

Borough of Ephrata Newsletter

Ephrata Community Events September - October 2005

87th Annual Ephrata Fair
September 20-24

**Apple Dumpling Day at the
Ephrata Cloister**
October 8
9:30 AM until sold out

**Ephrata Public Library
Book Sale**
October 14, 15, 17, 18 & 19

Jack Frost Parade
October 26 at 7:00 PM

Halloween Trick or Treat Night
October 31
6:00-8:00 PM

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Ephrata Borough News and Events*



Introducing the Hampton Inn & Suites at Mountain Springs

Ephrata's newest hotel, convenient to downtown and Pennsylvania Dutch Country attractions, has arrived. The new Hampton Inn & Suites at Mountain Springs is set to open this September boasting 72 guest rooms and studio suites for business and leisure travelers. This four-story facility will feature a spacious two-story lobby with a slate fireplace, an indoor pool, fitness center and a breakfast bar. Guests will also enjoy the latest amenities and technology such as wireless high-speed Internet access. Complimenting this new hotel will be Applebee's Restaurant, scheduled to open in November 2005.

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Debit and Credit Card Payment Services Now Accepted

As an additional payment option, the Borough now accepts Visa and MasterCard by telephone or in person at Borough Hall. This option is available for Borough services such as payment of utility bills, permits and invoices. A minimum charge of \$20.00 is required to pay by debit or credit card.

The Borough also offers an automatic payment option via a bank draft from a bank account. With this option, customers receive a monthly statement with the date the bill amount will be drawn from their account.

For additional information on these and other payment options, please call the Ephrata Borough Business Office at 738-9222.

Senator Wenger Delivers on Grant Funding

Ephrata Police Receive Grants to Cover Contract Service Costs

Ephrata Borough's successful bid to provide contract police services to Ephrata Township this past January received a one – two punch of funding this month from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the office of Senator Noah Wenger. On Tuesday, August 16th the Senator presented Ephrata Borough Mayor Mowen and Ephrata Township Supervisors Zerbe, Stauffer and Weber with more than \$91,000 in state grants to support the police contract services.

The first grant for \$49,900, is intended to cover half of the start up costs expended by Ephrata Township. Ephrata Township has already raised the second half of the start up funds by selling off the assets of their former police department. The start up costs were necessary to provide the former township police officers with the same standardized uniforms and equipment Ephrata Borough officers already have. The start up costs also included additional vehicle equipment, computers and supplies necessary to launch the successful consolidated police services program.

The second grant of \$41,792 was presented to Mayor Mowen to cover the cost of expanding the Ephrata Police Department's workspace in Borough Hall. Contract police services increased the number of detectives in the Police Department and the detective's outgrew their original workspace. The grant provided for remodeling detectives' workstations at no cost to the Borough. "Not only did these grants make consolidated police services a reality here in Ephrata, it also improved our Borough Hall by utilizing state funds." said Mayor Ralph Mowen.



In its eighth month, the Ephrata Police Contract Services project has been touted as a model for reducing Pennsylvania's antiquated system of a patchwork of small police departments with limited resources. "The support for this project has been tremendous" said Ephrata Police Chief Steve Annibali. "The start up grant alone represents one of the largest police consolidation grants in Pennsylvania and demonstrates the Commonwealth's support of these cost effective programs."

Since January 16th of this year, the Ephrata Police Department has provided police services to both Ephrata Borough and Ephrata Township. Ephrata Township disbanded its police department and now contracts with the Borough to provide police protection. The program has improved police visibility and response times, reduced the costs of duplicate administration, specialization and training, and enhanced public safety through efficiency and effectiveness.

Please Keep Stormwater Areas Clear

The Borough is asking property owners that have a swale (a depressed area or a "gully") on their properties to maintain it so it functions properly. A swale is part of an engineered and designed system to meet stormwater needs - a channel intended to carry water during a storm.

Property owners that have swales have certain responsibilities to keep the area clear. As an example, obstructions such as sheds, fences, swing-sets, trees, shrubs, firewood, debris or compost piles, etc. are not permitted. Also, please keep in mind that the swale cannot be filled in or re-graded in any way. To properly maintain a grass swale area please mow regularly.

If you have any questions regarding swale areas, please contact the Borough Codes Office at 738-9202.

