

# Borough of Ephrata Newsletter

## Aloha from Downtown Ephrata!

The Ephrata Merchants Association will host a special event of "Hawaiian Nights" on the warm tropical evening of Friday, July 15th from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Join us downtown Ephrata for a pig roast, an eating contest, slushies, popcorn and games. *Elvis* will provide special entertainment!

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## Downtown Cruise—We're Opening Downtown Just for You!

All roads lead to Ephrata Borough on Saturday, June 18, 2005 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM when classic, street rods, and muscle cars line downtown. American and European cars and trucks of varied years and makes will be displayed. *Event will be held rain or shine.*

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## Water Quality & Education is Key

As the contracting agent for the Ephrata Area Joint Authority the staff of the Water Treatment Division stand ready to serve in a variety of capacities. As their top priority is to provide safe drinking water these certified operators work many hours around the clock monitoring, reporting and treating our water in accordance with federal and state laws.

In fact, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has recognized Ephrata for the sixth consecutive year for meeting these accomplishments under the Safe Drinking Water Program.

Among other services our certified operators fulfill, and equally important is education. Whether answering consumer questions by



phone or in person these operators are equipped, knowledgeable and ready to serve. As seen in the photograph Scott Young, Chief Operator of the Water Treatment Division explains to a Clay Elementary second grade class the water treatment process. Adapting their presentations to various age levels be it elementary, high school or adults, the operators are very professional and accommodating when explaining the treatment process. Starting with the source of the water and testing to safe drinking water arriving in our homes.

Each year the Authority presents the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report (also called the Consumer Confidence Report) to customers and property owners. This report is designed to inform consumers on the quality of the water, sources of the water, monitoring results as well as other general information it collects to comply with regulations. Please look for distribution of this report or visit our website [www.ephrataboro.org](http://www.ephrataboro.org) later this summer. For ques-

## Road Recycling in Ephrata

Beginning this summer the Borough of Ephrata will be using an innovative method called Cold-In-Place Recycling to rehabilitate asphalt roadways. This cost-effective technique, which has been around for several years, improves the life of the roadway compared to the conventional mill and overlay process.

In the Cold-In-Place process of recycling, a train of equipment completes the task in one pass and eliminates major detours and obstructions. This process consists of milling the asphalt to a depth of three to five inches to eliminate cracks and ruts. The material is then sized and blended with a specifically formulated asphalt mixture. The old pavement is rejuvenated when the asphalt mixture acts as a binder to form the new recycled asphalt surface which is then laid as the recycled base course. There is a waiting period of seven to ten days until the final wearing surface is applied and the job is complete.

This treatment process is not only a recycling process that eliminates the hauling of material from the jobsite but also provides a stronger foundation renewing the lifespan of the roadway. The first Cold-In-Place treatment method scheduled in Ephrata Borough will be on Martin Avenue between Route 322 and Route 272.

## Ephrata Police Department Receives Improvements Grant

When the new Ephrata Borough Hall was built in 2002 it was designed with foresight for future growth in mind. That time has come for the Police Department with the successful launch of contract polices services to Ephrata Township in January of this year.

The Police Department is no stranger to obtaining grants and in the past several years have received grants for DARE drug education training in our schools, a free crime scene/special services truck, free officer training and even grant funds to contribute to the start up costs of contract services. In anticipation of the expanded Ephrata Police services, which took place earlier this year, Chief Steve Annibali had already applied to the Department of Community and Economic Development for a grant. The request to the Department of Community and Economic Development was made in November 2004 and was based on needed expansion of the Investigations Section of the Police Department.

In a letter dated May 2005 the Borough received official notification from Dennis Yablonsky, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development of the approval of a \$41,792 grant to support this expansion.

“These funds will pay for the necessary expansion of our Investigations Section without burdening the citizens of Ephrata.” Said Mayor Ralph E. Mowen. “Detectives play a major role in customer service and investigating crimes.” Mowen added. A new interview room, a detective office area to house the additional detective position paid for by Ephrata Township and furnishings are all included in the grant funds. It is anticipated that improvements will be made this summer.

## Borough Gifts Enhance Ephrata Community

In fostering a commitment to shape the future of the Ephrata Community, the Borough of Ephrata Council will be awarding approximately \$290,000 in civic contributions throughout 2005. These contributions were granted based on enhancing community life, the assessment of current needs and proactive potential solutions for future needs for the following nine Ephrata organizations.

Lincoln Fire Company		Pioneer Fire Company	
Truck Fund	\$25,000	Truck Fund	\$25,000
Operating Contribution	\$11,000	Operating Contribution	\$11,000
Ephrata Public Library	\$42,000	Downtown Ephrata Inc.	\$50,000
Rescue Squad	\$1,000	Ephrata Recreation Center	\$12,000
Ephrata Recreation Center		Ephrata Playhouse in the Park	*\$100,000
July 4th Fire Works	\$5,000	<i>* Third of three payments</i>	
Performing Arts Grants	**\$14,000		
<i>** \$5,400 reimbursable from a PA Performing Arts Grant</i>			

## Retiring the Stars & Stripes



Upon its arrival in 1777 the first flag with its alternating red and white thirteen stripes and thirteen stars on a blue field has been a symbol of America. As the United States evolved and America changed so did our flag. Adding one star for each state and a very interesting list of rules and regulations about the flag as detailed in the Flag Code.

One of those rules includes proper disposal of an American flag that is no longer a fitting emblem for display. In Ephrata the following local veteran organizations accept torn or tattered flags and destroy them in a dignified way.

