

# Around Town

The Emmaus Borough News



2010

## LET'S SEE A SPRING IN YOUR STEP !!!

### 'South Mountain Gateway Trail' to expand recreational opportunities



Hopefully the worst of the winter weather is behind us, as the days are getting longer, the sun is getting higher, and hints of spring are already in the air. Spring in Emmaus is a beautiful time. Did you ever notice how beautiful the South Mountain becomes as the leaves unfold, enveloping the north slope in a sea of vibrant emerald green? This year, Emmaus will become the starting point for anyone who wishes to become a part of the Mountain's beauty. The Borough is completing its long-awaited trail project between Klines Lane and Wieders Lane. Later

this spring, the Borough anticipates completing the project, which will connect Klines Lane, at the entrance to the compost site, to the Wildlands Conservancy's South Mountain Preserve, via the Borough's new "South Mountain Gateway Trail" that connects downtown Emmaus to the Conservancy's existing trailhead at Alpine Street. Become one of the runners, hikers, or bikers to enjoy the South Mountain Preserve this spring. Trails vary from beginner level to advanced and offer a variety of distances, from a half mile to 6 miles once you enter the South Mountain Preserve—all right outside our backdoor. Check the Borough website for updates on when the trail will be completed and open for use.

## 2009 Anniversary Celebration Lives On

The Emmaus 2009 Anniversary Committee is busy preparing an Anniversary Commemorative Book and a 2-disc DVD that will include many photos from Emmaus' exciting yearlong Anniversary Celebration. It will be available in late February or early March.

The Committee will have 500 copies of the book available for sale for \$10 each. The DVD will sell for \$20.00. To pre-order your copy of either or both, please email [office@2009emmaus.org](mailto:office@2009emmaus.org) or call the Anniversary Office at 610-966-7601. The items will also be available at Emmaus Jewel Shop, Perk on Main, Out of Our Hands Gallery, Emmaus Borough Hall, and the Emmaus Historical Society.



## Emmaus Main Street Program



The Emmaus Main Street Program Presents "An Evening In Emmaus" Entertainment Series event on Friday, March 5, at 8:00 p.m. at the VFW in Downtown Emmaus. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Performing will be "**Blackwater,**" a Celtic Band featuring Sean Hennessy (vocals, guitar, bouzouki & bodhran), Alison Gillespie (fiddle), Fiona Hennessy (vocals, flute & whistle), Tom Gillespie (guitar, keyboard, vocals & percussion) and Al Keller (banjo, mandolin, button accordion & percussion). Tickets are \$10 per person. Call the Main Street Program at 610-965-6279 or email [tmadison@emmausmainstreet.com](mailto:tmadison@emmausmainstreet.com) for more information.

The VFW will offer a corned beef, cabbage & potato dinner for a separate \$7.00 charge.



### See. Hear. Feel. Art!

**2009 Anniversary Commemorative Poster still available!** The Emmaus Arts Commission has honored our Borough with a limited edition commemorative poster for the 2009 Anniversary Celebration. Designed and created by the EAC Commissioners, this colorful poster features iconic Emmaus images. Cost is \$10.00. Limited edition prints are \$40.00. Posters are on display and sold at Bach & Co., 417 Chestnut St., 610-965-2551.

The Emmaus Arts Commission would like to increase the art experience for everyone of the Emmaus Community and surrounding areas. Please check our web site frequently for updated information and event announcements. We welcome volunteers and participants -- if you would like to be involved in any of our events, please contact us at <http://www.emmausarts.org>. Help us grow the arts!

### Spring Blowout Blitz!



The Emmaus 250th Anniversary HO Gauge Collectible Train Car is still available!! This working Mantua Classics scale model of a wooden pas-

senger car is a replica of a Pennsylvania RR 1860 coach. The full 6" length car features RP25 wheels with metal axles and knuckle couplers with metal springs. The trains are available for purchase at the Emmaus Jewel Shop and Borough Hall. Hurry, while supplies last!! **Original Price \$25.00; Blowout Blitz Price \$10.00!!!**

### Council Meetings—Check 'Em Out!!!

Borough Council Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month in Town Hall and are open to the public. You can also watch taped recordings of the meetings as a webcast on the Borough's website and on Service Electric Cable TV.

### EYA News

#### 2010 Spring Baseball and Softball Online Registration will continue

until March 15, 2010 at

[www.eyanews.org](http://www.eyanews.org)

The EYA has over 400 families participating in sports and volunteering is a great way to give back to the organization. The more volunteers we have, the easier the workload for all.

#### Two positions still need to be filled:

**Board Member:** This position requires attending monthly meetings and involvement in Association decisions.

**Special Events Coordinator:** This position involves being involved in a special event – e.g. participating in the Halloween Parade, Memorial Day Parade, or the Earth Day Clean-up.

Many thanks to the numerous people who "*stepped up to the plate*" and have joined EYA in an administrative position! Please join us for our monthly meetings, held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church at 5th and Chestnut Streets in Emmaus.

