



Borough of EMMAUS

Newsletter



Winter 2014



HOLIDAY SEASON

The holiday season is upon us once again. Soon we will be sitting at the dinner table eating our **Thanksgiving** dinner and enjoying a nice afternoon nap or watching a football game. Whether you celebrate **Christmas, Hanukkah, another religious holiday, or just enjoy the holiday season, the Borough Council, Mayor, and employees of the Borough of Emmaus want to wish you a happy and healthy holiday season.** There are many great festivals, celebrations, and events in our community throughout this holiday season. Don't miss the wonderful series of holiday events the weekend of December 6th and 7th, with events such as the **Old Fashioned Christmas Open House** at the Historical Society on December 6th, wrapping up with a series of Old Fashioned Christmas events sponsored by several organizations and organized by the Emmaus Main Street Partners on December 6th. Please join us for the **tree lighting ceremony** on the Triangle and the arrival of Santa Claus the evening of December 6th. Don't forget, the holiday season wraps up on February 6th and 7th with the **Emmaus Arts Commission 9th Annual Snow Blast Festival**. We encourage you to spend this holiday season with your friends and family celebrating the true meaning of the season. It is a time to take time out of our busy lives and enjoy the company of each other.

With the winter holiday season comes winter weather. As we all know, last winter was a very challenging time for all of us. Between the extreme cold and what seemed to be at least three snowstorms per week, we were all ready for Spring to come. We remind you to be careful this winter season. Our emergency service providers respond to countless calls from people falling on the ice, accidents, and other emergencies related to snow and ice. Remember when our plow trucks are on the streets, it is the drivers' responsibility to plow the streets from curb to curb. Unfortunately, this may mean that your driveway gets plowed in or your sidewalk gets covered. This is not an act of malice in any way, however, the drivers are faced with having to clear over 50 miles of streets in a safe, quick, and efficient manner. Some sidewalks are located within inches of the street. The snow has nowhere else to go. We kindly ask that you keep this in mind, as we had had several incidents of violence and threats toward our employees, including both Public Works and clerical staff last year. We understand that snow removal can be frustrating, especially when it seems like we are doing it nonstop for three straight months. We want you to know that it is our goal to clean the Borough streets as quickly as possible to make them safer for all travelers. Our employees work around the clock to accomplish this goal. **We wish you the very best this winter, as we will hopefully experience warmer temperatures and less snow and ice!**

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Zoning.....	610-967-1322
Ambulance Corps.....	610-967-5615
Fire Department.....	610-967-5630
Police Non-Emergency	610-967-3113
Emergency.....	911

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Hazardous Waste – Lehigh County.....	610-799-4177
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	
Raritan Valley	610-432-7574, 1-877-342-5775
West Nile Virus	
Mosquito Info Line.....	610-366-8345

THINKING OF VOLUNTEERING?

The Borough of Emmaus is always looking for people to serve on Boards and Commissions that work very hard for the community. If you would like to volunteer, you may apply for any of the following Boards and/or Commissions that currently have vacancies:

Emmaus Arts Commission, Board of Health, Building Board of Appeals, Civil Service Commission, Environmental Advisory Council, General Authority, Library Board, Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Shade Tree Commission, Special Entertainment Commission, Vacancy Board, and the Zoning Hearing Board

If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest to the Borough Council at 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049 or download, complete, and send to the Borough, a completed "Volunteer Information Sheet" available from the "Documents/Applications" link on the Borough website at www.emmaus.borough.pa.us. Interviews will be conducted with interested applicants. We welcome you to become part of our team.

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The Emmaus Main Street Partners Invites You to Enjoy an “Old Fashioned Christmas” in Emmaus



Saturday, December 6

The Emmaus Main Street Partners will present Old Fashioned Christmas from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, December 6, 2014 in downtown Emmaus.

“Our Old Fashioned Christmas is meant to bring families and visitors to Emmaus to look at the lights, shop, dine and enjoy the holiday magic,” says Jeff McElhaney, President of the EMSP. “We are inviting everyone to come see how beautiful our town will be this year.”

To celebrate the season, the day will be filled with elf-like happenings from morning until night. Activities include storybook readings, best dressed elf contest, decorating of the children’s Christmas tree, showing of the Elf movie, face painting, horse and wagon rides and dance and musical performances. Festivities are highlighted with a concert by The New Constitution, special Christmas tree lighting and community sing along and appearance and photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus!

This year the EMSP is supporting the Angel Network and will be collecting canned goods donations in wrapped boxes under the Christmas tree.

Open houses at Emmaus historical sites will take place during the weekend as well as special activities and an array of holiday fun at various stores and venues throughout the downtown. For a complete list of the schedule of activities including times and locations, please visit the EMSP web site at www.emmausmainstreet.com.

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BOROUGH HALL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Borough Offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

December 25 – Christmas Day • **January 1st** – New Year's Day • **February 16, 2015** – Presidents' Day

Please note that the Borough Council Meeting that would normally be scheduled for Monday, February 16, 2015, will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, due to the Presidents' Day Holiday.

The Borough of Emmaus employees wish everyone a very safe and Happy Holiday Season! We look forward to serving you in 2015.

Check out our Newly Redesigned Website – www.borough.emmaus.pa.us

We recently completed the redesign of the Borough website. The website was redesigned to be more user-friendly and more functional. Although we are still working out some of the kinks in the website, we are excited to announce its recent launch. The new website includes quick access to Council meeting videos, the community videos, department pages, ordinances, news, and information that will help you in your daily activities in the Borough. Future plans for the website include several interactive links, including work order entry and tracking, as well as online bill payments, which we hope to begin next Spring.

Be sure to check out the Events Calendar on the website as well. If you have an event that you would like us to add to the calendar, please send it to spepe@borough.emmaus.pa.us for consideration. In addition, check out Emmaus Borough on Facebook, as well as the Emmaus Special Entertainment Commission, Emmaus Police Department, and Emmaus Arts Commission. Each of these pages is updated regularly and provides the latest information and news happening in the Borough.



New Refuse Hauler and New Trash and Recycling Pick-Up Schedule Begins in January

IMPORTANT NOTE: There are changes to your refuse collection!
Please read and take note!

Effective January 1, 2015, the Borough will utilize a new refuse and recycling hauler. The Borough bid out the new refuse contract during the summer, as required by Pennsylvania law. As per the law, the winning low bidder will serve as the Borough's refuse hauler throughout the life of the contract. The winning bidder was J.P. Mascaro & Sons. The entire community will have its refuse and recycling picked up on the same day. All refuse will be picked up **one time per week** beginning January 1st, as opposed to the previous two times per week collection you are accustomed to. Both recycling and refuse will be collected by J.P. Mascaro **every Wednesday**. The Borough will continue to provide the electronic recycling program as well. Some of the program requirements may change. We will send those changes out to you in the spring newsletter.



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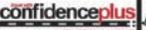
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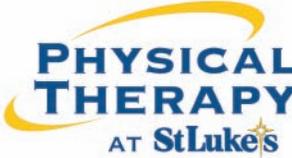
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SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING IS HERE!

