

Borough of Ephrata Newsletter

Ephrata Community Calendar of Events

Every "Third Friday's a Charm"

Downtown Ephrata
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

33rd Annual
Firecracker 5-Mile Run
July 3rd at 8:30 AM

Ephrata Community Fireworks
July 3rd at 9:30 PM

Ephrata Merchants Assoc.
Family Fun Night
Friday, July 16th

37th Annual Art & Craft
Festival & Restaurant Fair
Downtown Ephrata
September 11th
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Borough Offices will be closed
Monday, July 5th &
Monday, September 6th

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Introducing the New ~ Old Mill Road Bridge!

This picture taken the end of May reflects a nearly completed 1.5 million dollar project to build an improved and wider bridge on Old Mill Road. In fact, it is quite probable that by the mailing of this newsletter the final touches are already complete.

A far cry from the previous bridge built in 1923; the new bridge will bring many improvements, including easier access without yielding to oncoming vehicles thereby allowing traffic to flow in both directions.



According to the Cocalico Valley Historical Society, the previous bridge was built in 1923. Upon its demolition in June 2009 the Historical Society and its Museum Committee requested and secured the bronze plaque from the bridge. The raised lettering reads "Cocalico Bridge No. 3.; Lancaster County Commissioners, S.W. Miller, J.R Shirk, and W.C. Beam; and

F.H. Shaw, Engineer, J. Miller Eshleman, Contractor." The plaque also states "Safe Load-20 Tons."

Prior to the 1923 Old Mill Road Bridge a covered bridge stood that was built in 1848 by Samuel Reifsnyder. The Historical Society also has in its collection a wooden sign board dated 1906-1909, once nailed above the opening of the covered bridge. The text reads "\$20 fine for riding or driving faster than a walk over this bridge."

Rest assure, to those competing in the Fourth of July Firecracker Run that there will not be a fine for running across the new Old Mill Road Bridge!

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This Summer Concerts are Center Stage!

Whether you like high-energy rock 'n' roll, blues, island tunes or classical music, have we got a show for you! In fact, this summer there will be as many as a dozen opportunities to enjoy a show in the Thomas Grater Community Park located off Cocalico Street.

The Ephrata Concert Band will begin its 2010 "Concerts in the Park" series of eight Sunday evening band concerts on June 20th and each subsequent Sunday through August 8th. Each concert begins at 7:15 PM with the band playing rain or shine. When weather does threaten, the concert is relocated to the Ephrata Recreation Center on Academy Drive. Everyone is welcome and all concerts are free of charge.



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Concerts are Center Stage ~ continued!

Also back by popular demand, are *Concerts by the Creek*. After a successful first year in 2009, the Concerts by the Creek series has grown from three to four shows this summer. Each show will be begin at 6:30 PM and at the right price ~ Free! Events are held rain or shine, so grab a chair, blanket, maybe an umbrella, and enjoy the entertainment!

The series begins on Thursday, June 17th with Jimmy & The Parrots. Bringing a little Jimmy Buffett-style island tunes to Ephrata, Jimmy & The Parrots will also engage you in some classic rock 'n' roll and their own original songs.

Continuing into July the sound of Jim George takes stage on Thursday, July 29th. Described as having a strong soulful, sandpapery voice, Jim rocks the house with a crunchy style rock n' roll, blues and classic soul/R&B.

Moving into August, Mike Doughty will entertain the crowds with verbal wit in his music about everything from break-ups to the economy. Mike's unique show is scheduled for Thursday, August 12th.

Winding up the series on Thursday, September 16th is the Kelly Bell Band. Voted "Best Blues Band" in Music Monthly six years in a row and "Best Blues Band" in the Mid-Atlantic Region for the past 11 years, the band combines classic blues with rock, rap, and funk sounds.

Visit www.concertsbythecreek.com for more information and we hope to see you ~ at the park!

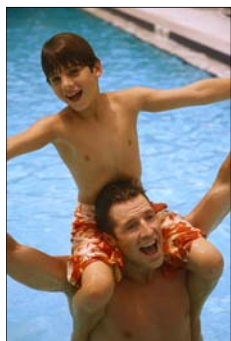
Ephrata Community Pool Season Begins

Open now through Labor Day the Ephrata Community Pool is a great way to stay cool and refreshed. The pool is open Monday through Saturday from 12:30 PM to 8:00 PM and Sunday from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Season tickets for the summer of 2010 are available at the following rates:

<u>Ephrata Borough Residents:</u>		<u>Non-Residents:</u>	
Preschool - 5 years & under	\$ 30.00	Preschool - 5 years & under	\$ 40.00
Student - 18 years & under	\$ 64.00	Student - 18 years & under	\$ 78.00
Adult - 19 years & older	\$ 95.00	Adult - 19 years & older	\$109.00
Family - Children must be 18 & under or a *full-time student	\$171.00	Family - Children must be 18 & under or a *full-time student	\$210.00
Senior - 60 years & over	\$ 64.00	Senior - 60 years & over	\$ 78.00

* Full time students may be included on a family membership for those up to and including 21 years of age and are living and supported by his/her parents.