## 2010 Emmaus Concerts in the Park



The 31st Annual Summer Concert Series is only months away and the Special Entertainment Committee is hard at work arranging for a variety of local bands to entertain you throughout the summer. Our annual **SPONSOR-A-CONCERT** fund drive invites you to be a caring part of our worthwhile program by having an organization, a business, or an individual, sponsor an entire concert. Please call Josephine Sadrovitz at 610-965-8246 for

a list of the bands and their fees. The following is a breakdown of contributions to support the concert series:

**Gold - \$500; Silver - \$400; Bronze - \$300; Patron - \$200;**  
**Friend - \$100; Supporter - \$50 and under**

All contributions will be acknowledged in our program, which has a circulation of over six thousand. We need your help to sponsor the concerts! If you are able to help in any way, please make your check payable to "Borough of Emmaus Summer Concert Series" and mail it to the Special Entertainment Committee at 28 South 4th St., Emmaus, PA 18049. Please mail contributions before April 1, 2010 to ensure that you are included in the Program.

The Committee thanks you for your support. The Summer Concert Series offers a variety of entertainment for all ages, from the very young to the young at heart. Please take time to visit the park this summer. Sit back, relax, and enjoy! The smiling faces in the audience are our treasured rewards.

## 2010 Summer Concert Schedule

**Concerts start at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. All Concerts are held rain or shine at the Emmaus Community Park Arts Pavilion.**

June 6—The Majestics Country Band

June 13—The Emmaus Flag Day Program—  
2:00 p.m.

June 13—The Municipal Band

June 18—Big Band Ambassadors

Friday night, 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

June 20—The Macungie Band

June 27—The Marine Band

July 4—The Walt Groller Polka Band—

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

July 11—The Johnny Dee Polka Band

July 18—The Midnight Special Country Western Band

July 25—The Royalairs

August 1—The Joey Weber  
Polka Band

August 8—J and J Polka Band

August 15—The Crazy Hearts  
Band

August 22—The Red Hill Band

August 29—The Pioneer Band

September 5—The Joe Kroboth Polka Band

September 12—Community Hymn Sing



## Emmaus Movie Night—A Great Family Experience



The Emmaus Parks and Recreation Commission is sponsoring Emmaus Movie Night at Community Park. The family friendly event will feature an outdoor movie on July 15 at 8:00 p.m. at the Community Park Arts Pavilion. There is no admission fee. Snacks and drinks will be for sale. Everyone is welcome. The movie will be a popular family friendly movie, with the movie title being posted on the Borough website as the date approaches.

## Improperly Fertilized Lawns Affect Water Quality

### How does fertilizing my lawn cause pollution?

- Improperly fertilizing a lawn by using too much product or fertilizing too often contributes to water pollution.
- Phosphorus in fertilizers causes algae to grow, which competes for oxygen that fish and other biotic life need.
- If you apply fertilizer just before a rainstorm much of it will be washed into storm sewers and from there to the nearest stream, river or lake.
- If you allow fertilizer to remain on a sidewalk, paved driveway or street, it will be carried to the nearest stream, river, or lake.



### What can I do?

- Use fertilizers sparingly. Lawns and many plants do not need as much fertilizer, or need it as often, as you might think.
- Test your soil to be sure about what it needs.
- Consider using organic fertilizers that release nutrients slower.
- Don't fertilize before a rainstorm.
- Use commercially available compost, or make your own using garden/yard waste. Mixing compost with your soil means your plants will need less chemical fertilizer and puts waste to good use.
- Don't bag the grass. Use a mulching lawn mower to cut one-third of the blade length each week and naturally fertilize your lawn with grass clippings.
- Wash your spreader and equipment on a pervious or penetrable vegetated area like the lawn, not on a sidewalk or driveway.
- Maintain a buffer strip of un-mowed natural vegetation, such as wildflowers and native grasses, bordering watercourses or ponds. It traps runoff of excess fertilizers and sediment from lawns and gardens.

## Holiday Trash Schedule

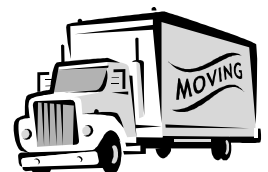
**Memorial Day, May 31**—There will be no Monday pickup, so do not place refuse out for collection on Sunday, May 30. Please place recyclables out for pickup on Wednesday night for a Thursday pickup.



Please be sure to visit our website, [www.borough.emmaus.pa.us](http://www.borough.emmaus.pa.us), for important updates or information about trash pickup.

## Are you Moving in or out of the Borough?

A moving permit is required for any individual or family moving **in or out** of the Borough. The permit application can be obtained from the cashier at Town Hall, 28 S.4th St., Emmaus, PA 18049 or on the borough website. The permit and the \$1.00 fee are filed with the cashier at Town Hall.



## Curbside Yard Waste Pick-up

Our waste hauler does not collect yard waste. But, yard waste pick-up is available through the Emmaus Public Works Department. **Residents desiring curbside yard waste collection must use the following procedure:**

From Monday, April 5, 2010 through Thursday, November 4, 2010, 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 (24/7), **Fax:** 610-965-0705, or **E-mail:** pweiant@borough.emmaus.pa.us.