The Borough adopted an expanded list of recyclables that will no longer need to be separated.

What is Single Stream Recycling?

Single-Stream recycling is a recycling process in which materials are collected all mingled together with no sorting required by individual recyclers. So cans and bottles can be recycled together with newspaper, cardboard, etc.

Metal



NO Materials in Plastic Bags
NO Plastic Bags
NO Scrap Metal

Paper & Cardboard



NO Books
No Contaminated
pizza boxes

Glass



NO Window glass
NO Light bulbs
NO Mirrors

Plastic



NO Toys
NO Styrofoam
NO Ceramics

Metal:

Aluminum cans (beer and soda) aluminum foil and foil plates, etc. Metal lids, Metal food cans (tin/steel).

Glass:

Glass bottles and jars (food and drink only, any color).

Mix Paper and Cardboard:

Can be placed loose in the recycle bin. Material such as, Newspaper and inserts, magazines and catalogs, junk mail, envelopes, file folders, office white, colored and computer paper (staples and paper clips ok). Corrugated cardboard flatten 2'x 2', boxes, cereal, tissue, gift boxes, etc. (remove liners) paper bags, phone books, wrapping paper (remove metallic paper, bows, etc.)

Plastic Containers:

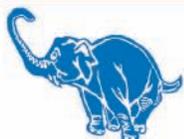
Plastic bottles and containers labeled #1 thru #7 (soda, water, milk, juice, liquor, shampoo, detergent, condiments, salad dressing, yogurt, margarine).

Unacceptable Materials

Light Bulbs
Plate Glass, Windows
Crystal Ceramics
Mirrors

Ovenware
Plastic Tub Containers
Plastic Bags
Aerosol or Paint Cans
Aluminum Foil
Tissues, Towels, Napkins

Cartons, Juice Boxes
Waxed or Metallic Paper
Pet Food Bags
Tyvek or Plastic Envelopes
Disposable Diapers



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If you have questions about single stream recycling give the experts a call 1-800-333-4624

Remember the Emmaus Commemorative Garden During the Holidays

Looking for a creative Christmas, holiday or special someone gift? How about an Emmaus Commemorative Garden brick?

The holiday season is just around the corner. If you are looking for a creative gift for a special someone, the Emmaus Commemorative Gardens Foundation is selling commemorative bricks to be placed at the lovely Remembrance Garden at the Knauss Homestead. There are many options to choose from - wedding, anniversary, birthday, retirement, Eagle Scout, veteran's service, - the possibilities are endless for brick-giving!

We invite everyone to visit the Garden to see the changes throughout the seasons. The rose bushes, perennial garden, pergola and benches, make for a quiet and beautiful setting to sit and enjoy each season. By purchasing a brick, your gift not only commemorates the one you love, but your donation is put to great use and is sown back into the Garden to make it even nicer for our community.

A special Remembrance Garden Brick Gift Certificate is available for bricks purchased as holiday gifts and the ordered bricks will be delivered as soon as we have them from the engraver.

We invite you to visit the Garden and/or our website at www.emmausremembers.org or contact Mike Waddell at 610-967-5709 for more information about the Garden and/or presentations that can be done for local groups.

If you'd like to contribute to this special place in Emmaus and give a lovely sentimental gift at the same time, purchase an engraved brick!



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What's an EAC? Why Participate?



Your community's Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is a group of dedicated volunteers appointed by the local community to provide advice on environmental issues, assist decision-makers on environmental projects, and build awareness of the important environmental issues that impact our community. We always need volunteers to help at special events, take on new projects, and generally build greater awareness of the important work that is needed to protect and preserve our natural resources.

We need new members and volunteers! Look for us on Facebook, or contact us at eacinfo@uppermilford.net to learn how you can get involved!

Rain Barrel Workshop – Save the Idea, Details to Follow

The Emmaus & Upper Milford EAC will be partnering with Lower Macungie Township's EAC and Lehigh County Authority (LCA) to offer a spring-time rain barrel workshop. Rain barrels are a great way to conserve water and reduce stormwater runoff from your property. When you can collect rainwater (for free) for use in your garden, it saves money on your water bill and helps reduce the impact of stormwater runoff on our local waterways and infrastructure.



As details become available, you can learn more by following us on Facebook or visiting us at <http://emmausuppermilfordeac.blogspot.com/>

Earth Day 2015 – Save the Date!



Saturday, April 18th
Emmaus Community Park
Start at 8:30 a.m.

Spend the day cleaning up our community and sharing ideas about how to protect our environment! Electronics recycling will also be offered (some fees will apply).

Winter Tip – Responsible Salting: Protect your driveway AND the environment!

With winter coming, soon we'll be spreading salt on our steps and driveways. Remember that salt breaks down concrete, hurts plants, and pollutes waterways. Try to use less with these tips:

1. Shovel snow when it's fresh - it's easier and less ice will form.
2. Use just enough salt to break up the ice so you can shovel it off.
3. Consider an alternative ice melt like calcium chloride - they are more expensive but better for the environment.



EAC Survey – What's YOUR Biggest Environmental Concern?

What concerns you? We want to know. Traffic? Litter? Pollution? The Environmental Advisory Council wants to know what issues you would like us to address. Take this chance to get involved and voice your concern in a way that will have in tangible results. What would you like from us? Please visit our Facebook page for a link to our short community survey, or take the survey now by visiting: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NWWJJK3>

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THE SHELTER HOUSE AND THE GREAT WHITE OAK by Dean Bortz

Current activity at Shelter House involves the initiative to build a historically correct spring house and replace the deteriorated exterior basement door. We have recently welcomed an enhancement to the objectives by the discovery of one tree: a huge fallen White Oak, found lying on the forest floor and estimated to be about 108 years old.

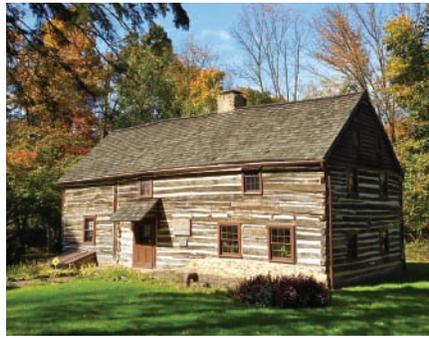
We felt extremely fortunate for such a rare find right in our back yard. The mighty Oak came down in the fall of 2009 and later came to the attention of Rich Klase, Colonial structures expert, who has designed the two projects using the lumber provided by the great White Oak.

Klase uses authentic Colonial tools to create his structures. He also suggested that to completely replicate Colonial conditions, we should process White Oak, by far the most desirable species. Klase found no White Oaks in the South forest nearest the springhouse site. But searching in the North forest, he found the fallen White Oak. And it was a monster, measuring over three feet in diameter at its base. The tree provided one ten-foot section, and four eight-foot sections, more than enough lumber for both Shelter House projects.

Klase sectioned the tree and dreamed of hauling it out of the woods with a team of mules - as the Colonials might have done. But more modern equipment loaded the sections of a flat bed and delivered them to the saw mill.

