

Borough of Ephrata Newsletter

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Ephrata Community Events

“Concerts in the Park”
Each Sunday at 7:00 PM
June 17th through August 5th

30th Annual
Firecracker 5-Mile Run
July 4th at 8:30 AM
Ephrata War Memorial Field

Ephrata Community Fireworks
July 4th at 9:30 PM
Lincoln Heights Outdoor
Recreational Area

Ephrata Merchants Association
Family Fun Night
“Downtown Ephrata Idol”
July 20th
Downtown Ephrata

34th Annual Art & Crafts
Festival and Restaurant Fair
September 8th

Council Adopts 10-Year Forestry Plan

The citizens of Ephrata Borough are fortunate that many years ago Borough officials acquired about 200 acres of wooded land on the Ephrata Mountain. This natural haven is part of the Borough’s park system and is widely used for hiking and wildlife observation. Borough ownership protects the land from development so that future generations will enjoy this forest setting.

In order to ensure the long-term health of this forest for the future, Borough Council appointed a Forest Stewardship Plan Task Force to prepare a Forest Stewardship Plan for this area. As



pictured, the Task Force consisted of Borough Councilman Tony Kilkuskie, and Lola Mowen and Lynn Stauffer neighbors to the forest area. Recreation Center Director David Lloyd also played a key role. This group brought in a professional forester from Antietam Forestry Consultants of Fleetwood to assess the overall health of the woodlands and provide recommendations to improve forest conditions. The Plan was reviewed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission

and the Bureau of Forestry and then adopted by Borough Council in May 2007.

The Stewardship Plan begins with the objectives of preserving aesthetics, offering hiking opportunities, offering wildlife/nature observation opportunities, protecting privacy of neighbors, and maintaining the forest atmosphere. These objectives can be accomplished through a ten-year plan of action, which begins in 2008 with planning a trail system to provide access for tree harvesting and undergrowth control activities. Trails established for forest maintenance will be graded, seeded with grasses, and permanently maintained for hiking and nature observation.

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The complete Forest Stewardship Plan is available under the “Borough Reports of Interest” on the Borough website at www.ephrataboro.org

Riding the Beat

For years the term "beat officer" envisioned a police officer walking through a downtown area twirling a wooden nightstick. Times have changed and in Ephrata the latest community policing involves a focus on being visible and mobile.



In the Ephrata community the benefits of the latest policing initiatives include bike patrols throughout neighborhoods, parks, shopping areas and during special events. Riding the beat makes the Ephrata Police Officers an approachable source for assistance and information for residents and visitors. Children especially relate to the bike patrols and officers enjoy the opportunity to create a good relationship with them.

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**Borough Offices
will be closed
Wednesday, July 4th &
Monday, September 3rd**

Before Digging Think Safety

Safe digging is everyone’s responsibility, whether you are planting a tree or putting in a new fence. In fact, anytime you excavate, a PA One Call is needed so that utility lines can be located. By making a PA One Call, electric, cable, telephone, gas, sewer, water, traffic signals, and pipelines can be marked so that injury, loss of life or costly property damage can be avoided



and unfortunate incidents can be kept to a minimum. The American Public Works Association (APWA) has designated the following color code for marking underground utility lines: white-proposed excavation, pink-temporary survey markings, red-electric, yellow-gas/oil, orange-communication/CATV, blue-water, purple-reclaimed water, and green-sewer.

What should you know before digging?

- 1) Mark the specific excavation site with white coloring
- 2) *Call PA One Call at 1-800-242-1776
- 3) Wait for the site to be marked
- 4) Respect all markings
- 5) Dig with care

* Have the following information ready before calling: address, nearest intersection, type of work, depth & method of excavation, private property/other, name & address of person/contractor doing work, contact person and telephone number.

In Ephrata, Borough employee Ron Strubeck has been on the job marking PA One Calls for two years. In 2006 Ephrata Borough responded to approximately 1,600 PA One Calls. In the above picture, Ron marks a water line, as required, with blue paint and blue flags.

To schedule a location of utilities call 1-800-242-1776 three working days before digging. This is a free service unless requested during non-operational hours. For more information, contact www.paonecall.org or the Borough of Ephrata at 738-9236.

This Summer ~ Stay Cool at the Pool!

The 2007 summer season is upon us and the Ephrata Community Pool, located in the Grater Community Park, is open now 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:

	<u>Before 5:30 PM</u>	<u>After 5:30PM</u>
Preschool	\$2.00	\$1.00
Students	\$4.00	\$2.00
Adults	\$6.00	\$3.00
Seniors	\$3.00	\$1.50



Season tickets for the summer of 2007 are also available at the following rates:

<u>Ephrata Borough Residents:</u>		<u>Non-Residents:</u>	
Preschool – 5 years & under	\$ 27.00	Preschool – 5 years & under	\$ 35.00
Students – 18 years & under	\$ 59.00	Students – 18 years & under	\$ 71.00
Adult – 19 years & older	\$ 87.00	Adult – 19 years & older	\$100.00
Family – includes children 18 & under or a full-time student	\$156.00	Family – includes children 18 & under or a full-time student	\$193.00
Senior – 60 years & over	\$ 59.00	Senior – 60 years & over	\$ 71.00

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

Preparing for Mosquito Season

As warm weather brings thoughts of summer and outdoor activities please remember that the mosquito season (April through September) is upon us.

