

# Borough of Ephrata Newsletter

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## **Ephrata Community Events**

Make-A-Wish Foundation®  
Mother's Day Convoy  
Sunday, May 13

TNT Youth Ministries  
The Extreme Event  
Ephrata's Grater Park  
Friday, May 25  
5:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Hospital Day in the Park  
Saturday, June 2  
7:00 AM—6:00 PM

Borough Offices  
will be closed on  
Friday, April 6th for  
Good Friday and  
Monday, May 28th for  
Memorial Day

## **Construction for Rails to Trails Project to Begin**

The Ephrata community will soon begin to see the transformation of a trail, once used to usher railroad trains in and out of the area, into a recreational trail providing a unique benefit to the area. This type of recreational resource will provide multiple uses, including walking, jogging and biking, for generations.

In November 2006, Ephrata Borough Council awarded the contract to complete the first phase of the Rails to Trails project to Rogele, Inc. from Harrisburg, PA. The project includes construction of an asphalt trail in the former Reading and Columbia Railroad bed. The construction of the approximately 5,000 lineal feet of trail, on the existing railway, will stretch between East Fulton Street and Sycamore Road at Pointview Avenue with a short walkway from East Locust Street to an existing walkway at the rear of the Artworks building on State Street.



The proposed macadam trail will include other amenities such as concrete plazas, site lighting, benches, trash receptacles, existing parking lot improvements, landscaping, retaining walls, and storm water improvements, etc. The trail will vary from eight and twelve feet wide. Construction is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2007. The total estimated project cost is \$800,000.

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### **CSI: Ephrata**

There is no shortage of viewers for all the Crime Scene Investigation shows on television these days and the Ephrata Police Department has brought a Junior CSI program right here to Ephrata's youth. Under the professional guidance from members of the Ephrata Police Forensic Team, the students from the Ephrata Middle School and at the Ephrata Recreation Center have recently had the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in forensic science.

The students actively participate in a variety of four stations where they eagerly investigate simulated crime scenes. The stations have the enthusiastic Jr. CSI students involved with fingerprints, footprints, and evidence collection. Students who complete the program receive the coveted "Junior CSI Ephrata" tee shirt. "Corporal Eric Schmitt has taken the lead in the Junior CSI program and does an excellent job with the kids. Officer Paul Moore has also contributed his skills to this effort and the results have been great," stated Chief Steve Annibali.

The Junior CSI program is another way the Ephrata Police Department continues to have a positive influence in the community. "The kids are eager to learn and they really enjoy the connection with our officers," said Mayor Ralph Mowen.

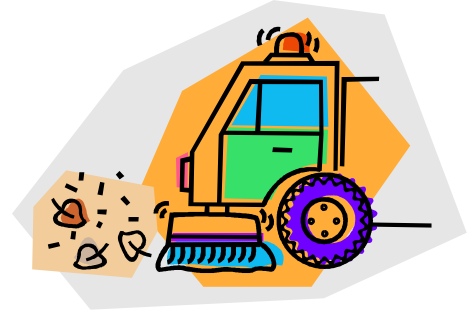
### ***Borough of Ephrata Street Sweeping Program Begins Soon***

It is that time of year when the Public Works Division begins its annual street sweeping program. As in the past, Public Works will incorporate weed spraying as part of the street sweeping program. Each street is swept twice a year with special emphasis on the Central Business District and high traffic areas. Streets being cleaned will be posted with “no parking” signs the day prior to sweeping. To assist us please cooperate by removing vehicles from the posted areas.

#### *Why we sweep...*

Street sweeping is performed in the Borough to accomplish several objectives. Removal of grit and debris makes the street safer and improves the aesthetics of the community. In addition, the removal of the street debris improves the quality of the water in the receiving streams (from the storm water system) as well as minimizing the need to clean the storm water collection system from deposits washed into the system from the street. When vehicles are removed from the curb line, the Borough also has the opportunity to spray along the curb to control weeds.

Please visit the Borough website at [www.ephrataboro.org](http://www.ephrataboro.org) or check the local newspapers for upcoming schedules and program information.



### **PA State Liquid Fuel Taxes Aid Ephrata Borough**

In Pennsylvania, some counties benefit by receiving one-half cent of the twelve cents per gallon State Liquid Fuels and Fuels Use Tax. In Lancaster County, funds are distributed to municipalities to aid in street programs. These funds have been used in Ephrata for an array of projects such as construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of roads, highways and bridges. In addition, funding can be used for public works equipment, or repairs and replacement of equipment.

In 2006, the Borough received approximately \$225,000, which subsidized costs for reconstruction and overlay of four projects and an additional \$8,000 on equipment replacement. In 2007, \$225,000 in funding will be used to offset the costs of street and alley improvements. This year funding will aid in the following projects:

#### **Street and Alley Improvements**

Several streets and alleys are tentatively scheduled for various improvements this summer. The locations and methods of improvement are as follows:

- West Queen Street (South State Street to South Oak Street) – Full Depth Pavement Reclamation with Overlay
- Tom Avenue (Akron Road to East Fulton Street) – Cold-In-Place Recycling and Milling with Overlay
- East Fulton Street (Akron Road to Tom Avenue) – Cold-In-Place Recycling
- Hazel Alley (Spruce Alley to Church Avenue) – Reconstruction

Other improvement projects the Borough has scheduled for 2007, which are not aided by the above funding are:

#### **Spring Garden Street Storm Water**

This project involves designing and engineering storm water improvements for Spring Garden Street from just south of East Walnut Street to Hill Street. This work is being completed in advance of proposed storm water construction and street improvements to Spring Garden Street slated for 2008.