The White Oak (*quercus alba*) was once the most plentiful hard wood tree in Pennsylvania, growing at a variety of elevations in the vast deciduous forests of the state. Because of its longevity - often as long as 400 years, the White Oak was frequently identified as a "witness tree," the tree that early surveyors would use as a boundary marker.

The White Oak is a most valuable hardwood used for



construction, flooring, cabinetry, and because it is impervious to moisture, making barrels. "Old Ironsides," The USS Constitution, and the Revolutionary Frigate, were made of White Oak. Because of extensive logging in the late 19th century, the White Oak declined somewhat while other Oaks prospered.

The White Oak projects at The Shelter House begin with the exterior basement door. During the 1991 restoration of The Shelter House, then Borough Public Works Director, Dan DeLong, single-handedly and on his own time did an outstanding job building the current basement door. Membership fundraising has given us the opportunity to replace the 23 year-old basement door with a historically accurate replacement including time-period strap hinges. Photographic evidence suggests this may be the first historically authentic basement door on Shelter House for at least a century.

John Friess (then Shelter House Society President) removed the deteriorated above-ground remains of the springhouse in 1982. There was no loss of history, as by this time the springhouse had been rebuilt using all modern materials. But, during excavations Klase and his daughter, Kaselyn, discovered spectacular Colonial features below the ground. The original flat stone uncovered showed evidence of water erosion along with traces of boot and bucket wear. This stone is very likely the one where early inhabitants of the Shelter House stood as they fetched water for drinking, cooking, and washing. This original stone will be the bedrock of the restored springhouse. The finished project will feature a historically correct springhouse complete with pegged joinery, hand-split shakes, and all wooden hardware.

The Shelter House Society is understandably grateful to have the talents of Rich Klase and the perfect great White Oak available at the same time as we watch the process from the 1700s come to life at The Shelter House.

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Ready, Set, Snow!.....Snow Plowing Tips and Reminders

As a result of the “snowy” Winter of 2013/2014, the Borough is graciously requesting the assistance and understanding of all Borough residents and business owners with future snow removal efforts. At times, snow removal can be a monumental task and our Department of Public Works employees work around the clock to keep the State and Borough routes open. There are number of considerations and methods that our residents can use that will help limit those clean up efforts.

1. Do not plow, deposit, or otherwise authorize snow to be pushed into the street. Fines for violations range from \$25.00 to \$100.00.

a. Borough Ordinance 303 indicates the following:

§302. Prohibition of Depositing Snow and Ice Into Roadways.

1. *No person shall remove snow or ice from any sidewalk, pavement or private property in the Borough of Emmaus, and put, place or deposit or cause to put, place or deposit any snow or ice into any portion of the public right-of-way designated or vehicular travel. The portion of the public right-of-way designated for vehicular travel shall be defined as the area on each side of the center line of the roadway, whether marked or unmarked, that is used for vehicular movement of travel.*
 2. *Where reasonably possible, all accumulated snow or ice shall be placed into the area behind the sidewalks where possible at locations where there is no area that exists to place the accumulated snow or ice, it shall be permissible to place the accumulated snow or ice into small piles along the curb line of the roadway, provided that the placement of the snow or ice does not present a safety hazard or a drainage problem, or some other unacceptable condition, as determined by a designated representative of the Borough.*
2. Business owners and residents should keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice for pedestrian traffic. Fines for violations range from \$50.00 to \$200.00 plus the costs of removal by the Borough.

a. Borough Ordinance 302 indicates the following:

§301. Removal of Snow and Ice From Sidewalks.

1. *No person owning or occupying any property that adjoins a street in the Borough of Emmaus shall permit snow or ice to accumulate or remain upon adjacent sidewalks, pavements, gutters or other walking surfaces for a period of time in excess of twenty-four (24) hours after precipitation ends.*
2. *Anyone who fails or neglects to remove snow or ice within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of precipitation shall be served a notice to remove by an authorized officer of the Borough or as directed by the Mayor. Following service of such notice, should such person fail or neglect to comply with the notice to remove within twenty-four (24) hours, that person shall be liable to the Borough for the costs of remediation and fines.*



3. Residents and business owners should wait until Borough trucks and equipment have completed their work before cleaning off their vehicles. Snow from vehicles and sidewalks should not be deposited back into that portion of the street where snow has already been removed. Most streets and roadways require several passes by Borough equipment until the roadway and intersection(s) is cleared. The Borough is required to remove all snow and ice from the roadway to the curb line due to refreezing. Businesses, residents and property owners should otherwise store or pile snow on private property, and if not, only closest to the curb line and not on that portion of the roadway where snow and ice have already been removed. In an effort to keep streets and highways open, the Borough does push snow and ice deposited by owners of private property, businesses and residents back to the curb line.
4. Although weather forecasts sometimes vary, vehicle owners should consider moving their cars and trucks from the street prior to a snowstorm and until such time that the Borough has removed the snow from the roadway. Although this option is not always available or possible, removing vehicles from the streets and storing them in driveways, private property, or at the rear of residences assists the equipment operators in removing snow and ice from the roadways more efficiently and effectively.
5. Weather and snowstorms require patience and neighborhoods and businesses should work together. If practical, develop plans ahead of time in relation to where snow and ice will be stored. Contractors with plow equipment and residents with snow blowers should remain mindful of the direction snow and ice is removed from properties. For example, snow blower chutes should be directed away from the streets and roadways. Additionally, private contractors using snow removal equipment must push and store snow and ice on private property or along the curb line where snow and ice have already been stored or accumulated.

Special Entertainment Commission Wraps up the 34th Annual Summer Concerts Series



The Special Entertainment Commission wrapped up its entertainment season with the Americana / Bluegrass Evening in the Park on September 21st. This year's concerts involved some of the region's finest music and entertainment. The Special Entertainment Commission has already begun booking bands for next season. Zumba and Aqua Zumba continued to be a very popular event in 2014 as well and although the weather was not very cooperative, DJ Dutch provided music at the pool throughout the swimming season.

The Commission continues to provide its services at very little cost to the public. The Commission relies heavily on donations and volunteers. If you would like to donate or become a member of the Special Entertainment Commission, please feel free to fill out a Board and Commission/Volunteer Information Sheet found on the Borough website or stop in at Town Hall for more information.

Water Conservation Tips

Why Save Water?

Did you know that less than 1% of all water on Earth can be used by people? The rest is salt water or is permanently frozen and cannot be used to wash with, water plants, or drink. As the world's population continues to grow, more and more people are using this limited resource. It is important to use water wisely and not waste it.