Please be sure to provide your name, address, and the number of bags; contact must be made at or before 9:00 a.m. on the pick-up day.

The Compost Site is in its 20th year of operation. On April 17, 1991, Emmaus opened the Compost Site. It has grown into an important environmentally friendly resource for Borough property owners. Thank you to all of its users and to our Public Works Employees who have made the site a success.

## Compost Site—Operation and Hours

**Closed on Holidays (Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day)**

### **March 10 to May 5**

Wednesdays 7:30 am to 7:30 pm or dusk  
Saturdays 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

### **May 10 to September 27**

Mondays 7:30 am to 2:30 pm  
Wednesdays 7:30 am to 7:30 pm or dusk  
Saturdays 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

### **September 29 to October 16**

Wednesdays 7:30 am to 7:30 pm or dusk,  
Saturdays 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

### **October 18 to December 6-Leaf Collection**

Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 7:30 am to 2:00 pm  
Wednesdays 7:30 am to 7:30 pm or dusk  
Saturdays 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Loading is available on Wednesdays after 3 p.m. and on Saturdays. Unscreened compost and wood chip mulch are available for a loading fee of \$5 for a pick-up/trailer, \$20 for a single axle dump, and \$30 for a double axle dump or larger. Screened compost, **for Borough residents only**, 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 stop loading **45 minutes** prior to closing so that equipment can be cleaned and maintained.

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

## A Reminder from the Zoning Office About Swimming Pools

If you are planning to install a swimming pool this year, please be aware that any swimming pool over twenty four (24") inches deep and/or has pumping equipment requires a zoning permit, building permit and electrical permit. Information about applying for any of these permits and the code requirements can be obtained at Town Hall, or call the Code Enforcement Officer, Jim Farnsworth, at 610-967-1322.



## Looking for Summer Employment?



The Borough is currently accepting applications for Lifeguards for the Emmaus Community Pool. 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, call 610-965-9292.

## ANGLERS GET READY—First day of trout season is April 3

Every year the Cedarbrook Sportsmen graciously invest their time and effort to stock **Furnace Dam** with trout. This year they expect to be stocking on or around April 1 for the **April 3 Opening Day**. Fishing is great fun for the whole family, creating precious memories for kids and parents, and introducing young and old to the joys of outdoor recreation. Be there for the excitement of Opening Day, when the fishing will be good and the fun will be great.



## Borough Once Again Sponsoring Summer Parks Program

The Borough of Emmaus will again be sponsoring its annual Summer Parks Program this year, from June 21 to July 30. Residents between 5 and 14 years old are encouraged to attend from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Monday through Friday. **This year there will be only one site—Emmaus Community Park.** The Program will consist of organized activities, sports, games and contests, arts and crafts, and an end-of-summer Field Day.



Last year's participants gather for a group photo.

There is no fee to attend. No food or drinks will be served so children are encouraged to bring water and snacks. The Program will end promptly at Noon, so parents are expected to pick their children up at or before Noon. Please sign up during the first week of the Program at Emmaus Community Park. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy in the Borough offices at 610-965-0701.

## Community Gardens

The Borough is continuing its Community Gardens Program this year. The garden is located between the Knauss Homestead and the Compost Site. It is completely enclosed within a chain link fence, which has been successful in discouraging wildlife from feasting on the crops. Emmaus residents and non-residents will be eligible to receive 15' x 30' plots for \$15 and \$25 per lot, respectively. Rototilling will be available for \$15 per lot. Gardeners will be required to sign a Hold Harmless Waiver. Lot payments are made to the cashier at Borough Hall. For more information, please call Richard Keim at 610-965-5707. You will be sure to enjoy the satisfaction of gardening while embracing the friendship and camaraderie of your fellow gardeners.



## More Park Information to Come!!

Need more information about the parks? In April the Borough will publish a newsletter with all of the pool and park information, including hours, rates, and exciting information about park events.

## Community Yard Sales—

### No Fee Required

Emmaus Community Yard Sales are held on the weekends after Memorial Day & Labor Day, when it is not necessary to obtain a permit to have a yard sale and no fee is required. Please help our recycling efforts and participate. The Community Yard Sales are scheduled for Saturday, June 5, 2010 with a rain date of Sunday, June 6, 2010, and Saturday, September 11, 2010 with a rain date of Sunday, September 12, 2010.