Daily general admission rates:

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

Please be aware that children five years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult and remain under the adults' supervision. All adults will be required to pay the applicable admission fee whether they do or do not swim.

Having a yard sale? Please remember to purchase your \$5 yard sale permit at the Borough Office.

Water Operators Focus on Performance Based Training Program

A Performance Based Training (PBT) Program, focused on improving operator decision-making abilities and thereby reducing the risk of waterborne disease, was recently held in Ephrata. Several local surface water filtration systems participated. Operators and managers from the Ephrata Area Joint Authority, Denver Borough, Boyertown, Safe Harbor Water Power Corporation and Morgantown Properties participated in the program.

The Ephrata Area Joint Authority included Chief Operator Scott Young, Certified Operators Don Griffith, Jeff Iezzi, Mario Asencio and Superintendent Stephen Bonner.

The session facilitators were representatives from the Department of Environmental Protection. Others who attended the sessions were representatives from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, South Central Region, US Environmental Protection Agency, Partnership for Safe Water and the Small Public Water Systems Technology Assistance Center at Penn State Harrisburg.

Operators at these water systems treat surface water (streams, rivers, lakes) via chemical addition, sedimentation, and filtration to remove contaminants and provide safe drinking water to thousands of customers in their respective communities. Reducing the public health risk from waterborne disease relies primarily on the drinking water treatment system's ability to prevent passage of contaminants from the source water to the consumer. The success or failure of the treatment system is heavily dependent on the ability of the operator to make quick and accurate process control decisions to adequately treat challenging source water conditions.



The PBT optimization program challenges operators to establish and maintain performance goals that exceed the water quality levels set by regulatory agencies. The current program focuses on optimizing particle and turbidity removal from surface water filtration plants. Studies show a relationship exists between turbidity, a measure of the "cloudiness of water" and the ultimate human health risk in the finished drinking water. In general, the more turbidity removed by the treatment systems, the lower the risk that pathogens (disease causing bacteria) may reach the consumer.

The objectives of the PBT are to improve the water system operator's capability to monitor treatment processes via increased data collection, calibrate process control equipment to assure data accuracy, graph data using assessment spreadsheets, utilize the graphs to assess areas of weakness, prioritize activities, use special study procedures to identify causes of performance problems, and use plant-specific data to build support for optimizing overall treatment processes.

The operators attended five sessions in all. The first PBT session was held in February 2009 and the final session was held in March 2010. Each session included homework assignments that the operators completed prior to the next session at which time they reported on lessons learned and progress made. For their efforts, operators received continuing education hours, as required by DEP to retain their water operator license.

The participants established a network of operators, trainers, and facilitators that they may contact to discuss experiences and share lessons learned. This communication network may be used even after the training is completed and is an additional benefit of the PBT approach. One Ephrata operator commented after a visit to the Ephrata Water Filtration Plant, "it helps to have a new set of eyes as others observe our plant."

The PA Department of Environmental Protection and the US Environmental Protection Agency are currently developing other programs using the PBT format.

Support your local fire company by volunteering ~ call or stop by today!

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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 7:00 PM at the Borough Hall, 124 South State Street.

Ephrata Borough Council

Thomas G. Reinhold	1st Ward	733-3111
Dale L. Hertzog	1st Ward	733-7741
Susan E. Rowe	2nd Ward	738-1859
Russell S. Shirker	2nd Ward	733-6853
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Wendy L. Perillo	3rd Ward	468-9697
Robert J. Good	4th Ward	733-2520
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Mayor		
Ralph E. Mowen		733-6129

Summer Refuse & Recycling News

The collection of yard waste will continue through Thursday, October 14th. 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). 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 ft. in length and no more than 30 lbs. Yard waste requires a \$2.00 extra service tag and must be in a biodegradable bag provided by the Borough.

We encourage all residents to mulch and compost. Mulched grass clippings and compost are excellent fertilizers rich in nutrients that help make lawns, shrubs and gardens healthy.



Tire & White Goods Collection – The next collection of tires and white goods (large appliances weighing more than fifty pounds) will be the week of September 13th. Collection is the same day as recycling. Extra service tags for tires are \$2.00 each and for white goods is \$20.00 per item. Tags are available for purchase at the Borough's Business Office, 124 S. State Street.

Refuse & Recycling Holiday Collection Reminder – Due to the Labor Day holiday, collection of refuse & recycling will be delayed by one day the week of September 6th. There will be no collection service on Monday, September 6th.

Cardboard Recycling Available to Borough Residents

Borough residents are encouraged to use the cardboard dumpster, located near the Borough's electric substation off Church Ave just below the Water Plant. This dumpster is for residential use only – businesses are prohibited from using this container.

To prepare your cardboard for disposal, please remove any additional material which may be inside the cardboard, and flatten the box. Please deposit cardboard only and refrain from placing any contaminated cardboard in the dumpster.

Community Christmas Tree Sought

The Ephrata Merchant's Association and Ephrata National Bank are looking for a donation of one tree standing 14-24 feet high and easily accessible for removal. The tree will be removed free of charge by the Borough (this does not include stump removal) and be used as the Community Christmas Tree that will be located at 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.