

# Borough of Ephrata Newsletter

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## **Ephrata Community Calendar of Events**

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

**32nd 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**

**36th Annual Art and Craft  
& Restaurant Fair  
Downtown Ephrata  
September 12th  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

## **Concerts by the Creek this Summer at Grater Park**

Ephrata introduces something new to the community as it opens its first season of *Concerts by the Creek* in Thomas Grater Community Park. This open-air entertainment provides a variety of music for the entire community that spans throughout the summer months and is free of charge. During the 2009 *Concerts by the Creek* season there will be three concerts ~ so bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy an evening of entertainment!

The first concert scheduled is a performance by Steven Courtney on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Steven Courtney is a singer and songwriter from Lancaster County who provides Children’s Music and Family Entertainment that inspires the imagination and social behavior with a superabundance of creativity.

On Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> *Concerts by the Creek* will host Third Stream Jazz. From a dream to play creative improvised music, Third Stream Jazz provides music from Jazz, Classical, Dixieland Swing, to Be-bop, offering an entertaining and exciting experience to wide audiences.

Wrapping up the *Concerts by the Creek* series for 2009 is Coyote Run on Thursday, August 13th. One of the hottest bands on the Celtic Rock circuit, Coyote Run blends traditional tunes with rich, literate lyrics, and compelling melodies of rock and jazz. Their lyrics and music take the audience on a journey that is both heart stopping and foot stomping. Tears, laughter, clapping and dancing are regular features of a Coyote Run concert.

Concerts begin at 7:00 PM and are two hours in length – rain or shine. Refreshments will be available for purchase or bring your own picnic or snacks – alcohol is prohibited. For more information about *Concerts by the Creek*, please contact Shirley at the Borough Office at 738-9202 Ext. 129.

Also, “Concerts in the Park” begin June 21<sup>st</sup> and continue the following eight Sunday evening’s. Music is provided by the Ephrata Concert Band, at no charge, and will be held in the Thomas Grater Community Park beginning at 7:15 PM.

## **Congratulations Ephrata!**

At the Annual Pennsylvania Rural Water Conference held in April at Pennsylvania State University, the Ephrata Area Joint Authority received a “2009 Pride of Pennsylvania Award” for Third Place in best tasting water. Certified Operators from Ephrata entered the water sample which was judged by their peers based on taste and odor.

## **Christmas Tree Donation Needed**

The Ephrata National Bank and the Ephrata Merchant’s Association are looking for a donation of one tree to serve as the community Christmas tree. The tree should be 14-24 feet high and be easily accessible for removal. The tree will be removed free of charge by the Borough (this does not include stump removal). The tree will be placed in front of the Main Street branch of Ephrata National Bank during the Christmas holiday season. If your tree is used, you will be recognized and invited to participate in the lighting ceremony on Black Friday. For more information, please contact Debbie at ENB at 721-5299.

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### The 2009 Pool Season Begins

The Ephrata pool season began Memorial Day and will run through Labor Day. The pool will be open Monday through Saturday from 12:30 PM to 8:00 PM and Sunday from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM. For more information on pool operation, hours and rates please call 738-9268.

Season tickets for the pool are available at the following rates:

<u>Ephrata Borough Residents:</u>		<u>Non-Residents:</u>	
Preschool – 5 years & under	\$ 28.00	Preschool – 5 years & under	\$ 36.00
Student – 18 years & under	\$ 61.00	Student – 18 years & under	\$ 74.00
Adult – 19 years & older	\$ 90.00	Adult – 19 years & older	\$104.00
Family – Children must be 18 & under or a full-time student	\$162.00	Family – Children must be 18 & under or a full-time student	\$199.00
Senior – 60 years & over	\$ 61.00	Senior – 60 years & over	\$ 74.00



#### 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

### 2009 Borough Street Improvement Program

#### Street Surface Condition Inspections

Inspections on Borough-maintained streets are being conducted and will continue throughout 2009. This inspection data will be used to calculate a pavement condition index that will be linked with other data such as construction and maintenance history, traffic history and drainage conditions thereby completing a comprehensive pavement evaluation. In the end, use of this pavement management system technology will enable the Borough to make more cost effective decisions.

#### Mill & Overlay South State Street & Portion of Lime Street

South State Street from Lime Street to Old Mill Road is slated for improvements, which include milling and removing two inches of existing street surface and replacing same with fresh asphalt. This also includes replacement of the street centerline and lane paint markings, replacement of a drainage catch basin and grade adjustment of sewer manholes and water valves.

#### Microsurfacing of West Pine Street & North Oak Street

West Pine Street and North Oak Street between Church Avenue and West Main Street will be microsurfaced, which is one of the fastest growing, most cost-effective ways to prolong pavement life and to provide a safer traveling street surface. Microsurfacing creates a new, stable street surface that is resistant to rutting, shoving in summer, cracking in the winter and is often used to improve the skid resistance of worn, smooth street surfaces.

Microsurfacing is made and applied to existing streets by a specialized machine, which carries all components, mixes them on site, and spreads the mixture onto the street surface. As the machine moves forward, the mixture is continuously fed into a full-width “surfacing” box which spreads the mixture the width of a traffic lane in a single pass. The new surface is initially a dark brown color that changes to the finished black surface as water is chemically ejected and the surface cures, permitting traffic flow on the new street surface within one hour in most cases.

