So, your assistance with our recordkeeping is necessary for us to have a functioning auto-dial system that effectively meets its goals.



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## BREAKING DOWN YOUR REFUSE BILL AND SERVICE

As you are aware, your Borough refuse bill decreased from \$312 to \$287 in 2015. With the decrease, refuse collection changed from two times per week to one time per week with a new refuse hauler. Recycling collection remains at one time per week. With these changes, there are numerous questions that have been asked that Borough Council members want to clarify for you.

### **My refuse bill decreased by \$25.00, yet our service was cut in half. Why isn't my bill half of what I used to pay?**

This is the most common question we are asked. While this assumption may make sense on the surface, it is important to understand that this is not the case. While collection is only one time per week, the actual amount of refuse being collected remains the same. If you are used to producing four bags of refuse per week, you continue to produce four bags of refuse per week. Furthermore, recycling collection remains the same. In addition, there are many other services that are tied into this fee, not just curbside collection.

### **What other services are tied into my bill, and why?**

Refuse and recycling collection are governed by Pennsylvania Act 101. In municipalities with a population greater than 10,000 residents (our population is approximately 11,411), the community is governed by Act 101. The goals of the Act are to reduce Pennsylvania's municipal waste generation; recycle at least 25% of waste generated; procure and use recycled and recyclable materials in state governmental agencies; and educate the public as to the benefits of recycling and waste reduction. The benefits of recycling and waste reduction include reduced pollution risks; conservation of natural resources, energy and landfill space; and reduced disposal costs. With this, there are many requirements for mandated municipalities.

#### **• Recycling:**

In addition to the curbside recycling mandate, Act 101 also mandates other recycling efforts. Mandated municipalities are required to separate leaf waste from other municipal wastes. Since September 26, 1990, no waste disposal facility accepts shipments comprised primarily of leaf wastes unless a separate composting facility has been provided. There are few, if any, disposal facilities that accept this waste, therefore, the municipality is forced to maintain its own program and site. In addition, the Act makes it illegal to discard automotive and other lead acid batteries and encourages a household hazardous waste collection program.



#### **• E-Waste:**

The Pennsylvania Covered Device Recycling Act (CDRA), passed in 2010, requires that consumers and businesses not dispose of electronic devices, such as computers, laptops, computer monitors, televisions, and tablets with their trash. This means that trash haulers will no longer take covered devices unless the municipality has a curbside electronics collection program that sends the devices to an electronics recycler.

"This law is an important step toward further reducing the

amount of waste disposed in our landfills," said Mike Krancer, DEP secretary. "There will be a host of positive impacts from this law, such as deriving economic benefits from precious metals found in electronics, eliminating heavy metals in the environment and encouraging environmental stewardship."

Under CDRA, covered devices and their components must be properly recycled and cannot be accepted by landfills or other solid waste disposal facilities for disposal. The law also requires that manufacturers of the covered devices provide for the collection, transportation, and recycling of these devices by establishing one-day events, permanent collection programs, or mail-back programs for consumers – offered to consumers at no cost.



### **Which of these services are provided in this community?**

The Borough works very hard to meet the requirements of Act 101, although it is a very costly. The Borough provides a curbside leaf and yard waste collection program. In addition, the Borough provides a curbside Christmas tree collection. Moreover, the Borough maintains the community compost center, where residents can drop off yard waste including yard clippings, branches, and small shrubs and take home processed wood compost and screened mulch. In addition, the Borough provides an E-Waste Collection service, where residents can drop off E-Waste at the Public Works facility on the 2nd Monday of the month from noon to 6:00 p.m. from March through November.

### **What does it cost to provide these services?**

It is very expensive to provide the required services under the Acts. These costs, in part, are factored into your refuse bill. The bill should truly be labeled "Refuse, Recycling, and Compost".

The breakdown for the 2015 expenses, based on a historical average of hours and projected hours to be spent to provide these services are as follows:

Contracted Refuse Collection (J.P. Mascaro fees):	\$781,836.00
Refuse / Recycling Labor and Benefits Costs: (Includes refuse, compost, leave, tree collection)	\$ 37,728.71
Refuse Billing / Mailing Costs:	\$3,000.00
Compost Site Labor and Benefits:	\$229,009.45
Compost Equipment:	\$181,770.00
<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>\$1,238,344.16</b>

The detailed breakdown can be found on the Emmaus Borough website at [www.borough.emmaus.pa.us](http://www.borough.emmaus.pa.us).

### **My taxes cover this cost, don't they?**

The short answer to this is "no". Think of how you operate your own budget at home. For example, let's assume you pay \$50,000 in bills at home in a given year. This includes your groceries, your car payment, your mortgage, your taxes, and other expenses. Let's also assume you have four sources of income, including your salary, your spouse's salary, investment income, and some form

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## BREAKING DOWN YOUR REFUSE BILL AND SERVICE... *continued from page 5*

of retirement income. You pay your mortgage with your investment income. You pay your car payment with your retirement income, you pay for your groceries and other household bills from your income, and your miscellaneous expenses and savings come from your spouse's income. However, no matter what, you have to pay out \$50,000 in bills. This is the same concept with an exception. Your local taxes cover many expenses, such as fire services, police, public works, codes enforcement, streets, parks, part of ambulance services, and other services. However, the bulk of ambulance services are covered by third party billing. Some of code enforcement expenses are paid through permits and inspection fees. Some other services are paid through the collection of other fees and revenues. Sewer services are paid through your sewer bill and your water service is paid through your water bill. The Act 101 and CDRA services, which include trash, recycling, compost, E-waste, yard waste collection, leaf collection, and other services required under the Act are all paid for through the refuse bill. With a bill of \$287.00, total expected revenue for the year is \$1,232,371.00. Expected expenses are \$1,238,344.16. This is how Council calculated the new refuse bill, using the expected revenue for the rate in comparison to the expected expenses. The small difference is covered by tax revenue.