#### **Cocalico Creek Raceway**

In an effort to maintain the integrity of the existing Cocalico Creek raceway, located parallel with and to the rear of Penn Avenue, this project will include reconstructing a portion of the existing concrete retaining wall which has eroded away over the years.

***Daylight Savings Time begins March 11th***

## Haws Serves as Community Service Officer

Ephrata residents and visitors to the community may have seen her working in the downtown area in the past putting the shine on everything from sidewalks to meters, or mowing grass at Borough Hall, but if you have seen her lately, Tracey Haws is working a new beat as Ephrata's Community Service Officer.

As a member of the Ephrata Police Department, the Community Service Officer (CSO) assists the police officers in handling administrative and non-hazardous calls for service. The Community Service Officer is a civilian, non-law enforcement position and was created to relieve sworn police officers from the less serious complaints so they can instead direct more of their energy towards crime prevention, criminal investigation/apprehension and traffic enforcement while being available for emergency situations that will arise.

*"The CSO position has been a great cost savings staffing tool that has allowed us to focus our police officers efforts on keeping Ephrata safe."* said Chief Steve Annibali.



As a Community Service Officer Haws has received training in the area of parking control, parking enforcement, minor criminal and traffic incidents, and a variety of other quality of life matters.

Haws began her career at the Borough of Ephrata as a part-time Meter Reader in 1999 and served as a full-time Laborer in the Public Works Department for the past four years. As she begins her service with the Ephrata Police Department, please feel free to approach CSO Haws as someone who is there to assist and serve others within the Ephrata area.

## 2007 Ephrata Borough Council Committees

*Budget and Finance Committee* - Responsible for overseeing budget preparation, investments, audits and related financial matters. Committee members include Robert J. Good, Chairperson, Bryan J. Foard and Victor E. Richard

*Community Services Committee* - Responsible for personnel policies, labor contract review, parks and recreation, and community services and awards. Committee members include Daryl L. Horning, Chairperson, Victor E. Richard and Brian N. Rohrbaugh

*Development Activities Committee* - Responsible for overseeing Borough property, subdivision and zoning regulations, and economic development activities. Committee members include Fred M. Thomas, Chairperson, A. Anthony Kilkuskie and Daryl L. Horning

*Highway Committee* - Responsible for streets, alleys, curbs, sidewalks and storm water management. Committee members include A. Anthony Kilkuskie, Chairperson, Robert J. Good and Fred M. Thomas

*Municipal Enterprise Committee* - Responsible for electric, sewer and sanitation. Committee members include Bryan J. Foard, Chairperson, Fred M. Thomas and Brian N. Rohrbaugh

*Public Safety Committee* - Responsible for police, fire, public health, codes enforcement, and emergency management. Committee members include Victor E. Richard, Chairperson, Robert J. Good and Daryl L. Horning

*Special Projects Committee* - Responsible for long-range planning and feasibility studies on major projects. Committee members include: Brian N. Rohrbaugh, Chairperson, Bryan J. Foard and A. Anthony Kilkuskie

For your convenience a drop box, located near the flagpole on the parking lot side of the Borough Hall, is available for payments.

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Borough Manager  
Gary A. Nace

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Steven N. Annibali

Ephrata Borough Council meets for its Work Session on the first Monday each month at 7:00 PM and for its Regular Meeting on the second Monday each month at 7:30 PM at the Borough Hall, 124 South State Street.

### Ephrata Borough Council

Bryan J. Foard	1st Ward	721-6345
Daryl L. Horning	1st Ward	733-6226
Mary E. Schurr, President	2nd Ward	733-6411
Brian N. Rohrbaugh	2nd Ward	733-1029
Anthony Kilkuskie	3rd Ward	733-7607
Fred M. Thomas	3rd Ward	733-0421
Robert J. Good, Vice President	4th Ward	733-2520
Victor E. Richard	4th Ward	733-8242
<b>Mayor</b>		
Ralph E. Mowen		733-6129

## Recycling & Refuse Collection News

Collection of refuse & recycling will be delayed one day during the week of May 28, 2007 due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Yard waste collection begins April 2, 2007 and continues through October 18, 2007. Collection is the same day as recycling. Yard waste must be in biodegradable bags provided by the Borough.

Tire and white good collection (large appliances weighing more than fifty pounds) will be the week of May 7, 2007 and the week of September 10, 2007. Collection is the same day as recycling.

*Extra service tags are required for yard waste and tires - \$2.00 each and white goods - \$20.00 each  
Tags can be purchased at the Borough Office,  
124 S. State Street*

***Please keep trash and recycling containers at the side or rear of a building except at collection time***

## BOROUGH HOSTS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Since 2002, the Ephrata Borough has sponsored, for children of the Ephrata School District, a unique way of learning about the environment. The Illusion Maker (a.k.a. David James) is shown this year being welcomed at the Fulton Elementary School. There he taught the children, in a very fun way, the importance of reducing, reusing, recycling, conserving and storm water protection. The Illusion Maker has also visited the Highland Elementary School and the Ephrata Middle School.



This year the program is based on being a “Super Survivor” where the children learn new ideas on how they can have a positive influence on this island we call earth. In past years, the Illusion Maker presented other themed programs to the Ephrata School children that included a “50’s Rock & Roll Magic Show” a “Who Wants to be a Know-It-All Quiz Show” and a “Do You Believe in Magic Illusion Show” all rooted on teaching children environmental matters.

Trees overhanging public streets and alleys should be trimmed to a minimum height of 13' and 8' over sidewalks.  
All bushes and shrubbery should be trimmed back to keep the sidewalks open and passable.