- \* Amvets Post 136 – 614 South State Street
- \* B.P.O. Elks –170 Akron Road
- \* American Legion – 100 Cocalico Street
- \* V.F.W. – 141 South State Street

## LIVE ON THE LAWN

The lawn of the Ephrata Public Library, 550 South Reading Road, will be the scene of three free concerts this summer. This concert series for teens begins on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM featuring the Christian rock music of *The Mint*.

The second concert slated for Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:00 PM takes on the music of *Battle of the Bands*. This concert will entertain with a variety of teen bands. To enter your band please contact Jim at 738-1167. The summer series winds down when *emberfall* and *Open Mic* take the stage to perform the sounds of Christian rock Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.

“Live on the Lawn” is made possible by a cooperative effort between the Ephrata Recreation Center and the Ephrata Public Library. Special recognition is also given to the Borough of Ephrata, CAB Studios, Summers Trucking and Saul Printing for their contributions in the success of this event.

### *Fun in the Sun at the Ephrata Community Pool*

If you are looking for a way to beat the heat this summer head to the Ephrata Community Pool located on the corner of Oak and King Streets. The pool officially opened Memorial Day weekend and will operate through Labor Day. Pool hours are Monday through Saturday 12:30 PM to 8:00 PM and Sunday 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Daily general admission rates are \$3.00 for students and \$4.00 for adults. A one dollar discount is given after 5:30 PM. The senior citizen rate throughout the day is \$2.50. Season tickets for the summer of 2005 are available at the following rates:

#### Season Tickets for Ephrata Borough Residents:

Students – 17 years and under	\$59.00
Adult – 18 years and older	\$87.00
Family – includes children 17 years and under or full-time students	\$156.00

#### Season Tickets for Non-Residents:

Students – 17 years and under	\$71.00
Adult – 18 years and older	\$100.00
Family – includes children 17 years and under or full-time students	\$193.00

For more information on pool operations, hours and rates please call 738-9268.

### **Look for Art, Crafts, Food and Cars Later this Summer!**

This year there truly is something for everyone when arts, crafts, food and cars come together all in the comfort of your own backyard. Right here in Ephrata Borough!

Make a day of it on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM when Ephrata hosts *Fall Cruise 2005*. This free to the public classic car show event will be held in Ephrata’s Grater Park next to the Cocalico Creek.

This classics in the park event is organized by the Ephrata Police Department, Ephrata Chamber of Commerce and the Ephrata Merchants Association, in cooperation with the Borough of Ephrata and sponsorships from various local businesses. The event will display hot rods, American and European models of various years and makes as well as other classic vehicles. A DJ will also be on hand to spin your favorite music at the band shell. This event is an Ephrata Police Department fundraiser for the Cops for Tots program started in 2004 by two Ephrata Police Officers. The goal of this program is to spread good will and cheer by giving gifts at Christmas to children of the community.

Also on September 10<sup>th</sup> is the 32<sup>nd</sup> *Annual Arts & Crafts Festival and Restaurant Fair* located on Ephrata’s picturesque Main Street. Presented by the Ephrata Merchants Association this event boasts over 200 artisans exhibiting their wares as well as more than a dozen local restaurants serving up your favorite dishes.

If you plan to go to both events please consider using the *free* shuttle service to and from the classics in the park and the downtown *Arts & Crafts Festival and Restaurant Fair*.

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**Borough Manager**  
**Gary A. Nace**

**Chief of Police**  
**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

John W. Berkes	1st Ward	738-3982
Bryan J. Foard	1st Ward	721-6345
Johann H. Freeseaman, Jr.	2nd Ward	733-4883
Mary E. Schurr, Vice President	2nd Ward	733-6411
Anthony Kilkuskie	3rd Ward	733-7607
Fred M. Thomas, President	3rd Ward	733-0421
Robert J. Good	4th Ward	733-2520
Paul S. Rauch	4th Ward	738-9912
<b>Mayor</b>		
Ralph E. Mowen		733-6129

## Refuse & Recycling Holiday Schedule

All refuse and recycling service will be delayed one day during the weeks of Independence Day Monday, July 4, 2005 and Labor Day Monday, September 5, 2005.

Yard Waste Collection continues through October 15, 2005 - Collection is the same day as recycling. A yard waste tag which includes a bag, are \$2.00 each and can be purchased at the Borough office, 124 South State Street.

## 2005 Concerts in the Park Begin on Father's Day

Since 1974, the Ephrata Park has echoed the sounds of the Ephrata Concert Band on summer evenings. This year the concert season begins on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and runs each Sunday through August 7, 2005. The concerts begin at 7:15 PM in Ephrata's Grater Park. In the event of rain the concert is held in the Ephrata Middle School.

The band is comprised of school and college students, adults and retired people, who have a love of music. These concerts, under the direction of Carl Tobias, are well attended, eagerly anticipated and free to the public.

The Concerts in the Park are supported in part by the Borough of Ephrata and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

## Maintaining the Quality of Life in Ephrata Borough

As summer quickly approaches please remember to keep your grass trimmed to 6 inches or less. Also take the time to trim the growth in the joints of the sidewalk and the areas around trees. Lastly, stay one step ahead of that garden this summer by weeding regularly to keep weed growth to 6" or less. Help us to continue to make the Borough of Ephrata the Location of Choice. Call 738-9202 with any questions about high grass or weeds.

*Please do not place obstacles in public streets to reserve parking*