

Borough of Ephrata Newsletter

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Ephrata Community Calendar of Events

2008 Concerts in Grater Park
Each Sunday at 7:15 PM
June 15th through August 3rd

“Third Friday’s a Charm”
Every Third Friday Ephrata
Downtown Shops Offer
Something Special!
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

31st Annual
Firecracker 5-Mile Run
July 4th at 8:30 AM
Ephrata War Memorial Field

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

TNT Event - ” The Awakening”
Youth Tent Revival
Behind WIOV at 7:00 PM
July 20 - 24

35th Annual Arts & Craft
and Restaurant Fair
September 6th

PAUL MOORE NAMED 2007 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

The Ephrata Police Department is proud to announce that Officer Paul Moore has been selected as Outstanding Officer of the Year for 2007 by the Lancaster County Chiefs of Police Association.

Officer Paul Moore has served the community of Ephrata since 1995 when he became a police officer in Ephrata Township. He served at the Township in many capacities including Evidence Technician and Datamaster BAC Supervisor. In 2005, when the Borough of Ephrata began providing contract police services to Ephrata Township, Officer Moore joined the Borough’s police department where he continues to serve in these capacities as well as a Field Training Officer and assistant Patrol Team Leader.



Paul is a beacon of reason and initiative. His investigations, in spite of limited free time while on patrol, are consistently thorough and complete. He is a dogged defender of women’s safety, taking every precaution to prevent abusers from intimidating and manipulating their way out of court proceedings. In fact, one domestic case prompted this response from ADA Smulkts of the Domestic Violence Unit:

“This is probably the best documented domestic violence case I’ve ever received from an officer. It has everything I would need to prosecute: a statement from the victim, pictures of the victim’s injuries, pictures of the damage caused in the apartment. It’s rare to see that and I felt it necessary to let you know that this was a great job in this case.”

This is not unusual behavior from Officer Moore. He is notorious for developing and following leads and tying up every loose end until he is satisfied that his case has been handled to the best possible extent.

When it comes to involving the community with policing, Officer Moore is again at the top of the list. He uses his knowledge of Landlord/Tennant law and his contacts to solve many neighborhood issues in his area of responsibility. He initiates meetings to broker “truces” between disputing parties – often without requiring charges to be filed. He also knows how to use the leverage of a Police Officer to keep the peace when necessary.

Officer Moore also takes his assigned patrol zone very seriously often taking a proactive initiative to address a possible ordinance violation or quality of life issue well before being asked - the response is “Paul’s already on it.”

There is no way to describe all the ways that Officer Moore improves the community through his policing, but it is hoped that the aforementioned instances can present an overall “flavor” of his work.

Officer Paul Moore’s absolute dedication to service, quality, and professionalism brings credit to himself, upon his department and community, and to Law Enforcement as a profession.

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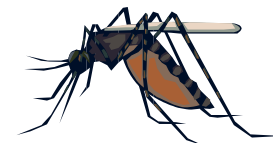
TO ELIMINATE MOSQUITOES AT HOME: 'DUMP IT, DRAIN IT, TREAT IT'

Simple Measures Help Prevent Spread of West Nile Virus

"Warmer temperatures provide ideal mosquito breeding conditions" says Jay Snyder, the Borough's Environmental Resource Manager. Area residents are reminded of simple steps they can take to control mosquitoes in their own yards - an important effort in combating the spread of the West Nile virus. Look around your property and follow these guidelines: If it has water in it, dump it; if it can be drained, drain it; if there is standing water, treat it.

The Borough and Lancaster West Nile personnel monitor sites in the Borough where mosquitoes are likely to breed - treating areas where mosquito's are detected or large numbers of mosquitoes that typically carry the virus are found. Residents can also take simple steps to strengthen our prevention program against the West Nile virus. Consider the following:

- Identify and eliminate all sources of standing water that collects on your property. Mosquitoes will breed in any puddle that lasts for more than four days. Fill low spots with suitable soil or stone
- Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or similar water-holding containers.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers and pay special attention to discarded tires.
- Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish. Water gardens are fashionable but become major mosquito breeding grounds if they are allowed to stagnate.
- A swimming pool that is left unattended for a month becomes a source of mosquito breeding. Be aware that mosquitoes may even breed in the water that collects on swimming pool covers. Turn over plastic wading pools when not in use.



For the last several weeks the Borough has worked with Lancaster County to conduct aggressive mosquito surveillance and treatment within the Borough. The program showed reduced numbers of mosquitoes last year compared with previous years. Area residents have also assisted with tips in locating additional mosquito breeding sights to monitor and treat.

Pennsylvania's aggressive approach has contributed to a drop in the number of human cases of West Nile virus. The virus, when transmitted to people, can cause West Nile fever and encephalitis, an infection that can cause an inflammation of the brain. While most people bitten by an infected mosquito will never develop any symptoms, and only 1 in 150 who develops symptoms will develop the more serious West Nile encephalitis, it is important that we remain diligent in our efforts of prevention.

Residents are reminded to report dead crows, blue jays and hawks, which can indicate the presence of the West Nile virus in an area. The West Nile Control Coordinators will collect a limited number of dead birds for testing through Oct. 31. The West Nile Lancaster County Coordinator can be reached at 717-394-6851 and the Borough's Environmental Resource Manager's number is 738-9282.