Ways to Save Water

1. By turning off the tap while you brush your teeth in the morning and before bedtime, you can save up to 8 gallons of water! The same is true when you wash dishes. Turn off the tap! Scrape your dirty dishes into the trash—then put them in the dishwasher.
2. Taking a shower uses much less water than filling up a bathtub. A shower only uses 10 to 25 gallons, while a bath takes up to 70 gallons! If you do take a bath, be sure to plug the drain right away and adjust the temperature as you fill the tub. To save even more water, keep your shower under five minutes long—try timing yourself with a clock next time you hop in!
3. If your toilet has a leak, you could be wasting about 200 gallons of water every day. That would be like flushing your toilet more than 50 times for no reason!
4. The best time to water your yard is in the early morning or late evening when it's cool outside. Watering when it's hot and sunny is wasteful because most of the water evaporates before the plants have time to drink it.
5. Washing your bike or car with a bucket and sponge instead of a hose saves a lot of water. A hose can waste 6 gallons per minute if you leave it running, but using a bucket and sponge only uses a few gallons!

Crossing Guards Needed



The Emmaus Police Department and the East Penn School District are seeking additional volunteers to serve as Crossing Guards for the 2014-2015 school year. Can you spare a small fraction of your time? Are you interested in serving among the ranks of our existing staff of dedicated crossing guards? The Emmaus Police Department will provide you with the equipment and training necessary. There are additional incentives as well!



Over the years, the Emmaus Crossing Guards have contributed to the safety of our children traveling to and from school each day. It is critical that we insure their safety in the future. Will you help us? If you are interested, or you can help, please call the Emmaus Police Department at 610-965-0722. Ask or leave a message for Cindy Pandl. We will do the rest.



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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - ARE YOU READY???

Winter will soon be upon us and the question on everyone's mind is, "Will this winter be as severe as last winter? Will it be more severe than last winter, or will we be lucky and have a mild winter?" Do you read and follow the Farmer's Almanac, which is predicting colder temperatures this winter and more precipitation? Or do you wait and see what the meteorologist predicts? Either way, you should always be prepared for whatever Mother Nature sends our way.

Preparation doesn't just begin with having plenty of ice melting product available, making sure the snow blower is ready, having a good snow shovel, checking your heating system, and making sure that your vehicle has been winterized. In order to be prepared for the possibility of an electric power outage, temporary heat system malfunction or drinking water disruption, winter preparation should also include having all necessary plans and supplies, including a sufficient supply of medications and equipment, such as oxygen, available for an individual with special needs.

Winter storms rank third out of the 10 most possible emergencies in Pennsylvania, behind floods and fires. The National Weather Service has listed the year 2013 as one of the worst for winter and cold related deaths.

Preparing for winter weather emergencies is essential. Pennsylvania's website www.readypa.org lists items needed to prepare for your home, work and vehicle, including:

1. Having enough supplies to last at least three to five days.
2. Following good safety practices at all times. When using any type of portable generator, heater, or cooking stove, follow all manufactured recommended safety rules, place it in the proper location, and know where the safest place is to operate them.
3. If a portable generator is not possible, temporary lighting, including flashlights, will usually require batteries. Make sure you have plenty of batteries on hand. Candles make good mood lighting, but they are NOT recommended for temporary lighting and for proper fire safety should not be used.
4. If bad weather is predicted, make sure that, if you use a cell phone, it is fully charged and, if possible, purchase a back-up power supply or create a plan for another method of charging it. Remember if for some reason, the voice system is not functioning due to problems with your provider's system, it is possible the instant messaging system may still be operative.
5. If you have a landline phone, some systems will operate even if there is a loss of power.
6. In the event of power loss, having a battery powered radio will enable you to stay informed of the weather forecast, news, or any other emergency information and warnings. It can also supply some form of entertainment until the power is restored. An iPad, laptop, or any matching type of electronics may also be used in place of a radio, as long as a plan has been made to keep it charged.
7. Please remember if you have pets, service animals, or livestock, you should also include them in your emergency preparation plans.

In the event temporary shelter becomes necessary, you will be informed via news media, reverse 911, or direct contact as to where you can go. The American Red Cross has several shelters within the Emmaus Borough should the need require them to be activated. Space will be limited. **DO NOT PACK AS IF YOU ARE GOING ON A VACATION!** You will need to bring any medications that are needed, personal hygiene items, and items of entertainment such as books or magazines. In the event of an emergency, not only should you insure the safety of your immediate family, but remember to check on any elderly or disabled neighbors. **In the event that your family is separated, you should designate a main contact person and have a plan on where to meet.**

Weather forecasters usually begin to predict hazardous weather conditions or storms several days or weeks in advance. Do not wait until the last minute when it may be too late to restock emergency supplies. Restocking should begin immediately after the previous emergency has ended. Everyone knows that many items become scarce and store shelves become empty when bad weather is predicted. Stock up ahead of winter and beat the rush.

Unless your winter preparation is heading to a warmer climate for the next several months, preparing now for what Mother Nature sends our way is the best defense and may even make a tough situation a little more enjoyable.

If any private school, place of worship, or large group facility is interested in getting on the list of possible shelters, please email Jim Krippe, Emergency Management Coordinator at ema@emmaus.borough.pa.us for more information.



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Emmaus Arts Commission

The 10th Annual Student Film Festival Winners Announced

Student filmmakers in middle school and high school were invited to a free, kickoff and how-to class with industry professionals on October 9th. During the kick-off event, participants were provided filmmaking tips and techniques and given the theme and genre for the festival. Students were then given 96 hours to conceptualize, shoot, edit and produce a 6-minute (maximum length) film. Submissions were judged and selected films screened at the Student Horror Film Festival on Sunday, October 26th. Organized as a school or team competition, winners received cash and prizes and had their films premier in the Emmaus Theater.

All films were judged on set criteria by an independent panel of professionals in the film industry – effective use of required material; storytelling ability; quality of acting, editing and film direction; creativity and originality. Winning films will also be displayed on the Emmaus Arts Commission website and YouTube site.

Middle School:

1st Place

Team Leader: Klay Koehler
School: Eyer Middle School
Theme: Two Way Mirror
Film title: *"The Mirror"*

2nd Place

Team Leader: Rachel Scott
School: Homeschool
Theme: Haunted Dog
Film title: *"The Three Signs"*

3rd Place

Team Leader: Jack Kitchen
School: Lower Macungie Middle School
Theme: Under the bed
Film Title: *"Sleep Tight"*

High School:

1st Place

Team Leaders: Daniel Walters &
Joey Mercado
School: Salisbury High School
Theme: Mailman
Film Title: *"In Plain Sight"*

2nd Place

Team Leader: Sam DeFrank
School: Salisbury High School
Theme: Stuffed Animals
Film title: *"All Alone"*

3rd Place

Team Leader: Graham Burrell
School: Parkland High School
Theme: Mailman
Title: *"The Delivery"*

4th Place

Team Leader: Laura Vigliotti
School: Emmaus High School
Theme: Under the Bed
Film title: *"The Realm Underneath"*

ADDITIONAL AWARDS:

(At the discretion of the judges)

Acting editing and film direction award

Team Leader: Devon Walker
School: Emmaus High School
Theme: Sleeplessness
Film title: *"Half Awake"*

Creativity and Originality award

Team Leader: Laura Vigliotti
School: Emmaus High School
Theme: Under the Bed
Film title: *"The Realm Underneath"*

Storytelling and use of materials award

Team Leader: Ryan Zimmerman
School: Emmaus High School
Theme: Emmaus Witch Project
Film title: *"Case No. 196"*

Best use of an animal in a stunt award

Team Leader: Luke Wilson
School: Lower Macungie Middle School
Theme: Cats
Film title: *"Scardy Cat"*

For more information, visit
www.emmausarts.org



From the Picnic Table of the Parks and Recreation Commission

As the parks are wrapped in the blanket of winter, the Parks and Recreation Commission is busy preparing for the New Year. The Commission has begun the process of making ball field and all-purpose field assignments for 2015. If you are interested in reserving a field, please email the Commission as soon as possible.