### **How can I save more money?**

By paying your bill during the discount period, you are able to save an additional \$10.00 off your refuse assessment. We have found that, out of 4,300 bills, only 1,200 customers take advantage of the discount. In addition, if you are a family that meets certain income guidelines, there is a significant discount that may be available to you. The bill, rather than being \$287.00, would only be \$155.00. The general income guidelines include that the head of the household must be 62 years of age or older and their annual income as a single resident could not have exceeded \$18,000 or \$25,000 for a household of two or more. For more details, check out the Borough's website under "Documents / Applications" or ask for a form at Borough Hall. Furthermore, if you are a Borough resident and you have a low-impact home-based business, you formerly paid a refuse assessment of \$457.50. Your new fee is \$287, as Borough Council recently voted to eliminate the additional 25% fee.

### **How did we receive one-day per week service and why did we change haulers?**

This has been a common question as well. Municipalities are required by law to bid out certain services. We are also required to take the lowest responsible bid. Sometimes this is good and sometimes it results in less than desirable results, however, these are legal requirements. In June 2014, our previous hauler, Republic Services, failed to submit a bid. The contract was bid out several ways, including several options for once per week collection as well as several for twice per week collection. The lowest bidder in nearly every option was J.P. Mascaro. Council debated the importance of once per week collection versus twice per week collection and ultimately decided that once per week collection would save money for members of the community without a significant impact on service. We have received some concerns from citizens regarding concerns with sanitation and smell. The vast majority of Americans have once per week refuse collection, including many communities in the Lehigh Valley. We also recommend and have always recommended that all households have garbage cans with lids. This will prevent rodents and lingering smells.

### **Are there any specific collection dates that we need to remember?**

Generally, refuse is collected by J.P. Mascaro on Wednesday. Please place your refuse out the night before. Refuse will be pushed back by one day if a holiday falls on Monday or Tuesday. You should have received a small flyer that included a calendar of collection. The only holiday included in this from now until August is during Memorial Day week, when collection will be on Thursday, May 28th rather than Wednesday, May 27th. Additionally, if there is a significant weather event, such as a significant snowfall, refuse collection may be pushed back by one day. J.P. Mascaro advertises these delays on their website as well as on WFMZ. We will also notify you when we are made aware of any delays in service.



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## The Emmaus Commemorative Garden Remembers



The Emmaus Remembrance Garden is a unique community asset. It is a place where you can place a commemorative brick in one of seven special walkways, purchase a bench to remember a retirement, birthday or anniversary or just come by and hang out. It's a perfect place to honor service to America or a local organization, recognize attainment of Eagle Scout distinction, and support achievement in academics, athletics, music and/or the arts.

The Emmaus Commemorative Gardens Foundation (ECGF) has a far-reaching vision for creating remembrance opportunities in the Borough of Emmaus. The ECGF has partnered with the **Emmaus Veterans Committee** (EVC), the premier veteran's organization in our region, to offer veteran's bricks to the members of our local veteran's posts (American Legion Post 191, Catholic War Vets Post 1067 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7088). We were honored to install 18 bricks in the Veteran's Walkway last year during the Memorial Day

weekend and it is our intention to again install bricks this year for service men and women to honor their service to our country.

Last year bricks were installed in the Veteran's Walkway to honor:

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***We're pleased to announce that orders received by Saturday, April 4 will be here in time for the Sunday, May 24, 2015 Memorial Day weekend installation ceremony. The cost per brick is still \$65.00.***

The ECGF is a group of faithful volunteers who have worked hard for over ten years to create a quiet and beautiful space for everyone who wishes to place a remembrance brick, bench or tree to honor someone for their birthday, graduation, retirement, service to America, anniversary, or passing. We invite everyone to visit the Garden and/or our website at [www.emmausremembers.org](http://www.emmausremembers.org) or contact Mike Waddell at 484-274-2089 for more information about ordering a remembrance brick.

By remembering the positive and celebrating our grand accomplishments we strengthen the fabric of our community. The long term vision of the Emmaus Commemorative Gardens Foundation (ECGF) is to give everyone an opportunity to honor your loved ones' uniqueness and accomplishments. The ECGF, over a decade old, is a volunteer organization (501c3 non-profit) dedicated to the creation of a quiet, beautiful, and permanent space where we can all share and honor the accomplishments of our family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

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## THE SHELTER HOUSE MAJOR RESTORATION QUARTER CENTURY UPDATE by Dean Bortz, Resident Curator of Shelter House

In 1990, preparations were under way to remove everything from the Shelter House. Every day I worked a few hours to compile a comprehensive inventory of each item in order to store everything at Diehl Moving and Storage warehouse.

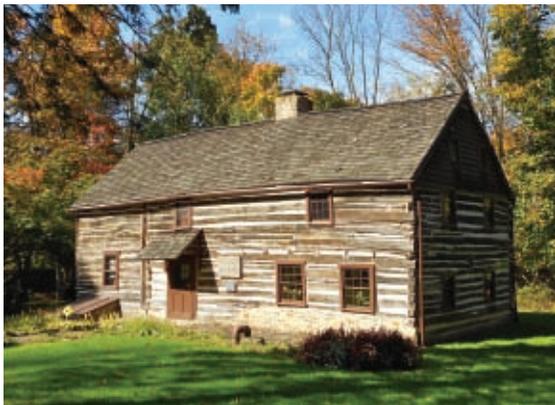
The walls in the grate room had been sinking for over a century, now reaching a 13 inch drop of the central summer beam. More recently, the north and south elevations had started to lean (resembling a parallelogram) towards the parking lot. The second floor had been closed to visitors since 1986. Cracks in plaster walls grew larger while new cracks appeared. The acceleration of these problems in recent months suggested Shelter House would surely fall in on itself unless we were able to act swiftly.

Steel "I" beams were placed through the corners of the great room and anchored on columns outside to support the weight of the structure so work could begin.

Carefully and systematically rotted logs were removed. Below the lowest concourse the contractor expected (from similar excavations) to find a large rock under the corners or a row of smaller rocks under the base log. What was found was nothing but clay base soil. The Colonial Shelter House was built directly on the ground with no foundation below it. Decomposition of the lowest log was so severe that a section could be removed with your bare hand. Julius Fritz, the structural engineer stated, "The reason for the tilt and sinking of the Shelter House is now obvious. How it managed to stand long enough for us to restore it remains a mystery."

For the next several weeks site supervisor, Chris Smith, and his crew hand-crafted each replacement log. Another crew started to hand-dig a trench below the walls where a concrete foundation would be poured. Once the two structural teams met, we arrived at a critical juncture. Everybody associated with the project was on site and positioned around the cabin to observe the Shelter House as the "I" beams were removed. I recall one person at one spot stating that he heard a minor creak. That's it! The Shelter House stood on its own again.