Kiddies Day at Public Works

What is the Public Works Department all about? That's what members of the Borough's Public Works Department try to answer on a day set aside for kids. On this special day in May, the staff does a fine job explaining to the children how things work in their hometown. Children see different equipment, learn how the streets are cleaned, snow is plowed, why barricades are used and much more. The highlight for most children is when they get to blow the air horn in a big truck.

This year children from the Ephrata Church of the Brethren (shown in picture), Bethany United Church of Christ and Tomorrow's World visited the Public Works Complex. If your organization is interested in participating in the next Kiddies Day, please contact Jo Wiegand at 738-9242.



Ephrata Police Recognize Seven Officers

When Officer Kenneth Lockhart and John Hirneisen of the Ephrata Police Department began their workday on February 19, 2005, they never expected that they would be breathing life into an infant by the end of their shift.

With council chambers full of family and friends at the June meeting of the Ephrata Borough Council, Officers Kenneth Lockhart and John Hirneisen were honored for saving the life of a seven-month old child earlier this year. Mayor Ralph Mowen proudly presented the award to each officer at the ceremony and recognized their service to the Ephrata community. The Lancaster County Human Relations Commission also honored Officers Hirneisen and Lockhart at the Annual Police Appreciation luncheon in May.

Also at the June Borough Council meeting five officers were promoted to supervisory ranks in the Police Department. The first was the promotion of Chris McKim, a twelve-year veteran, to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant McKim has served as a field training officer, use of force instructor and also serves as a department hostage negotiator.

In addition, the department promoted four officers to the position of Corporal. Respectively, they are Corporal Eric Schmitt a fifteen-year veteran with Ephrata, a leading crime scene technician and the recipient of the 2002 Lancaster County "Outstanding Police Officer of the Year" award. As a nine-year veteran, Corporal Scott Martin, serves as an accident re-constructionist and the department's computer graphic specialist. With seven years experience Corporal Philip Snavely serves as a field training officer and emergency vehicle driver training lead instructor and Corporal Graeme Quinn, a six-year veteran, serves as a field training officer and arrest control instructor.

In a related move, the Borough also welcomed new officers, Michelle Krizan, Jeremy Adams and Sean O'Hanlon to the Ephrata Police Department. With these new officers and the five promotions the Ephrata Police Department has a full compliment of thirty police officers providing public safety services for both Ephrata Borough and Ephrata Township.

It's Award Winning!



Borough of Ephrata Council President Fred Thomas accepts an award for first place in the Municipal Website Contest sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's. This event was held at the Annual Conference in Hershey in June. The Borough submitted its website nomination through the "Borough News" – a magazine for Pennsylvania Borough Government. The website is maintained by Shirley Daniels, Community Relations Manager, Scott Kachel, Information Technology Manager and other contributing staff members. Please visit the Borough's website at www.ephrataboro.org.

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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

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
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Fred M. Thomas, President	3rd Ward	733-0421
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Paul S. Rauch	4th Ward	738-9912
Mayor		
Ralph E. Mowen		733-6129

Refuse, Recycling & Leaf Program Announcements for Ephrata Borough Customers

Holiday Reminder

Service for residents on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24, 2005 will be collected on Friday, November 25, 2005.

Yard Waste Collection will continue through October 13, 2005 - Collection is same day as recycling

Tire & White Good Collection (Large appliances weighing more than 50 lbs.) - Saturday, September 17, 2005

Extra Service Tags Required: Yard Waste & Tire Tags - \$2.00, White Goods - \$20.00

FREE Leaf Bags

The Borough will be distributing free biodegradable leaf bags to residents at Grater Memorial Park on Saturday, October 8 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Residents may also pickup free leaf bags at the following locations beginning October 10.

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| ◆ Ephrata Borough Hall
124 South State Street | Monday - Friday | 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM |
| ◆ Ephrata Recreation Center
130 South Academy Drive | Monday - Friday | 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM |
| | Saturday | 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM |
| | Sunday | 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM |

Leaf Collection Dates

Leaves will be collected the same day as recycling during the weeks of

October 17 - October 20
October 31 - November 3

November 14 - November 17
November 28 - December 1

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.

Visit Borough Hall for Customer Appreciation Day ~ Friday, November 4th