#### Old Mill Road Bridge Replacement

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) will begin work in early June to replace the Old Mill Road Bridge. Prior to the actual replacement there will be activity such as tree trimming/removal, clearing and earth moving activities, detour route set-up and construction trailer set-up. The completion of the bridge and the re-opening of this section of Old Mill Road is anticipated in April 2010.

## Magazine & Glossy Paper Recycling Coming Soon!

Your future efforts in reducing what goes to the landfill will ultimately support the Ronald McDonald House of Hershey when the Ephrata area begins recycling magazines and glossy paper.

Since 2004, over \$72,000 has been raised throughout Central Pennsylvania by recycling magazines and glossy paper to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. All of these funds are used to support the operations of the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey, a place that serves as a temporary home for families who have seriously ill children being treated at the Penn State Children's Hospital. On any one night, up to 21 families are accommodated at the Ronald McDonald House *free of charge*, because of the generosity of donors.

How will the glossy paper recycling program work?

✦ Simply pack up your glossy magazines, newspaper inserts, mail, catalogs or any glossy paper for transport and bring it to the designated container.



✦ Empty only the magazines and glossy paper (not the boxes, bags or rubber bands used for transport ~ you can use them again) into the container.

Remember ~ magazines and glossy paper only! *It's that easy!* Please do not deposit regular newspaper in the container.

Look for the container this summer on the Wenger tract of land at the electric substation off Church Avenue - just below our Water Filter Plant.

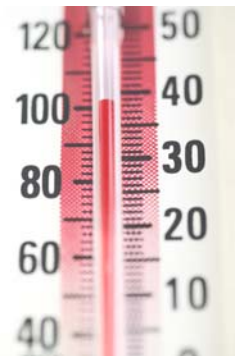
Questions regarding this new program should be directed to the Borough of Ephrata Business Office, 124 South State Street, [custserv@ephrataboro.org](mailto:custserv@ephrataboro.org), or 738-9222.

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## Ephrata Police Department Hot Weather Safety Reminders

The Ephrata Police Department is reminding you to take proper precautions with the upcoming summer heat. It is our hope that you enjoy the summer weather but do so safely.

- ◆ The best prevention is preparation. Increase your hydration before going to work or play and stay hydrated with plenty of water – don't wait until you are thirsty.
- ◆ Try to avoid strenuous activity, especially during the afternoon hours.
- ◆ If you work outside, take frequent breaks in a shaded area.
- ◆ Avoid caffeinated or alcoholic beverages – instead try a bottle of water or sports drink.
- ◆ Wear loose fitting, light colored and lightweight clothes. Don't forget that hat for some shade.
- ◆ Apply sunscreen before going outside.
- ◆ Check regularly on the elderly, those with special needs and children.
- ◆ Heat exhaustion, cramps, or in extreme cases, heat stroke, can result from prolonged exposure and become a true medical emergency.
- ◆ Never leave a person or pet inside of a vehicle – temperatures can quickly exceed 125 degrees.
- ◆ Remember pets and domestic animals need a minimum shaded, well-ventilated environment with access to plenty of cool water.
- ◆ If possible, try to remain in an air conditioned environment.



**Borough Offices will be closed on Friday, July 3rd & Monday, September 7th**

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Borough Office Hours  
Monday-Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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Email: [custserv@ephrataboro.org](mailto:custserv@ephrataboro.org)

Borough Manager  
Gary A. Nace

Chief of Police  
William L. Harvey

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
Wendy Perillo	3rd Ward	721-3177
Robert J. Good, President	4th Ward	733-2520
Victor E. Richard	4th Ward	733-8242
<b>Mayor</b>		
Ralph E. Mowen		733-6129

### Yard Waste Collection

The collection of yard waste continues through Thursday, October 15th. Yard waste is defined as grass clippings, garden residue, twigs, leaves, small amounts of sod and woody yard waste (sticks & branches up to 6" in diameter). This type of yard waste requires a \$2.00 extra service tag and must be in a biodegradable bag. Also defined as yard waste is brush, limbs, tree trunks or items similar in nature. These items must be tied in bundles of no more than 4 feet in length and are limited to 30 pounds and also require a \$2.00 extra service tag. Tags are available for purchase at the Borough Business Office, 124 South State Street. With each tag purchased from the Borough you will receive one biodegradable bag. Please note that yard waste placed in plastic bags and other containers will not be collected. Collection of yard waste is the same day as recycling.



### Tire & White Good Collection

The next collection of tires and white goods (large appliances weighing more than fifty pounds) will be the week of September 14th – the same day your recycling is picked-up. Extra service tags for tires at \$2.00 each and white goods at \$20.00 per item are available for purchase at the Borough Business Office, 124 South State Street.

### Refuse & Recycling Holiday Reminder

Due to the Labor Day holiday, collection of refuse & recycling will be delayed one day during the week of Monday, September 7th

### To Cap or Uncap? That is the Question!



The answer is yes and no....caps are supposed to be removed before bottles are recycled because they are made from a different kind of plastic. So leaving a cap on a bottle here and there does not hurt anything....the bottle will still be recycled. However, processors don't want large quantities of caps because they act as a contaminant with the plastic that is melted down to be re-manufactured. Therefore, as a rule of thumb ~ please continue to uncap those bottles!

### Having a Garage or Yard Sale?

Please stop by the Borough Office to purchase your \$5.00 permit ~ limit two sales per year