Twenty four years later the status of the Shelter House remains in similar condition as the day the "I" beams were removed. There have been no major window cracks and none of the logs or foundation needed attention since the restoration. Job well done! A special thanks to Emmaus former mayor and congressman, Joe Zeller, who donated many hours of electrician's expertise. And heartfelt gratitude goes to Col. John Yakshe who was chairman of the restoration project at the Shelter House.



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## Stormwater Pollution – Did You Know?



- At least 50% of the water quality problems in the United States result from stormwater runoff, or what the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency calls, "non-point source pollution."
- Approximately 70% of all storm drains lead directly to rivers, lakes and estuaries and are never treated.
- Five quarts of used motor oil can create an oil slick two football fields in size.
- Yard fertilizer runoff from residential areas is estimated to be responsible for one third of the excess nitrogen polluting out waterways.
- The first inch of runoff generally carries 90% of the pollution from a storm.
- Storm drains do not go to sewage treatment plants, they lead directly to bodies of water.
- Storm drains do not remove pollutants from stormwater and were designed for the specific purpose of draining water from sidewalks and streets to prevent flooding.
- Water entering storm drains after it rains, picks up what is on the surface and carries it directly to our local rivers and streams untreated.
- Tire wear, deteriorating brake pads, leaks of motor oil, antifreeze, battery acid, fuel, car waxes, degreasers, radiator flushes, and rust preventatives can all contribute to stormwater pollution.
- Grass clippings, leaves, pet waste, fertilizers, soaps, detergents, cigarette butts, and other debris are considered pollutants that get washed into storm drains and on into our local rivers and streams.
- Pollutants that contaminate stormwater are mostly considered to be non-point source pollution (surface runoff).
- Sixteen times more stormwater runoff is produced by a one acre parking lot than is produced by a meadow of the same size.

**Please help and do your part  
to keep stormwater clean!**

**Do not dispose of any waste of any kind  
in storm drains.**



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## PROM SAFETY TIPS FROM THE EMMAUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Tips for Parents:

- DO NOT rent hotel rooms for your children or other teens.
- Establish a safe ride for your children and their friends ahead of time.
- Ask your teen for a detailed itinerary for prom night, including venues, times, and contact numbers.
- Establish an agreed upon time for him/her to be home.
- Make sure your teen's cell phone is fully charged and tell them to keep it on at all times.
- Set up established check-in times and when your teen will call or text you.
- Know who is driving and who the passengers will be. If using a limousine service, make sure that no alcohol is allowed inside the vehicle.
- Discuss the school's rules that are in place for prom.
- Encourage them to WEAR THEIR SEATBELT!!!
- Provide an "out" for your teen. For example, give them a contact number of someone he/she can call at any time to get help if they are in a situation where they do not feel safe or comfortable.
- Stay up until your child gets home and check-in with them.



### Tips for Teens:

- Plan ahead – make sure you have a safe and fun prom night, including a safe ride.
- Charge your cell phone and have it with you at all times.
- Call or text your parents when you arrive, leave, and during the times you have discussed.
- **NEVER** text while driving. It is a violation of Pennsylvania Law.
- Alcohol is illegal for anyone under 21. It can get you arrested, hurt, or worse!
- Do not allow anyone in your car or limo that has alcohol, drugs, or weapons. Besides being dangerous, everyone in the car is at risk for being arrested.
- Do not accept anything to drink from someone you do not know. If you leave your drink unattended, throw it out and get a new one.
- Know where you are and where you are going. If plans change, make sure your parents are aware.
- **NEVER** allow friends to drink and drive. **Never** get into a car with anyone who has been drinking or persons you do not know personally.
- Have a responsible person available for a safe ride home if an emergency arises.
- Attend the after prom/ball sponsored by your school.

*Real People, Real Lives, Changed by God.*



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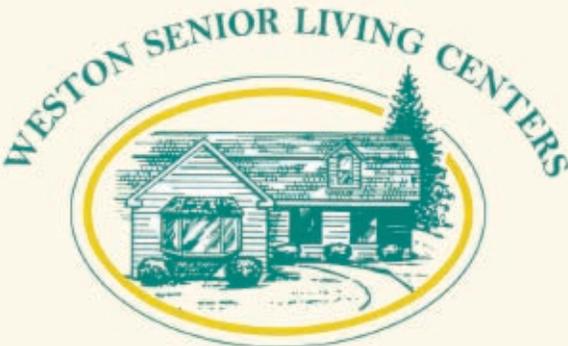
In conjunction with J. P. Mascaro, the Borough of Emmaus will continue to offer Electronic Waste Recycling to Borough Residents Only! Due to new rules for recycling electronic devices, **trash haulers no longer collect electronic devices.**

Residents can drop off E-waste at the E-waste dumpster located beside the Public Works Department garage on Kline's Lane. The site is open on the **2nd Monday of the month from Noon – 6:00 p.m.** starting in March, 2015. The site will be closed on holidays and from December through February. Residents visiting the site shall show the attendant their identification signifying they are a Borough resident.

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**The EAC is planning the 5th Annual Rain Barrel Art Silent Auction!** The Call for Artists will be open in early March and the beautifully painted barrels shown at the Emmaus Farmers Market beginning in June.

The Emmaus Arts Commission was created by Emmaus Borough Council to encourage civic participation in the arts through the promotion of the arts within our community. Look for upcoming information and dates for our annual **Chalk the Walk, Strings Camp and Student Horror Film Festival**. Find out what's happening with the EAC by "liking" us on Facebook and checking our web site for frequent updates.

**Commissioners Needed!** If you would like to be involved, please contact us at [www.emmausarts.org](http://www.emmausarts.org). **Help us grow the arts in Emmaus!**

## Community Gardens

Do you have a desire to plant your own garden, but you don't have enough room in your yard to do it? We have a perfect solution for you! Did you know that we have a community garden? You can plant your very own garden at the Emmaus Community Garden. The garden is located between the Knauss Homestead and the Compost Site. It is completely enclosed with a chain link fence, which has been successful



in discouraging wildlife from destroying crops. Emmaus residents, as well as non-residents are eligible to receive a 15' x 30' plot for \$15 and \$25 per plot respectively. You can purchase up to two plots. You will be responsible for maintaining your own garden. Lot payments and requests can be made to the Cashier at Emmaus Town Hall. For more information, please contact Jessica Wessner at 610-965-9292.