## Getting to Know Your Borough

### Borough Officials

#### Mayor

Winfield Iobst  
610-967-9255

#### Council President

Lee Ann Gilbert

#### Council Vice President

Brian Holtzhafer

#### Council Members

Wesley Barrett  
Nathan Brown  
Brent Labenberg  
R. Erick Reinhard  
Dr. Michael Waddell

#### Borough Manager

Craig Neely  
610-966-6357

### Boards and Committees

Board of Health  
Building Board of Appeals  
Civil Service Commission  
Emergency Disaster Board  
Emmaus Arts Commission  
Emmaus General Authority  
Environmental Advisory Council  
Library Board  
Pension Board  
Planning Commission  
Sanitation Board  
Shade Tree Commission  
Special Entertainment Committee  
Zoning Hearing Board  
Vacancy Board

### Important Phone Numbers

#### Ambulance Chief

Michael Nonnemacher  
610-967-5615

#### Animal Control Officer

Richard Hontz  
610-967-3113 (24/7) or  
610-965-0722 (Mon-Fri, 8-4)

#### Chief of Police

David Faust  
610-965-6402  
Police Emergency—911

#### Code Enforcement Officer

James Farnsworth  
610-967-1322

#### Tax Collector

Dennis Gouldy  
610-967-4598

#### Fire Chief

James Reiss  
610-967-5630

#### Fire Inspector

Kevin Farnish  
610-967-5630

#### Health Officer

Gary Ritter  
610-966-9026

#### Pavilion Rentals

Gladys Hontz  
610-965-9292

#### Public Works Director

Jeffry Clapper  
610-965-9288

#### Refuse Issues

Kathy Yaindl  
610-965-0701

### Meeting Schedules \*\*\*

#### Borough Council

1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

#### Budget & Finance Committee

1st and 3rd Mondays at 6:45 p.m.

#### Community Relations/Dev. Committee

4th Wednesday of the month at 4:15 p.m.

#### Environmental Advisory Council

4th Monday of the month (Alternates monthly between Emmaus and Upper Milford) at 7:00 p.m.

#### General Administration Committee

Selected Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.

#### General Authority

February 17, May 19, August 18, and November 17 at 7:00 p.m.

#### Health, Sanitation, & Cons. Committee

2nd Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m.

#### Library Board

3rd Tuesday of the month at 12:00 p.m.

#### Parks & Recreation Committee Mtg.

1st Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m.

#### Planning Commission

2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

#### Public Safety Committee

2nd Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

#### Public Works Committee

1st Thursday of the month at 3:00 p.m.

#### Shade Tree Commission

2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

\*\*\* All meetings are public and held at Town Hall, 28 S. 4th St., Emmaus, unless

## Earth Day 2010—Go Green with the EAC !!!

Each year, hundreds of volunteers from Emmaus and neighboring Upper Milford Township spend a half day cleaning up roadsides, parks, streambanks, etc. as part of the annual Earth Day Clean-Up.



This year's Clean-Up is Saturday, April 24. Over 300 volunteers helped last year and we expect more this year. We encourage you to join us to do something good for our community and the environment.

We will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Emmaus Community Park. You will be given gloves, garbage bags and an assigned location. The Clean-Up will last from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., rain or shine.

At 1:00 p.m. we will return to the Community Park for an educational presentation. Food will be sold by the Emmaus Youth Association to help its fundraising efforts.

The annual event is hosted by the Emmaus-Upper Milford Joint Environmental Advisory Council, with assistance, equipment and manpower provided by both municipalities.

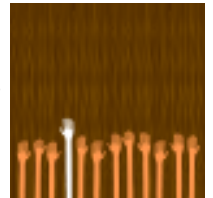
NEW in 2010! Bring your used batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and old thermometers and thermostats. The EAC will ensure proper disposal of the items as part of the Lehigh County Household Hazardous Waste drop-off event scheduled for Earth Day.

To register, please e-mail EAC chairman William Ahlert at [eacinfo@uppermilford.net](mailto:eacinfo@uppermilford.net). Anyone with suggestions regarding areas needing to be cleaned should e-mail the EAC with precise locations. We hope you join us for this easy, but very effective, way to help keep Emmaus one of "The Top 100 Places to Live" (as ranked by Money Magazine in 2009)!

## Joint Environmental Advisory Council Seeks Volunteers

If you have an interest or expertise in environmental issues, the Emmaus-Upper Milford Joint Environmental Advisory Council wants you. Emmaus and Upper Milford Township formed the EAC in 2005 to advise elected officials, planning commissions, parks and recreation boards and the public in matters regarding the conservation, management and protection of natural resources. The EAC seeks volunteers who can serve as **non-voting associate members**.

"We're sure this community has many people who would be willing to help make both municipalities better places to live, including environmental activists and professionals such as educators, scientists, planners and attorneys, who are knowledgeable about environmental issues," said William Ahlert, EAC chairman. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to: [eacinfo@uppermilford.net](mailto:eacinfo@uppermilford.net), including your name, address, phone number, e-mail address and areas of interest and/or expertise. The EAC meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month.



## Emmaus Looking to Fill Vacancies

The Borough of Emmaus is always looking for people to serve on Boards and Commissions that do important work for the community. If you want to be involved, you may apply for any of the following Boards and/or Commissions that have upcoming vacancies:

**Arts Commission, Building Board of Appeals, Environmental Advisory Council, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Shade Tree Commission**

If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest addressed to the Borough Council at 28 S. 4th St., Emmaus or email Craig Neely, the Borough Manager, at [cneely@borough.emmaus.pa.us](mailto:cneely@borough.emmaus.pa.us). Interviews will be conducted with interested applicants. We are fortunate in Emmaus to have many quality people contributing to the town's success. We welcome everyone to be a part of the team.

