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Holiday Greetings

The leaves are down, and the crisp, cool weather is in the air. That can only mean one thing! It's the holiday season again! Soon, we hope you and your family will be gathering around the dinner table enjoying some freshly cooked turkey or ham, pumpkin pie, and enjoying the company of one another before closing the evening out with a football game, or long-awaited nap. Whether you celebrate a religious holiday or just simply enjoy the holiday season, Borough Council, Mayor Gilbert, and all of the employees and volunteers of the Borough of Emmaus want to wish you a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

If you know anything about our wonderful community, you know that the holidays are a time for great festivals, celebrations, and events throughout the Borough. Now that we have settled down from our fantastic and spooky Halloween Parade and the best Halloween Race in the country, it's time to ramp up for more celebrations!

The Emmaus Historical Society kicks off the holiday festivities on Friday, November 30th. The museum will be open from 4:00– 9:00 p.m., with wine and cheese, the debut of the 2018 Train Putz, vintage holiday decorations, and live music.

On Saturday, December 1st, one of the most popular events of the year will be held. Old-Fashioned Christmas will be held at Triangle Park from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The annual tree lighting ceremony, featuring our brand-new tree and lights, will be held at 6:00 p.m., with the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus shortly before. The event also includes a downtown window and door decorating contest, pictures with Santa, trolley rides, plenty of Christmas music, a cheers trail, and much more!

There is plenty more to do on Saturday, December 1st! The Friends of the 1803 House welcome you to their annual Old-Fashioned Christmas celebration event from noon to 4:00 p.m. Also, on December 1st, join us as the Emmaus Main Street Partners' sponsored Cheers Trail will be held throughout town from 12-5:00 p.m. The Historical Society Museum will also be open from 10 a.m.- 9:00 p.m., with cider, punch and baked goods. Children's crafts will be from 12-4:00 p.m., Emmaus Moravian Church beeswax candle trimming will be from 1-4:00 p.m., and from 1-3:30 p.m., The Emmaus Historical Walking Tour will occur. (Meet at the Moravian Church at 1:00 p.m.)



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| PA One Call | 1-800-242-1776 |
| Sanctuary at Haafsville | 484-788-8062 |
| Street Lights – Repair and Maintenance, PPL | 1-800-342-5775 |

On Saturday, December 8th, Santa and Mrs. Claus will take time out of their busy schedule with a visit to the Historical Society from 2- 4:00 p.m. Please visit to receive your orange and candy, while supplies last. Then, on Wednesday, December 12th celebrate "Christmastime at Hess's" - presented by the Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum. A presentation of photos and stories of Hess's at Christmas during their golden era will be displayed at the museum. The annual Historical Society member Christmas party pot luck dinner at 6:00 p.m. will precede the program scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Finally, the event that closes out our winter holiday season is the SnowBlast Winter Arts Festival, which will be held on February 2, 2019. Now in its 13th year, the 2019 version of the Snow Blast Winter Arts Festival is being held on Saturday, February 2nd from noon to 8:00 p.m., taking place at many venues throughout Emmaus with both outdoor and indoor activities. Special events will be held at Emmaus Triangle Park and Emmaus Public Library, including the return of the amazing Ice Princess and the SnowBlast Bar hosted by Emmaus Main Street Partners.

With all of these wonderful events, where we encourage you to spend quality time with your family, friends, and neighbors, who has time to think about winter weather that sometimes wreak havoc on our streets, sidewalks, and life? We know that sooner or later, that blustery winter weather is coming. When it does arrive, we urge you to be careful. Our Public Works Department will be removing snow and ice from the streets throughout the winter. Please remember, their job is to remove that snow and ice. Please don't throw it back out in the street, as you are only making it dangerous for others. Please know that they try to plow curb to curb, which means that you may get plowed in again if you shovel your walk before the streets are plowed. We ask that you be respectful and understand that they are only doing their jobs. In addition, our emergency service providers respond to countless calls from people falling on the ice, accidents, heart and breathing problems, and other emergencies related to snow and ice. Please be careful and know your limitations. If you have a neighbor that is elderly, handicapped, or has limitations, we encourage you to reach out and try to help them as well, as we all live in this wonderful community together.