## From the Picnic Table of the Parks and Recreation Commission

### Friday Ignites

Movie night at the Emmaus Community Park is returning. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and families to sit under the stars to catch a star on the big screen.

The movies will be shown at the Emmaus Community Park Football Field on Friday nights. You can plan a late afternoon or early evening swim and then end the night with an entertaining family movie.

- **The East Penn Emmaus Midget Football Association** will sponsor movies on Friday, June 26 and Friday, July 10.
- **The Parks and Recs Commission** will sponsor a movie on Friday, August 14.

*More information and specific titles will be posted on the Borough's website.*

**Send your movie suggestions to [EmmausParksRecs@gmail.com](mailto:EmmausParksRecs@gmail.com)**



## Join the Special Entertainment Commission for Fun and Entertainment!



The 36th Annual Summer Concert Series is quickly approaching and the Special Entertainment Commission is excited to bring you another summer filled with awesome music and events. You can look forward to another great lineup with a few returning entertainers and some new acts that are sure to bring their best family friendly shows.

This season will begin with a Kick-off celebration May 30, 2015, consisting of children's activities, vendors, food and the Large Flowerheads closing out the evening. Each Sunday evening through Labor Day will feature talented and award winning bands like Inch & the Echo's, Alias, Scott Marshall and The Hill Billy Souls, School of Rock and Galena Brass along with many others to fill the sixteen weeks. There will be all types of genres to appeal to all ages.

In addition to the Summer Concert Series the Commission continues the "Emmaus Gets Fit" program, providing Zumba Saturday mornings and Aqua Zumba during the summer. Splash Dances are a fun weekly evening out at the beautiful Community Pool with music provided by DJ Dutch playing your favorite requests.

The Emmaus Special Entertainment Commission needs your support. We would like to continue to have the Summer Concert Series and add other family fun events that our community will enjoy. Your contributions are vital to the future of Music and the Arts in Emmaus. Without financial support these events will slowly disappear. All donors will be listed in the concerts weekly program. Businesses can be listed on our website and facebook page (near 1,000 likes).



*\*\*Photo courtesy of Photographer Brian Limage*

The Emmaus Special Entertainment Commission needs volunteers and Commission members (5 positions are available). As a Commission, we plan, organize, fundraise, advertise, and carry out events.

For information on upcoming events, volunteering, Commission membership, vendor information and/or donations please visit our website at [www.emmausent.com](http://www.emmausent.com) ; email us at [emmausent@gmail.com](mailto:emmausent@gmail.com) Like us on facebook at EmmausENT



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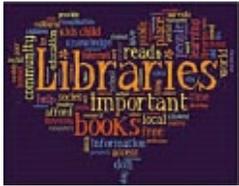
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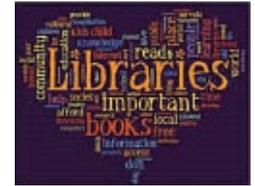
## The Emmaus Public Library – Open a Book, Open Your Mind!

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**JUST A REMINDER: THE LIBRARY DOES NOT FOLLOW THE EAST PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT CLOSURE SCHEDULE. LIBRARY CLOSURES ARE ANNOUNCED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE LIBRARY'S PHONE MESSAGE AND AT WFMZ (THE "INCLEMENT WEATHER" LINK ON THE LIBRARY'S WEBSITE)**



The Emmaus Public Library  
 is  
 Turning 75!



Join the Emmaus Public Library during the week of May 11-16, to celebrate the 75 years that the Library has been serving the residents of our community.

In 1940, the Library started serving the public from rented space at 435 Chestnut Street. From there we moved to a donated building, the Weaver Building, at 348 Main Street, and later to our current location. The Library now serves the residents of the Borough of Emmaus, Borough of Macungie, and Upper Milford Township with the mission: ***"To enrich our community and inspire lifelong learning by uniting people, ideas and information."***

A public Anniversary Planning Committee meeting will be held on February 14, 2015. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the library to sign up to join the committee. Many exciting events will be planned for the week, including a Children's Book Costume Party. Help us celebrate the Emmaus Public Library's 75th birthday! Dress as a character from a children's book! Stories, refreshments! 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. No registration required and all ages are welcome.

### IPADS ARE COMING TO THE LIBRARY!

Thanks to a grant from the Emmaus General Authority, three iPads will be available this Spring for use inside the library. You will be required to show your library card to use the iPads..

### PARGING BEGINS THE EMMAUS MOSAIC PROJECT WALL

What is "parging"? It's the process of preparing a brick or block wall for further applications. In our case, the uneven surface of the rounded outside meeting room wall needed to be smoothed so that later this spring, the tile mosaic art project can be applied in panels.

Art teachers and classes in the East Penn School have been working with Philadelphia mosaic artist Isaiah Zagar for over a year, creating original tile pieces which will be used in a design that reflects the rich culture and community of the Emmaus area. The Library will be posting updates and photos of the project on our Facebook page. Or visit [www.emmausmosaic.weebly.com](http://www.emmausmosaic.weebly.com) to follow the progress.

Mr. Zagar's amazing Magic Gardens in Philadelphia are worth a trip to see how creative large-scale mosaic can be. Or, browse the Magic Gardens' website at [www.phillymagicgardens.org](http://www.phillymagicgardens.org) to get a sense of how the artwork is likely to turn our boring cement block wall into something bright, bold and beautiful that says "Welcome to Emmaus!" What an exciting project to be part of. Everyone at the Library is very happy to have been chosen as the site.