## Emmaus Commemorative Gardens Foundations

### To: Families of Veterans



The Emmaus Commemorative Gardens Foundation (ECGF) has a far-reaching vision for creating remembrance opportunities in the Borough. To this end, 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 15 bricks in the Veteran's Walkway last year during the Memorial Day weekend and we will again install bricks this year for service men and women to honor their service to our country. Letters will be forthcoming to our local veterans with information about how to order a Remembrance Brick at a cost of \$65.00 each.

The ECGF is a group of faithful volunteers who have worked hard for over seven years to create a quiet and beautiful space for everyone who wishes to install 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 610-967-5709 for more information about ordering a Remembrance Brick. Orders received by Thursday, April 1 will arrive in time for the Sunday, May 30, 2010 Memorial Day weekend installation ceremony.

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

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Willis Brinker        | Danny Schuster        |
| Robert Shafer         | Philip Romig          |
| Eric D'Ercole         | Herbert Silfies       |
| Michael B. Greenawalt | SSG Billy N. Wagner   |
| Herbert Haas          | Capt. Billy N. Wagner |
| Barry Reinhard        | SSG John D Wagner     |



## Emmaus Shade Tree Commission News and Information

### Did you know....

The Emmaus Shade Tree Ordinance contains regulations pertaining to trees planted within 12 feet of a curbline. Property owners must notify & receive a permit from the Shade Tree Commission **prior** to pruning, planting or removing these trees. **"Topping"** is **prohibited**.

For questions regarding street trees, please contact any Shade Tree Commission Member: Reds Bailey, 610-966-4044; Shawn Huzar, 610-965-9706; Karen Poshefko, 610-965-5086; and Linda Destan, 610-965-8270.



### Must love trees....

The Shade Tree Commission is looking for a new team member. The ideal candidate will have some or all of the following:

- A commitment to participate in meetings and activities.
  - A genuine appreciation for trees.
  - A background in landscape design and/or tree maintenance.
  - Access to e-mail.
- Please contact Karen Poshefko at 610-965-5086 if you are interested.

## Emmaus Public Library News

### Despite Reduced Hours Emmaus Public Library Still Fulfilling Its Mission



**Due to massive state budget cuts the Emmaus Public Library is closed on Fridays. Regular hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p. m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nevertheless, the Library continues to offer the community ever expanding resources and programs.**

**Public Access Computers** are available to all residents, providing internet access, word processing, email, online job applications via CareerLink, and access to the Library's catalog. Additionally, library accounts can be accessed online, allowing card holders to reserve books, renew items, and receive notifications of new items fitting "current awareness profiles."

The Library maintains an ever growing collection of **large print books** and **audiobooks**, the latter of which are becoming an easy and popular way to enjoy your favorite titles, with the Library's improved interface making Ipod-compatible titles available online through netLibrary. Our magazine collection affords convenient browsing in the **magazine kiosk**, with a prior month's issue available for borrowing on a weekly basis.

The Library's programs continue to attract young and old to the wonders of learning. The Summer Reading Program's theme is "**Make Waves at your Library**," during which the Library will have something for everyone, including Thursday evening **Family Nights**. The adult book discussion group, meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, will continue, though without a very special person, Dr. Robert Hanson, who will retire in March after having expertly led the discussions for many years.

Beginning in March the Library will present special displays that are being called "**Hidden Treasures**" of the Library, which will be changed at the beginning and middle of each month, and will highlight the unique services, collections, and items at the Library. April will be exciting, as the Library will offer an introduction to Genealogy, with a special emphasis on Ancestry.com, and local author Charles Pearce will introduce his book, "Growing up Boomer & Beyond."

The **Friends of the Emmaus Public Library Book Sale** will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the Lower Macungie Middle School, in conjunction with the Nutrition Fair sponsored by Nutrition, Inc., the East Penn School District food service. Members of "The Friends" are invited to preview night on Friday, April 23, where they can take advantage of the widest selection of titles.

Though the Library expansion project has been delayed due to the struggling economy, the Library is targeting groundbreaking in early 2011. Please contact the Library if you are interested in making a donation.

**Information about the Library, its collections, and its programs is available at the Library, via telephone at 610-965-9284, or on its website at [www.emmauspl.org](http://www.emmauspl.org)**



## ANIMAL CONTROL

### Significant Changes for Emmaus Residents



Beginning in 2010, the Borough of Emmaus is no longer contracting services with the Lehigh County Humane Society as a result of the Society demanding that for 2010 the Borough pay \$11,300 annually, representing \$1.00 for each Emmaus resident, for services. In 2009 the Borough paid \$3,528. Previous years were similar, and usually less.