In Ephrata, Jay Snyder the Borough's Environmental Resource Manager is already busy monitoring mosquito activity and potential breeding sites—as shown in picture. His job is to determine if sites can be modified to eliminate standing water thereby minimizing the number of mosquitoes early in the season and reducing the amplification rate of mosquito's carrying the West Nile virus and its potential for health and economic impacts.

Homeowners are urged to take some common sense preparations to reduce mosquito-breeding areas on their properties as warmer weather approaches.

“The species of mosquitoes that are responsible for spreading the virus love breeding habitats created by humans,” stated Josh Fair, Lancaster County West Nile Coordinator. These include neglected swimming pools, pool covers, planters, buckets, tires, clogged gutters, wheelbarrows and anything else that may hold water for at least five days. These items should be flipped over, drained weekly or drilled to prevent water from collecting. If standing water can not be eliminated, residents can purchase safe pesticides containing the ingredient BTI at most home and garden centers.



In Lancaster County only one human fell ill to West Nile in 2006. However, several areas of risk were identified where mosquito samples regularly tested positive toward the end of the 2006 season. “This virus may be scarce for seasons at a time but will not disappear. We are seeing localized outbreaks statewide and no area is immune,” stated Mr. Fair.

This season, remember to wear insect repellent in the early morning and evening, make sure that window screens are in place and wear long sleeves and pants if possible.

For information on West Nile Virus please visit the state website at www.westnile.state.pa.us or contact the Lancaster West Nile Program at 394-6851. Mosquito 101 by Adapco also provides simple language for homeowners describing mosquito breeding and control at <http://www.e-adapco.com/homeowners.php>.

Riding the Beat - Continued

Officers in the Ephrata Community have a unique opportunity to patrol using both car and bicycle. As officers are assigned work zones that may be in rural and non-rural areas, officers have the ability to transport a patrol bike on the back of the cruiser to use in more populated areas. The Ephrata Police Department has seven trained bike patrol officers. As part of their training, officers learn various patrol techniques, tactics, how to overcome stairways and how to use a bike as a barrier and shield.

Bike patrols are also a visible deterrent to crime and officers can get closer to a crime in progress before being seen. Often bikes are more mobile and can maneuver in areas a vehicle cannot, such as in a crowd or narrow passage. Officers on bikes can mingle with crowds during events like the Ephrata Street Fair or during a parade. While working from a bicycle, officers find that they are approached by citizens more often and are able to take the time to stop and talk as they patrol, something that typically doesn't happen when driving a police cruiser.

“Ephrata police officers ride bicycles throughout most of our seasons. Our residents should feel comfortable with this very approachable way to work together with their police department,” said Chief Steve Annibali.

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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
Mayor		
Ralph E. Mowen		733-6129

Enjoy A Safe July 4th

Typically, the July 4th holiday involves great American traditions of picnics, parades sparklers and fireworks. In Pennsylvania, permitted consumer fireworks include sparklers or other devices which contain .25 grains or less of explosive compound and are constructed so the hand cannot come into contact with the device. Specifically prohibited fireworks include but are not limited to, firecrackers, skyrockets, roman candles, aerial fireworks, or other fireworks of like construction, and any fireworks containing any explosive or flammable compound.

This year be safe and use common sense. Respect fireworks and sparklers as the patriotic way to honor our tradition of independence, but also respect the fact that caution must be used. Here are a few other safety tips:

- ★ Use fireworks and sparklers only outdoors.
- ★ Only persons over 12 years of age should handle sparklers of any type. Too many young people get burned by sparkles each year.
- ★ Obey local laws. If fireworks are not legal – don't use them. If drought conditions mean a ban on fireworks, follow the law.
- ★ Fireworks and alcohol do not mix.

This year plan on attending a public firework display. In Ephrata, a community fireworks display will be held on July 4th at 9:30 PM from the

Refuse & Recycling Holiday Reminder—If your regular collection day is:

Independence Day - Wednesday, July 4, 2007 - collection will be Thursday; Thursday pick up will be Friday
Labor Day - Monday, September 3, 2007 - collection for the entire week will be delayed by one day

Yard Waste Collection will continue through October 18, 2007 - Collection is same day as recycling
*White Goods (large appliances weighing more than 50 lbs.) & Tire collection the week of September 10th
* White Good Tags are \$20.00/ea.; Tire Tags are \$2.00/ea.

Cardboard Recycling Available to Borough Residents

The Borough now has a cardboard recycling program. A drop off site, located across from the Public Works Complex on Pine Street, now accepts corrugated cardboard - cardboard with a fluted lining. Residents are asked to flatten all cardboard prior to placing it in the recycling container.

Make Recycling a Daily Habit!