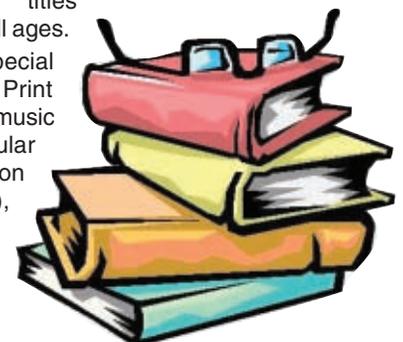
### WOVEN WELCOME - MAKING COMMUNITY: TYING ENDS AND NEW BEGINNINGS

The Allentown Art Museum and artist Cedar Crest Art Department Chair Jill Odegaard bring Woven Welcome, a community-based fiber art/weaving project to Emmaus. Featured as the SnowBlast Winter Arts Festival Community Art Project, by the Emmaus Arts Commission, Ms. Odegaard will bring her loom to different sites around the Lehigh Valley over the next four months. Groups of people, from school classes or hobbyist to members of the public,

can work on small sections of the rag rug type weaving. Then in June, all sections will be joined together to create one very large tapestry shown at the Allentown Art Museum. The loom will be at the Emmaus Public Library February 9, 2015 through June, 2015, every Monday at 2:00 p.m. More information will be forthcoming, so be sure to contact the library for further details. A video highlighting Woven Welcome as it was done in Minnesota is available at [www.cedarcrest.edu/ca/academics/art/11013\\_jill.shtm](http://www.cedarcrest.edu/ca/academics/art/11013_jill.shtm).

### IN ADDITION TO BOOKS, COMPUTERS, WIFI, AND ASSISTANCE, THE LIBRARY ALSO OFFERS:

- NEW Online tools including the Morning Call historical archives, Pronunciator to learn a new language, Ancestry.com for researching genealogy, and Novelist for browsing book reviews and recommendations. The Emmaus Public Library is very grateful to the Allentown Library District for providing access to these products and plan to have all of the above tools available on the Library website shortly.
- Downloadable magazines through Zinio.
- eBooks from Overdrive, OneClickDigital, or through the library catalog.
- eBooks for kids – Tumblebooks and TumbleCloud, Jr. and TumbleCloud have titles available for children of all ages.
- The Library also has special collections of Large Print books, CD audiobooks, music CDs, DVDs of popular movies and television series (7 days for \$1), ValueLine, and Wall Street Journal.



## CHILDREN'S WINTER PROGRAMMING

**Poetry Program** – April is National Poetry Month. School Aged children. April 2 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. No registration required.

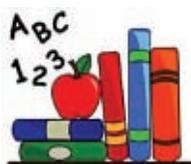
**Family Game Night** – All ages. April 30 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. No registration required.

**Children's Book Costume Party** – Celebrate the Emmaus Public Library's 75th birthday! All ages. Dress as a character from a children's book! Stories, refreshments! May 14 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. No registration required.

**Suns Story-time** – Toddlers aged 2 years old. April 2, 9, 23 and 30; May 7, 14, and 21 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Registration required.

**Stars Story-time** – Pre-schoolers, 3, 4, and 5 years old. March 3, 10 and 31; April 7, 14, 21, and 28; May 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**Block Parties!** – All ages: March 3, April 7 and 9, May 5 and 7 from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. No registration required.



**Literary Lunch, JR** – 4th and 5th graders. March 7 "Magyk" by Angie Sage, April 11 and May 9 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Registration required.

**Teen Read** – 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. March 12, poetry and April 9 "Paper Towns" by John Green from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Registration required.

**Twilight Readers** – Kindergarten and First graders. March 2 – Magic, March 9 – Carnival, March 23 – Spring, March 30 – Folk Tales and Fables. April 13 – Things That Go, April 20 – Things That Grow, April 27 – Batty About Bats. May 4 – Wild West from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration required.

**Books and Barks!** – Read aloud to the Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs. March 26, April 23 and May 28 from 6:45 to 8 p.m.

**Fun Family Films** – Pajamas, pillows and sleeping bags are encouraged! Slippers are required. March 19, April 16, May 21 at 6:00 p.m.



## ADULT WINTER PROGRAMS

**Library Anniversary** – May 11 – 16. Look for a variety of programs to celebrate the Emmaus Public Library's 75th Anniversary.

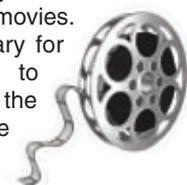
**Woven Welcome** – See the loom in action and participate in this community-wide art project. Every Monday, February 9 through June at 2:00 p.m.



**Free Blood Pressure Screenings** – The Pennsylvania Department of Health will be at the Library for blood pressure screenings March 30, April 27, and May 25 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



**Movie Matinees** – Due to licensing restrictions, the Library cannot publicize the titles of the movies. Please contact the Library for dates and titles. Due to licensing restrictions, the Library cannot publicize the titles of the movies. Please contact the Library for dates and titles.



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Do you need a building or zoning permit? Applications are available online! Download applications for permits right off of our website at: [www.borough.emmaus.pa.us](http://www.borough.emmaus.pa.us). On the website home page, click on, "About Emmaus". On the drop down menu click on "Documents/Forms" and choose which application you need. Simply fill it out and bring the completed application into Borough Hall at 28 S. 4th Street, so we can begin processing your permit. If you have any questions about permits, please call the Code Enforcement Officer at 610-967-1322.



Some examples of permits that the Borough of Emmaus require are: roof repairs, building repairs or remodels (causing structural changes), footers, foundations, framing, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, signs, fences, sheds, dumpster, demolition, solicitation/peddling, driveways, pools, and zoning. Please remember that if you are planning to install a swimming pool, any swimming pool over twenty four (24") inches in depth and/or has pumping equipment requires a zoning, building, and electrical permit.

### Moving Permits

A moving permit is required for any individual or family moving in, out, or within the Borough. The permit application can be obtained from the Cashier at Town Hall, 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus, PA, or by visiting the Borough website at [www.borough.emmaus.pa.us](http://www.borough.emmaus.pa.us). The permit and the \$1.00 fee are filed with the Cashier at Town Hall.

### Community Yard Sales

Emmaus Community Yard Sales are held on the weekends after Memorial Day and Labor Day, when it is not necessary to obtain a permit to have a yard sale and no fee is required.

This year, the Community Yard Sales are scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 2015 with a rain date of Sunday, May 31, 2015, and Saturday, September 12, 2015, with a rain date of Sunday, September 13, 2015.