To continue Animal Control services for Borough residents and to enforce Emmaus Ordinances pertaining to domestic animals, the Borough signed a contract for animal control services with **Peaceable Kingdom, 1049 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA**, at a fraction of the fees sought by the Humane Society. Peaceable Kingdom is a "no kill" facility, which was another factor in the Borough's decision.

#### The Borough's policies with respect to domestic animals are:

- Stray cats and dogs should no longer be transported to and/or dropped off at the Lehigh County Humane Society. The Borough will not be responsible for fees charged by the Humane Society.
- Residents should notify the Emmaus Police Department at 610-967-3113 to report stray cats and dogs. Residents are strongly discouraged from feeding stray animals.
- Emmaus residents are discouraged from delivering domestic animals to Peaceable Kingdom. Instead, please contact the Police Department or the Animal Control Officer if you have a stray. The Animal Control Officer makes every effort to return lost pets and domestic animals to their rightful owners prior to delivering the animal to a shelter.
- The Emmaus Animal Control Officer, Richard Hontz, may be reached at the Emmaus Police Department at 610-967-3113 (24 hours) and 610-965-0722 (Business hours: Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.).
- All Borough Ordinances governing domestic cats and dogs, as well as the Pennsylvania Dog Law, will be enforced by the Emmaus Police Department and the Animal Control Officer.

### Emmaus Ambulance Corps Subscriptions

The Emmaus Ambulance Corps mailed its 2010 Subscription brochures. The subscription deadline of March 31 is approaching fast. If you **HAVE NOT** received one, stop in and pick one up at 100 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street or call the Corps office at 610-967-5615 as soon as possible to subscribe over the phone with your credit card. **Subscribe today before it's too late. After March 31<sup>st</sup> subscriptions will only be offered to new residents.**

### Fire Department Hoagie Sales

On the third Wednesday of each month the Emmaus Fire Department sponsors a hoagie sale. You can order Italian or Turkey Hoagies or Ham & Cheese Sandwiches for \$3.00 each. Orders must be called in before the second Wednesday of each month by calling the Fire Department office at 610-967-5630. Don't miss out on the scrumptious vittles.



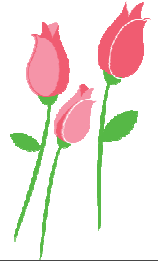
## Think Spring with The Shops of Emmaus

### DON'T FORGET MOTHER'S DAY—MAY 9th!



Just in time for Mother's Day!! Remember those gorgeous hanging flower baskets that you saw all around town last year?? Now you can purchase them for Mother's Day (or for yourself). The Shops of Emmaus is selling hanging baskets for \$18.00 each. All proceeds will benefit the Shops of Emmaus' Best In Bloom Arts Festival! The deadline for ordering and payment is April 1, 2010. Pick up will be at Herbein's—dates and details will be forthcoming. Visit the Shops of Emmaus' website for the order form—[www.ShopsofEmmaus.com](http://www.ShopsofEmmaus.com) and mail your payment to: Shops of Emmaus, P.O. Box 172, Emmaus, PA 18049.

Be sure to visit Downtown Emmaus for the Best In Bloom Arts Festival—June 12 and 13. The Downtown District will be buzzing with visual and musical artists of all kinds! Visit Saturday, June 12, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sunday, June 13, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



### Get your exercise routine back ON TRACK

#### New Emmaus High School track opened for public use

Thanks to another great community project the new Emmaus High School Track is now open for use by anyone living in the East Penn School District. The recently reconstructed and resurfaced all-weather track offers the perfect place to exercise all year long. All weather tracks provide a flat, measured, cushioned surface ideal for walking, jogging, and running. Use of the track requires an ID badge, which can be purchased for \$15.00 at the East Penn School District Administrative Offices at the Emmaus High School, located off of Pine Street, from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. The process takes no more than 5 minutes. So whether you are out for a slow walk or looking to set a new track record this safe exercise arena offers the residents of Emmaus another great outdoor recreational space.



### CHANGES IN REFUSE AND RECYCLING POLICIES COMING SOON

#### Residential and Commercial Properties to be Affected

As of July 1, 2010 the Borough's refuse contractor will be Raritan Valley Disposal, which was awarded a competitive bid contract in October 2009. During the bidding process the Borough determined that it needs to change some of its collection practices. A detailed explanation will be forthcoming in an upcoming Newsletter. **The major impacts will be as follows:**

1. Single Stream Recycling—The Borough adopted an expanded list of recyclables that will no longer need to be separated.
2. Commercial Dumpsters—All commercial establishments using dumpsters will be able to select their own hauler, but those selecting one other than Raritan Valley will be charged a \$35 fee for the Borough's cost to monitor compliance with local and state waste hauling regulations.
3. Collection Days—**TWO OF THE THREE COLLECTION SCHEDULES WILL CHANGE!!!**
  - a. Those who currently place refuse out on **Tuesday and Friday nights for Wednesday and Saturday morning collection** will place refuse out on **Monday and Thursday nights for Tuesday and Friday pickups**.
  - b. Those who currently place refuse out on **Monday and Thursday nights for Tuesday and Friday morning collection** will place refuse out on **Tuesday and Friday nights for Wednesday and Saturday pickups**.