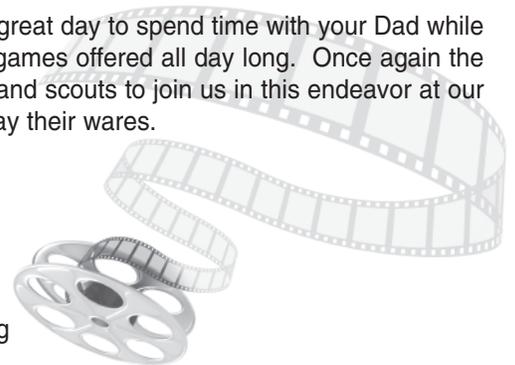
The 5th Annual Community Day is scheduled for Sunday, June 21, 2015. It'll be a great day to spend time with your Dad while enjoying the beauty of Community Park on Father's Day. There will be Dad and me games offered all day long. Once again the Parks and Recreation Commission invite community clubs, 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.

The Parks and Recreation Commission are proud to announce that:

Movie Nights are back!

Please join us under the stars for Friday Night Family Movie. Dates, times, and movies to be announced.

Please email EmmausParksRecs@gmail.com for more information about reserving fields, Community Day and Movie Nights.



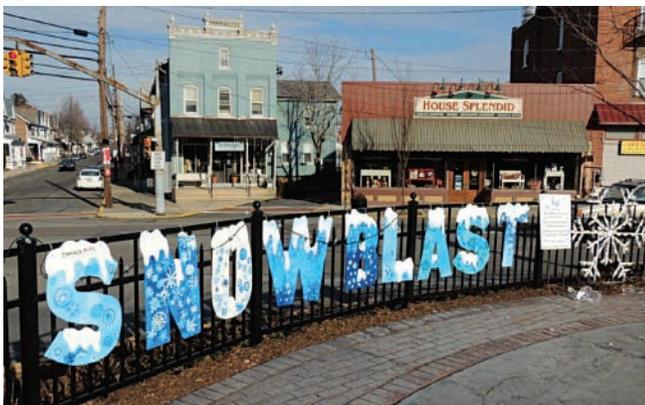
“SAVE THE DATES”



Join the Emmaus Arts Commission in celebrating Old Fashioned Christmas! The EAC Winter Celebration Photography Contest kicked off in early November. Entries in our first annual photo contest will be shown in the gallery at the Community Center for the Arts (2nd floor of Borough Hall) from 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. during Old Fashioned Christmas festivities on December 6th! Live music and light refreshment will take place along with voting for YOUR favorite photo of an Emmaus winter scene.

While many families stay indoors when it is cold outside, a growing number have learned that going outdoors can be a blast – a SnowBlast! A trip to downtown Emmaus on the first weekend of February for the **EAC's SnowBlast Winter Arts Festival** has become a winter tradition.

Now in its 9th year, the 2015 version of the arts festival is being held February 6 and 7 at Triangle Park, the Community Center for the Arts at Emmaus Borough Hall, and various venues throughout town including stores and restaurants.



“What started as a way to get people outside and moving around during the middle of winter has been shaped into an art happening in the Borough of Emmaus. Now we’re promoting more art activities and it has taken off.” said Ellen Wilson, member of the Emmaus Arts Commission (EAC). From outdoor games sponsored by Lehigh Valley Martial Arts, to painting demonstrations by local artists, there is plenty to keep a family busy on Friday night and during the day on Saturday.

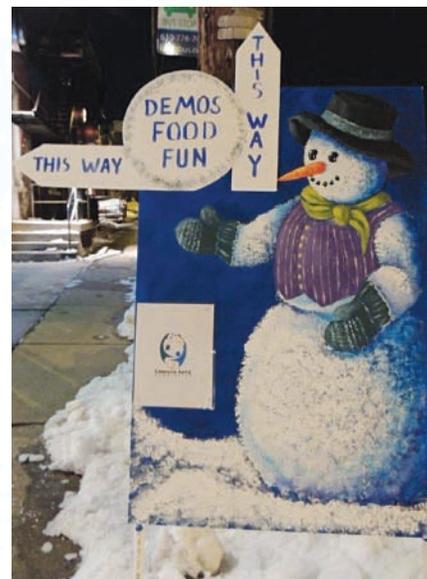
Emmaus may not seem like a cold weather destination, but it turns into a winter wonderland with lighted snowflakes and fire pit warming stations around Triangle Park. The main events at the Friday night kick-off include the Emmaus Arts Commission's SnowBlast Art Show and Sale at their Community Center for the Arts located on the second floor of Borough Hall, which will feature Lehigh Valley artists and special musical performances. Outdoor activities include many favorites such as the appearance of the SnowBlast Ice Princess, Sculpted Ice demonstration, music, food and the popular SnowBlast Ice Bar, sponsored and hosted by the Emmaus Main Street Partners (a partner of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce).

Saturday continues with the EAC's annual Community Art Project involving anyone who would like to participate in helping to create a piece of public art. For the past several years, the finished artwork has been unveiled at a local restaurant so everyone can enjoy the community-made creation. “We’ve seen a real surge in participation in the past couple of years, everyone has a lot of fun,” says Richard Farmer, member of the EAC. “Entire families join in and paint, draw or do whatever art we’re offering for the community project, it’s been satisfying watching more people get involved as SnowBlast grows.” One doesn’t have to be an artist to participate in the project, all skill levels and the desire to get creative is all that’s needed.

The festival schedule is packed with free, community-wide art related events for the entire family to enjoy!

The SnowBlast Winter Arts Festival adds art-related vitality to our Emmaus community and brings new and old friends to our downtown. Since 2005, the Emmaus Arts Commission has brought family-friendly events and artistic community pride to Emmaus and the Lehigh Valley. SnowBlast Winter Arts Festival, Chalk the Walk, Rain Barrel Auction, Strings Music Camp, Winter Photography Contest, Student Film Festival, and other events are made possible through generous contributions and fundraising activities through the Emmaus Arts Commission and its sponsors and supporters.

For a full list of SnowBlast Winter Arts Festival activities and the 2015 EAC event schedule, please visit www.emmausarts.org for more information or call Teri Sorg-McManamon, President, Emmaus Arts Commission/Chair, SnowBlast Winter Arts Festival at 610-390-7930.