### The Emmaus Ambulance Corps – Subscription Notice

The Emmaus Ambulance Corps has mailed out its 2015 Subscription brochures. Your yearly donation makes it possible for the Ambulance Corps to continue saving lives. The deadline of March 31, 2015 is approaching fast. If you **HAVE NOT** received a brochure, please stop in and pick one up at the Ambulance Corps office located at 100 North 6th Street, Emmaus, or call the office at 610-967-5615 as soon as possible to donate over the phone with your credit card. **Subscribe today before it's too late. After March 31st, subscriptions will only be offered to new residents moving into our area.**





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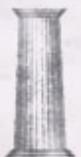
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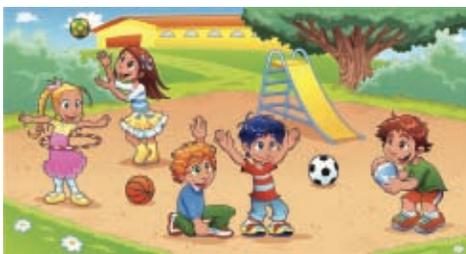


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## 2015 Emmaus Summer Parks Program

The Borough of Emmaus will be sponsoring its annual Summer Parks Program at Emmaus Community Park from June 22 to July 31, 2015. Emmaus Borough residents between the ages of 5 and 12 years old are encouraged to attend from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, rain or shine.



The Program will consist of organized activities, sports, games and contests, arts and crafts, and an end-of-summer Field Day. There is a non-refundable \$40 fee per child to help offset operating costs of this popular program. No food or drinks will be served so children are encouraged to bring water and snacks. The Program will end promptly at noon. Parents are expected

to pick their children up at or before noon. There have been some issues in past years with parents meeting this policy. The Borough reserves the right to remove a child from the program for any reason, including violations of this policy. Due to the continual increase and limited number of spaces, all registrations must be completed at Emmaus Town Hall, located at 28 S. 4th Street, prior to your child participating in the program. ID is required to register. **Deadline to register is June 12, 2015.** If you have any questions, please contact Kathy in the Borough offices at 610-965-0701.

## Emmaus Farmers' Market to Open on May 3, 2015



The Emmaus Farmers' Market will host its Grand Opening on Sunday, May 3, 2015. The Market is the premier producer-only market in the Lehigh Valley and is committed to providing locally produced, safe, and highly nutritious farm products. The Market is open rain or shine and is held in the parking lot of National Penn Bank at 235 Main Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets in downtown Emmaus.

Each Sunday shoppers are treated to the sounds of live music. Weekly activities for children are great fun, and there are often cooking demonstrations and other food-related information for the grownups. Local community groups occasionally set up stands at the market, offering information about local programs and charities, educational opportunities, and fund-raising activities. The Communities' support of the Emmaus Farmers' Market preserves surrounding farmland, supports local farm families, strengthens the community, and provides flavorful and delicious foods for your table.

## Join us for the Opening Day of Trout Season

Once again, the Cedarbrook Sportsmen will graciously invest their time and effort to stock Furnace Dam with trout for Opening Day, Saturday, April 4, 2015. Fishing is great fun for the whole family, creating precious memories for kids and parents, and introducing young and old to the joys of the outdoor recreation. Be there for the excitement of Opening Day, when the fishing will be good and the fun will be great!



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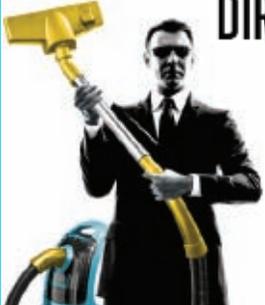
## Community Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Location
March 11, 7:30 a.m.	Compost Site Opens for Season	Klines Lane
March 19, 7:00 p.m.	Emmaus Historical Society Presents Toys From the Past"	St. John's Lutheran Church
March 31	Emmaus Ambulance Corps Subscription Deadline	Central Station, 100 N. 6th St.
April 3	Town Hall Closed – Good Friday	
April 4	Emmaus Commemorative Gardens Brick Order Deadline	Emmaus Remembrance Garden
April 4	Opening Day Trout Season	Furnace Dam
April 4, 1:00 p.m.	Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt	Emmaus Community Park
April 6	Curbside Yard Waste Bag Pick-up Begins	Throughout the Community
April 15, 7:00 p.m.	Emmaus Historical Society Presents "Vintage and Rare Emmaus Postcards"	St. John's Lutheran Church
April 18, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Joint EAC Community Cleanup	Throughout the Community
May 3	Emmaus Farmers' Market Grand Opening	National Penn Bank Parking Lot
May 11-16	Emmaus Library 75th Anniversary	Emmaus Public Library
May 20, 7:00 p.m.	Emmaus Historical Society Presents "Native Americans of Eastern PA and the Jasper Quarries of Vera Cruz"	St. John's Lutheran Church
May 24	Emmaus Commemorative Gardens Brick Installation Ceremony	Emmaus Remembrance Garden
May 30	Special Entertainment Commission's Summer Kick-Off	Emmaus Community Park
May 30, 8:00 a.m. (rain date May, 31)	Community Yard Sales	Throughout the Community
June 12, 2015	Summer Parks Program Registration Deadline	Town Hall
June 21, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	5th Annual Community Day	Emmaus Community Park
June 22 – July 31, 9:00 a.m. – Noon	Summer Parks Program Begins	Emmaus Community Park



### Help Wanted

Looking for a summer job? The Borough is accepting applications for lifeguards, cashiers, and the concession stand for the Emmaus Community Pool and for counselors for the Summer Parks Program. Applications can be obtained Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the Borough Manager's Office at Town Hall. If you have any questions, please call 610-965-9292.



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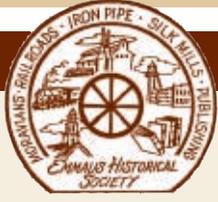
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**March 19, 2015** – *"Toys From the Past"*. Bob Swaim presents a program that will surely rekindle childhood memories! Hear the story of The Slinky and his effort to make The Slinky the Pennsylvania State Toy.

**April 15, 2015** – *"Vintage and Rare Emmaus Postcards"*. Presented by Andrew Kerstetter and Richard Chartrand. See this great collection on the big screen.

**May 20, 2015** – *"Native Americans of Eastern Pennsylvania and the Jasper Quarries of Vera Cruz"*. Bob Benner returns with Part 3 of his series of programs. There will be an election of officers prior to the program.

### NEW MUSEUM – 218 MAIN STREET

Great progress has taken place at our new museum. The handicap ramp was poured in early December and the required interior renovations for bathrooms and fire-rated doors are underway. In a few months, packing and moving will begin.