We truly wish you a very happy and healthy holiday season and a short, warm winter without too much snow and ice!



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On the website home page, under the About Emmaus, click on "Documents/Forms" and choose which application you need. Simply fill it out and bring the completed application into Borough Hall at 28 S. 4th Street, so we can begin processing your permit. If you have any questions about permits, please call the Code Enforcement Officer at 610-967-1322.

Some examples of permits that the Borough of Emmaus requires are: roof repairs, building repairs or remodels (causing structural changes), footers, foundation, framing, plumbing, electrical, signs, fences, sheds, dumpsters, demolition, driveways, pools, and zoning.



Moving Permits

A moving permit is required for any individual or family moving in, out, or within the Borough. The permit application can be obtained from the Cashier at Town Hall, 28 S. 4th Street, or by visiting the Borough website at: www.borough.emmaus.pa.us. The permit and the \$1.00 fee are filed with the Cashier at Town Hall. If you have any questions, please call Jessica at 610-965-0702.

Call Before You Dig

If you are planning on digging, call Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc. (POCS) three business days before you dig at 1-800-242-1776 or 8-1-1. The call center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year. PA Act 287 as amended requires excavators as well as private landowners to call POCS three days prior to any type of digging occurring with powered equipment. Mark your excavation area in white paint before calling with a dig notification.



By calling, you allow the facility owners the opportunity to locate and mark their underground facility in advance of the planned excavation (gas and liquid pipelines will mark underground facilities using yellow stakes, flags, or paint).



HAPPY Holidays

Borough Hall Holiday Schedule

Borough Offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- December 25, 2018**
Christmas Day
- January 1, 2019**
New Year's Day
- February 18, 2019**
Presidents' Day

Please note that the Borough Council Meeting that would normally be scheduled for Monday, February 18, 2019, will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, due to the Presidents' Day Holiday.

The Borough of Emmaus employees wish everyone a very safe and Happy Holiday Season! We look forward to serving you in 2019.



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The Borough of Emmaus is currently in litigation with J.P. Mascaro. The following information pertaining to Whitetail Disposal is conditional based upon the outcome of the litigation.

Borough Hires New Refuse and Recycling Hauler

Emmaus Borough Council has spent the better part of 2018 preparing for and bidding out the Borough's refuse and recycling contract. Effective January 1, 2019, we will have a new refuse and recycling hauler. Whitetail Disposal from Frederick, PA was recently hired as our new hauler for the next three years. There are some changes to collection that you need to be aware of, therefore, we will dedicate this entire section to refuse and recycling.

I've Heard Rumors, So Tell Me, What Has Changed?

Garbage Cans and Recycling Cans:

Currently, our Borough Ordinance does not include a requirement that your garbage absolutely must be in a garbage can. However, they must be in sealed, water tight bags. With that said, Borough Council is strongly considering adopting an Ordinance that requires residents to have garbage cans. There are some very obvious reasons for this. We are finding that a number of residents are launching their bags onto the sidewalks, animals are getting into the bags, the bags are breaking, and it really looks bad to everyone that sees piles of bags sitting at the curb. There are other reasons why Council is considering this, but, at this point, we simply recommend that everyone has a garbage can.