When handling dead birds, use rubber gloves. If you do not have gloves, insert your hand into a plastic bag, grasp the bird carefully and invert the bag over the bird. Each bird should be placed in a tied plastic bag and then placed inside a second tied bag. If you are not submitting the bird for testing, the bagged bird can be placed in the trash. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water after handling a dead animal.

For more information about West Nile virus, visit www.westnile.state.pa.us or call 1-877-PA-HEALTH for information.

WIRELESS CELLULAR PHONE RECYCLING

Recycle wireless cellular phones, phone batteries and accessories for free. Stop by the Borough Office at 124 South State St. and ask for a free envelope. *Sprint*® will donate the net proceeds to *Keep America Beautiful*® to help keep your local community green and clean!

A Refreshing Way to Chill this Summer ~ at the Pool!

Looking for a way to relax during the hazy-lazy days of summer? Look no further as the 2008 summer has begun at the Ephrata Community Pool. Located in the Grater Community Park, the pool 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. For more information call 738-9268.

Daily general admission rates:	<u>Before 5:30 PM</u>	<u>After 5:30PM</u>
Preschool	\$3.00	\$1.50
Students	\$5.00	\$2.50
Adults	\$8.00	\$4.00
Seniors	\$5.00	\$2.50

Season tickets for the summer of 2008 are also available at the following rates:

<u>Ephrata Borough Residents:</u>		<u>Non-Residents:</u>	
Preschool – 5 years & under	\$ 26.00	Preschool – 5 years & under	\$ 32.00
Students – 18 years & under	\$ 57.00	Students – 18 years & under	\$ 69.00
Adult – 19 years & older	\$ 83.00	Adult – 19 years & older	\$ 96.00
Family – includes children 18 & under or a full-time student	\$150.00	Family – includes children 18 & under or a full-time student	\$182.00
Senior – 60 years & over	\$ 57.00	Senior – 60 years & over	\$ 69.00

**Important Information on the Ephrata Area Joint Authority
2008 Water System Flushing Program**

The Ephrata Area Joint Authority recently began its annual spring water system flushing program in order to maintain water quality standards. The program, which services the entire Ephrata Area Joint Authority system, will run Monday through Friday between 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM and continue through the summer.

Why do the water lines need to be flushed?

Water typically is moving through the underground water pipes at less than 2 miles per hour. This slow movement allows mineral deposits to build up and accumulate in pipes over time. Flushing water lines help maintain our distribution system and assures high quality water.



While flushing is being conducted:

If you see a crew flushing a hydrant in your service area, avoid running tap water, your washing machine or the dishwasher until the flushing is done. You may experience some discoloring of your tap water. This condition is temporary and will return to normal within a few hours. The water pressure may also be affected temporarily during this procedure.

After the flushing is completed:

Should a reddish, yellow or brown tint in the water appear, do not be alarmed. It is recommended that you do not use the water or do laundry for about two hours. After several hours, run your faucets for a few minutes to make sure the water is clear at which time you may resume normal water use - it is suggested to wash a load of dark clothes first. If pressure or volume seems low, check your faucet screens for trapped debris.

If the water does not clear within a few hours or you have questions regarding the flushing program, please call the Public Works Department at 738-9242 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM. If you call after hours, please leave a message and a representative will get back to you the next business day.

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Borough Manager
Gary A. Nace

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

Daryl L. Horning	1st Ward	733-6226
Dale L. Hertzog	1st Ward	733-7741
Mary E. Schurr	2nd Ward	733-6411
Russell Shirker	2nd Ward	733-6853
Anthony Kilkuskie, Vice President	3rd Ward	733-7607
Fred M. Thomas	3rd Ward	733-0421
Robert J. Good, President	4th Ward	733-2520
Victor E. Richard	4th Ward	733-8242
Mayor		
Ralph E. Mowen		733-6129

Yard Waste Season - Need to Know Information

The Borough encourages all residents to mulch and compost grass clippings and yard waste which make excellent fertilizers rich in nutrients. If you choose not to take advantage of this natural process please continue to read about the Borough's Yard Waste Collection Program.

Yard waste collection will continue through October 16, 2008 and is collected the same day as your recycling. Yard waste is defined as grass clippings, garden residues, twigs, leaves, small amounts of sod and woody yard waste (i.e., sticks and branches up to 6 inches in diameter). This type of yard waste requires an extra service tag and must be in biodegradable bags which are provided by the Borough when a yard waste tag is purchased. Please note that plastic bags and open containers will not be collected.

Also defined as yard waste is brush, limbs, tree trunks or items similar in nature. These items must be tied in bundles no more than 4 feet in length and are limited to 30 pounds in weight. An extra service tag is also required for collection.



Extra service tags for yard waste are available for purchase at \$2.00 each. For additional information please visit www.ephrataboro.org, call 738-9222, or stop by the Borough Office at 124 South State Street.

Recycling & Refuse Collection News

Due to the Labor Day holiday on September 1, 2008 collection of refuse & recycling will be delayed one day.

Tire and white good collection (large appliances weighing more than fifty pounds) will be the week of September 8, 2008. Collection is the same day as recycling.

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

Borough Offices will be closed July 4th & September 1, 2008