We look forward to our new location, which will allow us to display more collections and hold events for our community. Please help us preserve the rich history of Emmaus for future generations by contributing to our Capital Campaign. All donations are greatly appreciated and acknowledged. Donors contributing \$500.00 or more will receive an engraved brass plate to be displayed in the new museum.



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**We welcome new members to share our mission of preserving the history of Emmaus! Become a member and you are welcome to join our volunteers on committees, special events or in areas that interest you. Membership forms are available on our website and in the museum.**

### VISIT THE 1803 HOUSE IN 2015

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Visit the 1803 House and experience history right in your backyard. The 1803 House is located at 55 South Keystone Avenue just off of Minor Street near The Seven Generations Charter School. Please call 610-965-0152 to schedule a tour. Tour costs are \$20.00 per group or \$2.00 per each family member.

The Friends of the 1803 House, Inc., maintains the house built by Jacob Ehrenhardt, Jr., son of a founder of Emmaus, Jacob Ehrenhardt, Sr. The house is made of native materials and built in the federal style and according to a special plan prescribed by William Penn of Philadelphia, known as "The Continental Plan."



The 1803 House is not only proud of the preservation of Jacob's house, but also of what is preserved inside the house. One of the prized possessions of the 1803 House is the official United States of America flag, which is comprised of the original 15 stripes and 15 stars. This type of flag inspired Francis Scott Key to write the National Anthem, "Star Spangled Banner" in 1814.

Please consider becoming a Friend of the 1803 House in 2015 and help keep history in your backyard.

## Think Spring – Think Fire Safety

The snow has melted, the rain and wind is beginning to subside, the plants are budding and the trees are blooming. Spring is arriving and your thoughts may be turning to that dreaded ritual of spring cleaning. With it comes a timely reminder to keep your home safe from the threat of fire. In an effort to make this "Spring Cleanup" a fire safe one, the Emmaus Fire Department provides the following safety tips:

### Spring Cleaning

- Smoke detector batteries should be replaced. Save the old batteries to use in a child's toy or other device as they may still have some energy that you wouldn't want to waste.
- Fire extinguishers should be checked and recharged if necessary.
- Windows should be checked to make sure they open and close properly, in case they are needed as exits.
- Review your family's Fire Escape Plan, especially for children.
- Check outdoor electrical wiring, outlets and extension cords for damage and replace if necessary.
- Keep outdoor debris and dead vegetation away from the house. Never burn yard waste or trash, it is dangerous and prohibited in the Borough.
- Fuels for lawn and garden equipment should be stored in an approved container away from heat sources.
- Swimming pool chemicals and pesticides should be stored according to the manufacturer and kept away from children.



### BBQ Grill Fire Safety Tips

The outdoor cookout season will soon be upon us. The Emmaus Fire Department wants everyone to enjoy this season safely. Listed below are a few helpful hints in making your outdoor barbeque a fire safe event.

#### Propane Gas Grills

- Before each use, check all propane tanks and hoses for signs of wear and damage. Check that the connection to the tank is tight.
- Periodically remove grease build-up in catch trays to prevent it from igniting.
- Always position the grill well away from combustible objects – buildings, fences, deck railings and landscaping which can easily ignite.
- When igniting the grill, make sure the lid or cover is in the open position.
- Never leave the grill unattended while cooking, and keep children at a safe distance.
- Keep a garden hose nearby, connected and ready for use in case of a fire.

#### Charcoal Grills

- Careful use of charcoal starter fluid is very important. Follow the direction on the can and never apply additional fluid once the fire has been ignited.
- The use of an electric starter or paper is an alternate method, and pre-treated charcoal should always be used.
- Place all ashes in metal cans.



For more information or if you have any questions, please contact the Emmaus Fire Department at 610-967-5630.

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## BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKING TO IMPROVE YOUR PROTECTION WITH TRANSIENT BUSINESSES, SOLICITORS, AND PEDDLERS

Emmaus Borough Council is putting the finishing touches on a new Ordinance to improve the protection of the community in regards to transient businesses and individuals knocking on your door trying to sell some type of product or service.

The Ordinance stems from three separate incidents over the course of the past year. In the first incident, it was found that an individual applying for a solicitation permit had a false identification as well as a warrant from another state. In the second incident, a business was denied a permit due to fraudulent accusations regarding the company from across several states. The last incident was a separate incident where two individuals knocked on a door claiming to be Emmaus Public Works employees and wanted inside the home. The homeowner immediately contacted Borough Hall, resulting in the immediate dispatch of a police officer to the home. This homeowner's quick thinking avoided a possible home invasion. Over the past year, the Emmaus Police Department has been dispatched to several areas in the community regarding suspicious solicitors. In most cases, the solicitors had a proper permit, however, in some incidents, they were illegally knocking on doors. The General Administration Committee of Borough Council has been working for several months on creating an Ordinance that is both lawful and doesn't violate the conditions of the Right to Freedom of Speech, but at the same time protecting the members of our community.

The Ordinance is expected to be introduced to Council for a first reading in March, with a possible final adoption in April. The Ordinance, in its current form, creates numerous provisions for businesses and individuals hoping to solicit and operate transient businesses in the Borough. Any individual who wants to operate in this capacity will be required to file a permit or license application at Town Hall. In the application, every individual operating will be required to submit a criminal background check. In addition, the

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proposed Ordinance includes very strict provisions in which the applicant will be required to operate. Failure to operate under any of the rules will result in immediate suspension or revocation of the license or permit. Each individual knocking on doors will be required to wear some type of distinct identification badge that allows the property owner to immediately

identify if they have received a permit or license from the Borough. This provision currently exists. Therefore, if anyone currently knocks on your door claiming to be selling something and does not have a badge, please immediately contact the Emmaus Police Department. In addition, if a Borough employee knocks on your door, please make sure you require identification from them. If you are unsure, do not let them in the house and call the Police Department immediately. Your safety is our first and foremost concern, so if you are unsure, don't be afraid to call!