YOU MUST HAVE CANS FOR RECYCLING! This is a requirement. You are no longer allowed to have your recycling in a bag, as requirements for recycling have changed. If your recycling is in a bag, as of January 1st, it will be rejected. These requirements are beyond the local level. Believe it or not, bags are not recyclable. In addition, the recycling hauler does not know what is inside the bags, therefore, it's difficult to tell if the items placed in the bag are actually recyclables. The Borough will once again work on obtaining a grant for recycling cans in 2019, however, at this time, we do not have cans to provide you. You will be responsible for your own can. Recycling stickers are available at Town Hall at no charge to you. Please make sure that your recycling can is clearly marked "**RECYCLING.**"

Bulk Items – NOTHING HAS CHANGED:

If you read the newspaper articles, you may have the impression that you can no longer put large items at the curb. That is not true. The new contract has the same requirements as before. Here's what you need to know relating to disposing Bulk Items:

- Whitetail Disposal will provide standard bulk item removal service for borough residents each week.
- Each bulk item is limited to no more than 70 lbs. and needs to be able to be placed curbside. This has always been a requirement.
- WD **does request notice** when residents will be placing bulk items out for collection in case arrangements need to be made for a separate truck.
- Pick up needs to be scheduled by 12 noon the day before your service day. *I.E. if your service day falls on a Wednesday, please notify Whitetail Disposal by 12 noon on Tuesday.
- Please visit www.whitetaildisposal.com, email emmaus@whitetaildisposal.com, or call 610-754-0103 for any questions on standard bulk items.

Holiday Schedule 2019:

Whitetail Disposal Observes the following Holiday Schedule.

- Tuesday, January 1st, 2019 – New Year's Day
- Monday, May 27th, 2019 – Memorial Day
- Thursday, July 4th, 2019 – 4th of July
- Monday, September 2nd, 2019 – Labor Day
- Thursday, November 28th, 2019 – Thanksgiving Day
- Wednesday, December 25th, 2019 – Christmas Day

In the event that a holiday falls on your normally scheduled service day, your service day will be pushed back 1 day. * I.E. For Homes with a Thursday service day on Thanksgiving Day, your service day will occur on Friday November 29th. Whitetail Disposal also operates on the same policy when there is a weather delay. In the case of a weather event, your service day will occur on the following day. Please watch Channel 69 or visit www.wfmz.com for refuse/recycling delays due to inclement weather.

E-Waste Recycling

Whitetail Disposal will be providing a 30-yard container specifically for E-Waste collection. The collection of E-Waste Recycling will be similar to the schedule we previously had, as it will be a once per month event from March through November. The schedule will remain the same as before. The E-Waste Dumpster will be available at our Borough Garage, located at 33 Klines Lane, on the 2nd Monday of the month from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Whitetail Disposal employees will be providing manpower to assist residents with disposal of these items. The rules for drop off with E-Waste collection will remain the same, as residents will be required to show identification and will be limited to three items per month, or pay an additional fee of \$10 per item after three items. More details can be found on the Borough's website and in future newsletters regarding E-Waste Recycling.

The 2019 E-Waste Recycling dates are as follows:

- March 11th
- April 8th
- May 13th
- June 10th
- July 8th
- August 12th
- September 9th
- October 14th (Columbus Day)
- November 11th (Veterans Day)