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We now serve the populations 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.” You may have seen us recently at the Emmaus Farmers’ Market, Bluegrass Evening at the Park, or maybe you were one of the 150 people (and three dogs) who came to Community Heroes Day on September 11th. Libraries everywhere are expanding beyond their walls, and so are we!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 26: CLOSE AT 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 27 – Friday, November 28:
CLOSED

Saturday, November 29: OPEN

Wednesday, December 24 – Friday, December 26:
CLOSED

Saturday, December 27: OPEN

Wednesday, December 31: CLOSE AT 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 1 – Friday, January 2: CLOSED

Saturday, January 3: OPEN

EMMAUS OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS



Friends of the Library Holiday Book Sale and Reception – On Friday, December 5, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., The Friends of the Emmaus Public Library will hold their annual book sale and reception at the Library. In addition to holiday books, gently used books on all topics which are suitable for gifts will be offered. Refreshments will be served and entertainment will be provided by the Emmaus High School Jazz Ensemble.

Holiday Story Times – Saturday, December 6, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

- 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 (for \$1), ValueLine, and Wall Street Journal.
- iPADS COMING SOON. Thanks to a grant, the Library will soon have several iPads available for use within the building.

CHILDREN’S WINTER PROGRAMS

Books and Barks! Read aloud to the Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs in the Community Room on November 13, December 18, January 22, and February 22 from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Suns Story-time – Toddlers at 2 years old are welcome to share story-time with an adult (required). Join us for stories, songs, and a craft on November 6, 13 and 20. December 4. January 8, 15, 22 and 29. February 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Registration required.

Stars Story-time – Pre-schoolers 3, 4, and 5 years old are welcome to join Miss Sue for stories and crafts on November 4, 11, 18 and 25. December 2. January 6, 13, 20 and 27. February 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Emmaus Old-Fashioned Christmas – Visit the Library for our annual Holiday Story-times on Saturday, December 6 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Block Parties! Come and play, build with the Library's architectural blocks!

For 2 year olds: November 13 and December 4 from 11:30 to 12:00 p.m. No registration required.

For 3, 4, and 5 year olds: November 11 and December 2 from 11:30 to 12:00 p.m. No registration required.

School age: December 30 from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. No registration required.



The Emmaus Public Library CHILDREN'S FALL PROGRAMMING (continued):

Literary Lunch, JR – 4th and 5th graders meet to read and discuss books! First twelve to sign up for each title receives a free copy of the book! Bring your lunch, and the Library will provide dessert and a drink! November 8, December 13 and February 7 (None in January) from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Registration required.



Literary Lunch – 6th, 7th, and 8th graders meet to read and discuss books! First ten to sign up for each title receives a free copy of the book! Bring your lunch, and the Library will provide dessert and a drink! November 22, December 20 and February 21 (None in January) from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Registration required.

Teen Read – 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders meet to read and discuss books! First six to sign up for each title receives a free copy of the book. Refreshments will be provided by the library. November 6, December 4 and February 12 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Registration required.

Twilight Readers – Kindergarten and First graders hear about great books, and create a craft. Mondays, January 26, February 2, 9 and 23 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration required.

Reading Adventure – 2nd and 3rd graders hear about great books, and create a craft. Mondays November 10, 17 and 24 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration required.

Fun Family Films – Join us in the Library for a fun film for the whole family. Pajamas, pillows and sleeping bags are encouraged! Slippers are required. November 20, December 11, January 15, and February 19 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

EXTRA – We will be adding additional children's programming Thursday evenings starting January 2015.

ADULT WINTER PROGRAMS

Free Blood Pressure Screenings – The Pennsylvania Department of Health will be at the Library for blood pressure screenings the last Monday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Appointments may be scheduled through the Department of Health at 610-821-6770. Screenings will be held on November 24, December 29, January 26, February 23, and March 30.

Movie Matinee for adults. Let us know what you'd come to see! Each month, we'll show a movie selected either for its classic appeal or popularity. Due to licensing restrictions, we cannot publicize the titles of the movies, but call or visit for each month's selection. Movie Matinee will be held on November 12, December 10 and January 14 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Online Tools: There's Gold In Those Databases – Learn about some of the electronic tools and databases available through the Library website and Pennsylvania's PowerLibrary. Highlights include historic photo and document collections, online newspaper archives (great for genealogy), and research tools related to health, auto repair, and business. The same program will be held on January 28, beginning at either 10:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.



Beverages are allowed in the Emmaus Library, provided they are in a closed container. Food is not permitted, and we ask that you turn off cell phones as a courtesy to other library users.

Please call the Emmaus Public Library at 610-965-9284 or stop by 11 East Main St. (parking is on Ridge St.) with any questions and make sure that the Library has your current email address so that you receive due date notices and monthly program announcements. We welcome you as an Emmaus Library user.

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On the website home page, 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, foundation, framing, plumbing, electrical, signs, fences, sheds, dumpsters, demolition, driveways, pools, and zoning.

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, or by visiting the Borough website at: www.borough.emmaus.pa.us.

The permit and the \$1.00 fee are filed with the Cashier at Town Hall. If you have any questions, please call Jessica at 610-965-0702.



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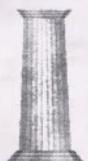
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RIDE TO CONQUER CANCER COMES TO EMMAUS

On the weekend of October 11th, the Borough of Emmaus hosted the Ride to Conquer Cancer, a fundraising bicycle ride, where all proceeds benefited the Penn Medicine's Abramson Cancer Center. There were over 400 riders, who raised no less than \$2,500 each, riding from Philadelphia to Emmaus Community Park. The riders stayed in tents at Community Park on Saturday, October 11th, and rode back to Philadelphia the next morning to round out the 150 mile ride. The money raised through The Ride supports breakthrough cancer research, education, and patient programs at the center.

The organization that sponsors the Ride to Conquer Cancer raises money for cancer research across the world. The organization holds events in Canada, the United States, Australia, and other nations. The organization just began conducting rides in the United States this year, raising \$2.9 million for research in Washington, D.C. and \$1.9 million in the Philadelphia / Emmaus event. There were over 500 participants raising funds for the event. We were very proud to be part of this event, as cancer has affected someone in each of our lives. We hope to continue what is hopefully the beginning of a long-standing annual Ride to Conquer Cancer event next year.



CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Christmas tree collection will begin on Monday, December 29, 2014, and will continue through Friday, January 16, 2015. Please place your tree at the curb, **WITHOUT A BAG** and the Public Works Department will pick it up. Trees discarded after **January 16, 2015** will not be picked up. After that, residents must take their tree to the Compost Site for disposal. The Compost Site will be open January 19 to 24, 2015, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for disposal of Christmas trees and other yard waste.