There are numerous other provisions of the proposed Ordinance, which we will advertise and post on the Borough website. However, there is another very important provision that will interest certain individuals. In the proposed Ordinance, the Committee has introduced a "Do Not Solicit" list, where property owners and renters will be able to notify Borough Hall that they do not want solicitors knocking on their door. Each person receiving a license or permit will be given the most recent version of the "Do Not Solicit" list, which will be no more than a list of addresses with no other personal information attached, that the individual will not be allowed to solicit or peddle. The details as to how this will operate are still being worked out, however, we will publicize this as soon as the details are finalized. We ask that you do not contact Borough Hall to get on the list yet, as the Ordinance is not finalized yet. Furthermore, this list will not prohibit individuals exercising their First Amendment Rights from knocking on your door, such as religious expression groups, political campaigns, and other individuals protected under the First Amendment.



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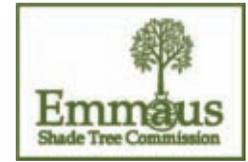
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## NEWS FROM THE EMMAUS SHADE TREE COMMISSION

### PLANTING TIPS FOR HEALTHY TREES



In the yearly sequence of holidays, Arbor Day is one that slips by without fanfare. This year, why not celebrate Arbor Day—the last Friday in April, or April 24—by planting a tree? The Emmaus Shade Tree Commission offers these tips to get you started.

First, choose your tree wisely. Consider its mature size. Large trees, like oaks, elms, and white pines, need plenty of room to spread their limbs. If your tree's location is restricted (a narrow parking strip or the ground beneath utility lines, for example), select a dogwood, redbud, Japanese maple, or other tree that won't exceed 25 feet at maturity. Keep in mind that the fastest-growing trees, such as Siberian elms and silver maples, have brittle limbs that don't always hold up well in storms.

Whether you are planting a tree that has been sold in a nursery pot or with its soil wrapped in burlap, dig the hole no deeper than the height of the soil ball. When the tree is placed into the hole, its root flare (the place where the trunk becomes wider as it connects to the roots) should be just visible above the surrounding ground. Make the hole wider than it is deep—about three times as wide as the tree's soil ball. Loosening the soil in the area to the sides of the soil ball will encourage the roots to spread out quickly.

Planting trees at the correct depth is more important than you might realize. If you plant too deeply, you may be sentencing the tree to an early death. It's worth taking extra care at planting time to get it right.

Many trees sold at garden centers have been potted mechanically, and the all-important root flare may be buried under several inches of soil. Before planting a tree, carefully scrape soil away from the top of the soil ball until the root flare is exposed. Then use that level as your reference for digging the hole and placing the tree.

If any branches or twigs were damaged during the move, clip them off; otherwise, no pruning is necessary at planting time. Don't fertilize a newly planted tree, but do keep the soil lightly moist through the rest of the growing season. A 2-inch layer of organic mulch over the tree's root zone helps maintain soil moisture and reduces weeds. Just don't heap mulch against the trunk, where the constant dampness can lead to decay.

For questions regarding street trees or the Emmaus Shade Tree Ordinance, please contact any Shade Tree Commission member: Reds Bailey, 610-966-4044; Linda Destan, 610-965-8270; and Doug Hall, 610-967-2304.

### Grass, Weed & Tree Trimming Regulations

A property owner is responsible for the property from the front curblin to the rear curblin. Please help keep our community beautiful by cutting or removing the weeds at your curb.

**Ordinance 675, Chapter 10, Part 3, Section 301**, states that weeds and grass may not exceed 6" in height. After given proper notification and failure to cut the grass and/or weeds within the allotted 5 days after notification, the property owner may be subject to a fine of up to \$300 per offense per day, together with costs for removing, spraying, trimming, or cutting by the Borough or its contractor. A delinquent property owner is also responsible for associated costs, plus administrative and legal fees as permitted by law.

**Ordinance 675, Chapter 25, Section 105**, requires that any tree on private property or along the streets or alley must

have a clear height of 14 feet over the street and 10 feet over the sidewalk. Also, any trees, shrubs or hedges located in the clear sight triangle cannot exceed 2 feet above grade. After proper notification and failure to trim overgrown trees within the allotted 10 days of notification the property owner may be subject to a fine of up to \$300 per offense per day, together with costs of trimming by the Borough or its contractor. A delinquent property owner is also responsible for associated costs, plus administrative and legal fees as permitted by law.



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### May 4 to Sept. 21

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Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., or dusk  
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### Oct. 26 to Dec. 6 – Leaf Collection

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We only accept organic yard waste. No lumber, root balls with dirt, garbage, dirt, building materials, etc. is allowed. If you observe any violations, please obtain the offender's license plate number and report the incident to the Public Works Department at 610-965-9288. Your report will remain anonymous.

When wood chip mulch and/or compost is available, Public Works personnel will load trucks and trailers on Wednesdays after 3:00 p.m. and on Saturdays.

Unscreened compost & wood chip mulch is available for a loading fee of \$10.00 per scoop or partial scoop. Only pick-ups or small

trailers will be loaded. **SCREENED COMPOST IS FOR BOROUGH RESIDENTS ONLY AND IS AVAILABLE FOR A LOADING FEE OF \$15 PER FULL OR PARTIAL SCOOP.** Please call the Public Works Department at 610-965-9288, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with any questions or comments.

We will stop loading 45 minutes prior to closing so that equipment can be cleaned. All Borough residents are required to have a compost sticker clearly visible when entering the site. Stickers will be issued by the compost attendant upon first visit to the site.

## Curbside Yard Waste Pick-up

The Borough's waste hauler, J. P. Mascaro, does not collect yard waste. Yard waste pick-up is available through the Emmaus Public Works Department. **Residents desiring curbside yard waste collection must use the following procedures:**

From Monday, April 6, 2015 through Thursday, October 29, 2015, yard waste will be collected by Public Works personnel on **Mondays and Thursdays**, except holidays. Yard waste must be placed at the curb in **approved yard waste bags**, which can be purchased at Wentz Hardware Store, 225 Main Street. Yard waste is limited to organic biodegradable materials such as grass, leaves, hedge trimmings, leafy plants and small sticks and twigs. Bags contaminated with stones or trash will not be accepted. Separate grass, twigs, and hedge trimmings into different bags.

There are three ways to contact the Borough to have your bags collected.

**Phone:** 610-965-9288, after hours, please leave a message.

**Fax:** 610-965-0705; or

**Email:** pweiant@borough.emmaus.pa.us.

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