These changes will be effective on **July 1, 2010**. Watch for the next newsletter for further details.

## News From Your Tax Collector

Borough Real Estate Tax bills will be issued on April 1, 2010. 2010 is the second year that you can pay the Borough Real Estate Tax in installments if your property is registered as a homestead. If you choose this payment option you must make your first payment by May 31, with the second payment due by July 31, and the third payment by September 30. Failure to make the additional payments on time will result in a 10% penalty. If you choose this payment option you will not be eligible for a 2% early payment discount.



School Tax bills will be issued on July 1, 2010.

There is a new Business Privilege Tax of \$150.00 that is applicable to, “Any business, person, partnership, corporation, or other legally recognized entity that advertises an address or telephone number located in the Borough or which maintains a place of business within the Borough.” Section 501(c)(3) nonprofits and temporary, seasonal, or itinerant businesses do not pay the tax. If you received a bill and feel that you are not engaged in a business that is taxable you may appeal to Borough Council for a determination of your status. If you are a business and did not receive a bill please contact the Tax Collector.

If you want a stamped receipt and you mail your tax payment, then include both copies of your bill along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your payment.

Office Hours—9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday. Additionally, the office will be open every weekday for the last two weeks of May, July, August and December. Other times by appointment. The office does not close for lunch. There are times when the office will experience an unscheduled closing for things such as going to the bank or the courthouse, etc. so please call first. If you want to pay your tax in person but you are unable to come to the office please let me know. I will come to you.

## PROPERTY OWNERS ASSISTING WITH SEWER INSPECTIONS



The Emmaus Public Works Department offers a hearty **THANK YOU** to all of the Emmaus property owners who have assisted in the Borough’s sewer inspection process. The process is one component in a Borough-wide effort to reduce and hopefully eliminate inflow and infiltration of rainwater and groundwater into its sanitary sewer system. This very important project began years ago and placed us in the forefront of an effort to be fiscally and environmentally proactive by reducing sewage flows that have been overburdening the Allentown Sewage Treatment Plant and forcing the introduction of untreated sewage into the Lehigh River. While the 13 other contributors to the plant are either just starting or planning to start their efforts, as required by the EPA, the Borough is nearly half done with the project, which is required to be completed by December 31, 2014.

The Borough understands that “every man’s home is his castle” and attempts to limit requests to access the interior of properties. Nevertheless, it would be impossible to accomplish the goals of the project without having the opportunity to be allowed into properties to ensure that there are no connections to sanitary sewer facilities that introduce rainwater or groundwater into the system. Often times an owner is unaware of the impact of such a connection and is simply innocently allowing the condition to exist.

So far, the Borough has made **2083 requests to inspect properties**, which is nearly half of those situated in the Borough. **Only 2 owners have refused to assist in the project**, which is a testament to how conscientious Borough property owners are about the importance of the project. We say **THANK YOU** again, and want you to know that we sincerely appreciate your cooperation, which allows Emmaus to continue to be a Lehigh Valley leader in this environmentally important initiative.

## **BOROUGH TO BORROW \$1,460,500 FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

As part of the 2010 Budget, Emmaus Borough Council authorized the issuance of bonds totaling \$1,460,500 for long term capital improvements and the purchase of equipment. We have seen dramatic changes in the Borough in the last 10 years, with it twice in a row being named as one of the Top 100 Places to Live in the country, and it would not have been possible without the Borough engaging in responsible borrowing practices. Most of the expenditures of borrowed funds have been for major infrastructure improvements that will be appreciated for decades to come. It is interesting to review the Borough's borrowing in the last 10 years.

In 2000 the Borough Council recognized that longstanding infrastructure deficiencies needed to be addressed. The Borough Council borrowed \$2,500,000 to address the issues, and to purchase much needed equipment. The majority of the funds were used for road improvement projects, such as the total reconstruction of Broad Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets (\$1,100,000), the installation of a traffic light at North Street and Cedar Crest Boulevard (\$460,000), the widening and upgrading of the intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Streets (\$120,000), and the closing of a dangerous open box culvert at Klines Lane and Main Street (\$85,000). The Borough Council was committed to improving the safety and quality of life in the Borough and all of these improvements were necessary to accomplish these goals.

Beginning in 2001 the Borough Council began seriously exploring the construction of new facilities for the Emmaus Police Department, which was operating out of cramped quarters in the basement of Town Hall. Council decided to construct a new building on the VFW site adjacent to Town Hall. In 2004 it refinanced the 2001 debt and authorized an additional approximately \$3,000,000 in debt to acquire the land and construct the new police facility. In 2004 it had an aggregate debt of approximately \$5,000,000. But, it allowed the Borough to have completed essential infrastructure improvements and to have added to Borough facilities in the form of the new police building.