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Community Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Location
November 24, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Free Blood Pressure Screening	Emmaus Public Library
December 5	Leaf Collection Ends	Throughout the Community
December 5, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Old Fashioned Christmas Kickoff- Wine & Cheese Reception & Book Sale	Emmaus Public Library
December 6, 6:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	EAC Winter Celebration Photography Kick-Off	Community Center for the Arts-Town Hall
December 6, 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	EMSP – Old Fashioned Christmas	Triangle Park
December 6, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Holiday Story Times	Emmaus Public Library
December 6, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Old Fashioned Christmas Open House	Emmaus Historical Society
December 6, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Compost Site Open – Leaf Collection	Klines Lane
December 10, 1:00 p.m.	Movie Matinee	Emmaus Public Library
December 17, 7:00 p.m.	Historical Society Christmas Party	St. John's Lutheran Church
December 25	Town Hall Closed – Christmas Day	Town Hall
December 29 – January 16, 2015	Christmas Tree Collection	Throughout the Community
December 29, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Free Blood Pressure Screening	Emmaus Public Library
January 1	Town Hall Closed – New Year's Day	Town Hall
January 2	EYA Spring Baseball & Softball Reg.	Online Registration
January 14, 1:00 p.m.	Movie Matinee	Emmaus Public Library
January 17, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	EYA Spring Baseball & Softball Reg.	St. John's Lutheran Church
January 19 – 24, 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Compost Site Open – Tree Drop-off	Klines Lane
January 21, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	EYA Spring Baseball & Softball Reg.	St. John's Lutheran Church
January 26, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Free Blood Pressure Screening	Emmaus Public Library
February 6 & 7	EAC's SnowBlast Winter Festival	Triangle Park
February 16	Town Hall Closed – Presidents' Day	Town Hall
February 17, 7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting	Town Hall
February 23, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Free Blood Pressure Screening	Emmaus Public Library
March 30, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Free Blood Pressure Screening	Emmaus Public Library



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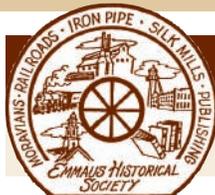


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NEWS FROM THE EMMAUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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HOLIDAY EVENTS

December 6, 2014 – “Old Fashioned Christmas Open House”. Visit the museum from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to celebrate the holidays, enjoy refreshments and see our colorful Christmas displays. Children are invited to make pinecone ornaments to decorate the Children’s Christmas Tree on the Triangle.

December 17, 2014 – “Christmas Party”. Our annual Christmas covered dish party will be held in the parish hall at St. John’s Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. Please call the museum at 610-966-6591 if you would like to attend.

February, 2015 – “Winter Wonderland” The museum will be decorated with winter scene displays that include winter sports and photos of snow storms dating back to the 1800’s in Emmaus and surrounding areas. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND 218 MAIN STREET

Visible changes to the grounds of our new museum are evident from several Emmaus Historical Society members who have spent many hours working on the property since spring of this year. Required interior renovations will begin soon. We need our community to help support renovation costs and become a part of our mission to collect, preserve and protect Emmaus history. If you have not yet contributed to the Capital Campaign, now is a good time to make your tax deductible donation before the end of the year. All contributions in any amount are greatly appreciated and acknowledged. Donors who contribute \$500.00 or more will receive an engraved brass plate to be displayed in the new museum.



- **Moravians:** \$500.00 to \$999.00
- **Golden Jubilee:** \$2500.00 to \$4999.00
- **The Triangle:** \$1000.00 to \$2499.00
- **Diamond Jubilee:** \$5000.00 or More

GIFT IDEAS IN THE MUSEUM STORE The Emmaus Historical Society Dated Limited Edition Pewter Ornament has been reduced to \$10.00. Emmaus WWII Veterans Book is also reduced to \$10.00. Some other items include Moravian Walking Tour and Guidebook of the Lehigh Valley, vintage Emmaus postcards, Northwood Cemetery Book to name just a few. Stop in to see all our items.

NOT A MEMBER YET? The Emmaus Historical Society welcomes new members to share our mission of preserving the history of Emmaus. Once you become a member, 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.



The Friends of the 1803 HOUSE Welcomes You to an Old Fashioned Christmas



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www.1803house.org

The Friends of the 1803 House, Inc. offer a very special “**THANK YOU**” to the community for participating in “**A VERY MERRIE HALLOWEEN**” on Saturday, October 4, 2014 with approximately 660 individuals visiting our Halloween craft show and fall festival - what a rousing fun successful day.

COME TO THE 1803 HOUSE AGAIN.

The 1803 House is hosting an **Old Fashioned Christmas** celebration on Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. We will have a fire in the hearth, warm beverages, handmade natural wreaths for sale, children’s ornament making, a colonial decorated Christmas tree, house tours and decorated mantels. The Emmaus Garden Club will be holding a special colonial window sill decorating contest. Come and see the best decorated colonial window sills and vote for your favorite. The Friends of the 1803 House would like to wish you and yours a peaceful holiday season.

Please visit our website www.1803house.org for more information about how to join The Friends of the 1803 House, Inc., and walk in the steps of history.

EMMAUS POLICE TO PARTICIPATE IN STATEWIDE AGGRESSIVE DRIVING INITIATIVE



Beginning October 26, 2014 through August 30, 2015, the Emmaus Police Department will be participating in a State-wide enforcement, awareness and educational effort targeting Aggressive Driving. The Emmaus Police Department has been approved for grant funding by the North Central Highway Safety Network for this project.

Pennsylvania Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Education Project will kick off the 2014-2015 grant year with a Wave scheduled for October 26 to November 22, 2014. There are over 349 municipal police agencies and the Pennsylvania State Police scheduled to participate to reduce the number of Aggressive Driving related crashes, injuries and deaths on 474 roadways throughout the State.



The focus for this 4 week enforcement Wave will be of Driving on the Right Side of the Roadway (3301). Law Enforcement agencies will be attentive to motorists exhibiting other unsafe driving behaviors such as; driving too fast for conditions, following too closely, careless driving, red light running, and any other aggressive driving actions.

Officers from the Emmaus Police Department will use Traffic Enforcement Zones, Saturation Patrols, Speed Enforcement Details, Joint (multi-agency) Enforcement, and Driving While Imbibing (Intoxication) Patrols to identify and cite aggressive and intoxicated drivers.

Aggressive driving is a combination of unsafe and unlawful driving actions, which demonstrate a conscious and willful disregard for safety. Emmaus Police Department traffic details will include such offenses as speeding, tailgating, making unsafe lane changes, running red lights and stop signs, passing improperly and failing to yield the right of way.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) defines aggressive driving as occurring when "an individual commits a combination of moving traffic offenses so as to endanger other persons or property." NHTSA estimates drivers are responsible for two-third of all highway fatalities and nearly (35) thirty-five percent of all crashes.

In addition to the Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Educational initiatives, the Emmaus Police Department will also be establishing and enforcing the use of seat belts and child safety seats. Clearly, the use of seat belts has a significant effect in reducing the number of deaths and the severity of injuries resulting from traffic crashes. In fact, a law enforcement officers' chance of being involved in a motor vehicle crash is approximately (2) two to (10) ten times greater than that of the general public.

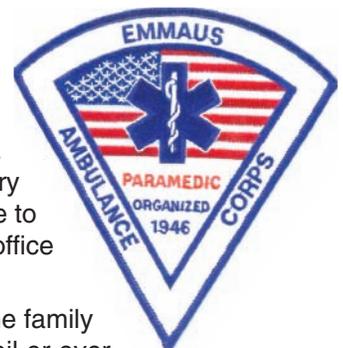
For more information, residents can access the website listed below, or contact the Emmaus Police Department directly at (610)-967-3113, or email: police@emmauspd.org. website: <http://patrafficsafety.org>.

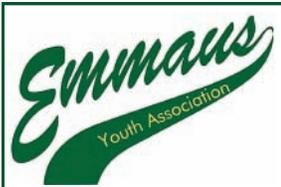
The Emmaus Ambulance Corps – 2015 Subscription/Donation Notice

The Emmaus Ambulance Corps has mailed the 2015 Subscription brochures. If you **HAVE NOT** received one, please visit the Ambulance Corps office located at 100 N. 6th St., Emmaus, PA 18049, or call the office at 610-967-5615 to have one mailed to you.

Subscribers receive substantial savings on Emergency and Non-emergency services. Unexpected medical emergencies can strike anyone, anytime, anywhere and can be very costly. Please read the brochure carefully, we have made some changes. Don't hesitate to call the Ambulance Corps office if you need assistance or if you have questions. Our office staff will be happy to assist you.

Payment must be received before February 28, 2015. The single rate is \$40.00 and the family rate is \$50.00. We are now accepting Visa, MasterCard and Discover payments, by mail or over the phone. **JOIN NOW!** If you miss the deadline, there will be an additional charge of \$5.00. After March 31, 2015 only new residents will be accepted. Thank you for the continued support, our emergency crews and office staff look forward to serving our community now and in the future.





EMMAUS YOUTH ASSOCIATION



Net News –

Get out of the cold, come inside and support our basketball teams this winter. All schedules are posted on the web. Are you looking to play tournament baseball or softball? We have what you are looking for!

Click on programs tab for contact information.

2015 Spring Baseball and Softball

Open registration is scheduled for Saturday,
January 17, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 21, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran Church, 501 Chestnut St., Emmaus.

Online registration will open on January 2, 2015

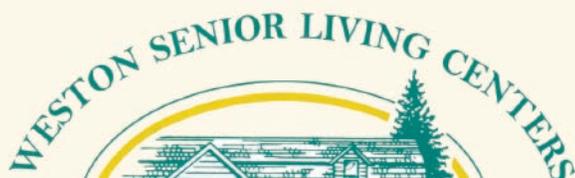
Interested in Coaching?

Please come to the open registration in January



ADOPT – A – HYDRANT

Do you live near a fire hydrant? If yes, would you like to consider adopting it this winter? The overwhelming response that we received last year saved the Fire Department time and energy by cleaning the snow away from over 350 hydrants in the Borough. If you have a hydrant in your neighborhood, please adopt it this winter by keeping it clear of snow and ice so that it is readily accessible in an emergency. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!



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NEWS FROM THE EMMAUS SHADE TREE COMMISSION

TREE-TOPPING: BEWARE THE TREE BUTCHERS

In the eyes of those who appreciate the beauty of Emmaus' trees, tree-topping is nothing more than tree abuse. Topping is a drastic pruning technique in which all branches are cut back to stubs of a similar height, leaving the tree with a crew-cut look. Despite many arguments against the destructive practice—and an Ordinance that forbids the topping of any tree on a Borough right-of-way—too many Emmaus residents are still paying tree services to have their trees topped.

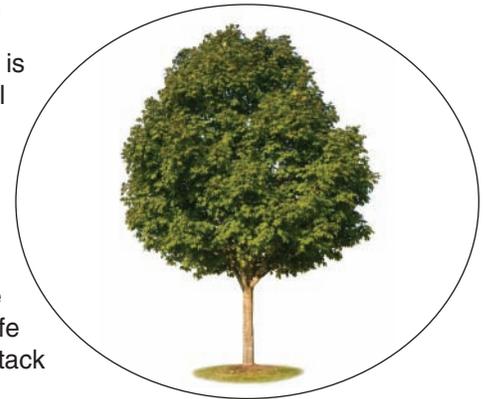
A Penn State Extension fact sheet, "Don't Top Trees" (available online as a pdf download), explains that "topping disfigures trees and is detrimental to tree structure, health, and value." According to the fact sheet, topping creates unsafe trees with branches that are weakly attached; it leaves trees more vulnerable to attack by insects and decay; and it decreases the beauty and value of a tree.

The structural damage caused by topping may take decades to become apparent. For example, the Shade Tree Commission recently got a request from a resident in the Stryer neighborhood of Emmaus to remove a tree. The tree, a Sugar Maple, had stood in the narrow strip of lawn between the curb and the sidewalk since the early 1940s, when the houses on this particular block were built.

About 20 years ago, the former owners of the house had the tree topped. And now, the damage caused by topping had made the tree hazardous. Several of the branch stubs had died and were in danger of dropping to the street. Other limbs were still alive but were rotten and hollow. One large cavity had become a squirrel nest. Ants were living in the spongy wood. The owners were afraid to park their car near the tree, and in October, they removed it.

It didn't have to end that way. When Sugar Maples aren't abused by poor pruning techniques, they can live for 300 years or more. Topping destroyed this tree's structural integrity and shortened its useful life.

Yet homeowners continue to pay tree services to inflict this sort of damage on their trees—and unscrupulous tree services continue to take their money. When pruning is necessary, you're better off hiring a tree service that has a certified Arborist on staff. Arborists are trained in pruning techniques that keep trees strong and healthy. If you prune a tree yourself, leave no stub when removing a limb—that way the cut will heal quicker, with less chance of dieback and decay setting in.



ATTENTION, TREE HUGGERS!

The Emmaus Shade Tree Commission has two openings for new members. This volunteer Commission meets monthly and promotes the planting and maintenance of street trees in the Borough. If you're interested in helping out, contact any current member of the Commission.



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

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Curbside Leaf Collection

The Borough of Emmaus will continue its 2014 Curbside Leaf Collection through Friday, December 5.

The Borough is unable to set specific pick-up dates for leaf pick-up for individual streets throughout the town; however, the Public Works Department will collect leaves Monday through Friday, with a minimum of three collections throughout the Borough throughout the above time period. Leaves placed at the curb after December 5, 2014 will not be collected and should be taken to the Borough compost site located off of Klines Lane. The compost site will be open on Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for leaf drop off.

- **Please rake all leaves to the curb.** The Public Works Department will not empty bags or other containers; this is the responsibility of the resident. Branches, shrubbery, grass, garbage, and other building materials will not be picked up.
- **Leaves will not be collected on private property.** If leaves are not in place when the crews go by, they will be picked up on the following round through the Borough. No "return trips" will be made to pick them up.
- **Do not place pieces of wood, steel, rocks, or concrete on the leaves to hold them down.** These objects will cause damage to the leaf pickup units and put them out of service at a great expense of time and money to the Borough and its residents.
- **To help facilitate the picking up of the leaves, please keep all vehicles away from the area where the leaves are piled.** The Public Works Department will not rake piles of leaves out from between parked cars or from under them.

For questions regarding leaf collection, please contact the Public Works Department at 610-965-9288. Thank you for your cooperation.



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