In 2009 the principal debt balance was reduced to approximately \$3,500,000 when once again Council considered borrowing money for capital projects and improvements. Council decided that, considering the currently available low interest rates, that it could refund the existing debt and borrow \$1,460,500 additional money. The Borough's financial adviser has determined that the \$3,500,000 existing debt, which is being repaid at a rate of 3.85%, can be refunded at 2.75%, while the new money can be obtained at a rate of 3.75%, with the existing debt, which was scheduled to be retired in 2017, still being retired then, and the new money being totally repaid in 2021.

The Borough's total annual debt service for 2010 will be approximately \$530,000, which is 6.5% of its \$8,206,000 General Fund expenditures. According to Moody's, a nationwide bond rating agency, an average municipality's yearly debt service is between 5% and 15% of its General Fund expenditures. Thus, the Borough's borrowing places itself well within the lower end of the debt service/borrowing spectrum.

On the opposing page is a list and description of the Borough's anticipated use of the new borrowed funds. If you have any questions about the items or their purposes please contact Craig Neely, Borough Manager, at 610-966-6357, or at [cneely@borough.emmaus.pa.us](mailto:cneely@borough.emmaus.pa.us).

## Expenditures to be funded by the Borough's anticipated 2010 Bond Issue

**Computer Upgrade**—\$66,000 (Software and Hardware). All Borough financial transactions and record keeping is handled via an MS-DOS based computer software accounting system that is more than 10 years old. The Borough has contracted to purchase a Windows-based software system that will integrate all financial transactions, including utility billing, accounts receivable, accounts payable, general ledger, cash receipts, account reconciliation, and budgeting. The system will allow the Borough to begin online bill paying and credit card payments.

**Mobile Data Project**—\$15,000 (Software and Hardware). All police departments in the region are being required to participate in a computer upgrade project that will integrate crime and other information among the regional police departments.

**Radio Frequency Repeater**—\$10,000. The Borough has been advised by regional authorities that it will need to upgrade its radio equipment to conform to new regional radio frequencies, making the Borough's existing equipment obsolete.

**Aerial Truck**—\$835,000. The Emmaus Fire Department services the Borough of Emmaus and surrounding areas. It is currently operating a 1989 aerial truck in addition to two pumper trucks. The new truck will cost approximately \$835,000. The Department intends to fund the purchase via a \$350,000 contribution from the Borough from the borrowed money, a contribution from the Emmaus Firemens Relief Association, trade in value on the currently owned aerial truck, a possible \$150,000 2.0% loan from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and various fundraisers.

**Road Reconstruction**—\$65,500. The Borough is investing \$330,000 in 2010 for general road resurfacing projects. It intends to use \$65,500 of the borrowed money to help fund resurfacing projects on Harrison Street and Ridge Street.

**Storm Water Project, 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Pennsylvania Avenue**—\$150,000. The intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Pennsylvania Avenue has been plagued by serious storm water drainage issues that create safety issues and damage the streets. The Borough is installing storm sewers along South 12<sup>th</sup> and West Jubilee Streets that will convey stormwater underground to alleviate the longstanding drainage problems.

**New Loader**—\$135,000. The Borough intends to purchase a new loader for the Public Works Department.

**Reconstruct Broad Street**—\$450,000. The Borough intends to completely reconstruct Broad Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets.

**Legion Baseball Field**—\$100,000. The Borough may invest \$100,000 from the borrowed funds to collaborate with the East Penn School District to construct a stadium style baseball field at Emmaus Community Park. The Project is expected to cost approximately \$750,000 with the additional funding being provided by the School District and available grant sources.

**Miscellaneous**—Additional investments are being made to: Town Hall (\$5,000); Ambulance Corps Equipment (\$11,000); Police Building and Vehicle Upgrade (\$74,000); and Park Facility and Equipment Upgrades (\$23,000).

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## Community Calendar



| <b>Date—Time</b>            | <b>Event</b>                         | <b>Location</b>              |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| March 5                     | “An Evening in Emmaus”               | VFW                          |
| March 10                    | Compost Center Opens                 | See Page 5                   |
| March 31                    | Deadline for Ambulance Subscriptions | See Page 11                  |
| April 1                     | Deadline for Sponsor -A-Concert      | See Page 3                   |
| April 1                     | Deadline for Shops of Emmaus Flowers | See Page 12                  |
| April 5                     | Curbside Yard Waste Pickup Begins    | See Page 5                   |
| April 24                    | Emmaus Public Library Book Sale      | Lower Macungie Middle School |
| June 5, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. | Community Yard Sale                  | Throughout the Community     |
| June 6, 6:00 p.m.           | Summer Concert Series Begins         | Emmaus Community Park        |
| June 13, 2:00 p.m.          | Flag Day Program                     | Emmaus Community Park        |
| June 12 & 13, 11:00 a.m.    | “Best In Bloom” Arts Festival        | Downtown Emmaus              |
| June 21                     | Summer Parks Program                 | Emmaus Community Park        |
| July 15, 8:00 p.m.          | Emmaus Movie Night                   | Emmaus Community Park        |