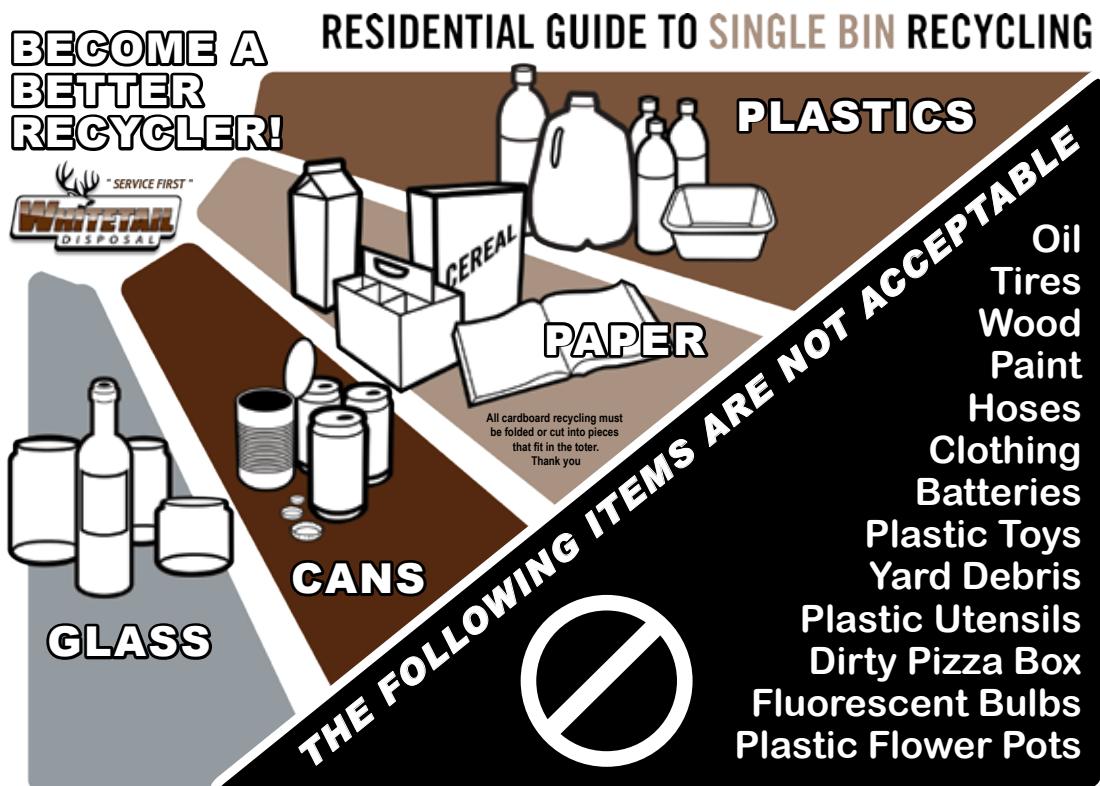
Whitetail utilizes AERC out of Allentown for their Electronics Recycling disposal site.

Recycling Requirements:

The recycling world has been sent into a tailspin, as we have previously informed the community. China no longer accepts most recycling from the United States, therefore, the market is adjusting, costs are going up, profits are going down, and requirements are tightening. There are domestic recycling factories that are currently being built to try to adapt to this massive change, however, this is going to be a slow process. In the meantime, we are forced to deal with the changes. With that said, residents will be required to follow the rules regarding recycling. **RESIDENTS MUST USE A CONTAINER FOR RECYCLABLES. DO NOT PUT YOUR RECYCLABLES IN A BAG! THEY WILL NOT BE COLLECTED!**

In addition, if your recycling is contaminated, or includes items that are not acceptable according to the list below, they will be **REJECTED**. You will receive a sticker from Whitetail detailing the reason why your recycling was rejected. Because of the new recycling requirements at a state, federal, and international level, this policy will be strictly followed.

Additional requirements are below:



NO NEED TO REMOVE: Paper Clips, Stamps, Address Labels, Staples, Metal Fasteners, Cellophane, Address Windows, Rubber Bands, Spiral Bindings, Plastic Tabs. **PLEASE:** Flatten All Cardboard Boxes. Empty And Rinse All Containers. **PLEASE Do Not Include:** PLASTICS Other Than Those Listed. Plastic Film, Plastic Bags, Paint, Pesticides, Oil & Cleaners, VHS/VCR Tapes, Phones, Computers, Etc., Plastic Bags, Needles Or Syringes, Styrofoam To-Go Containers, Organic Material And Food Waste. PAPER Items Other Than Those Listed. Stickers Or Address Labels, Sheet Waste, Waxed Paper Or Waxed Cardboard Paper To-Go Containers. GLASS Items Other Than Those Listed. Window Panes, Mirrors, Ceramics & Pyrex Dishware, Paint, Pesticides, Oil & Cleaners, Organic Material And Food Waste. **CANS AND METAL ITEMS** Items Other Than Those Listed. Scrap Metal, Needles Or Syringes, Paint, Pesticides, Oil & Cleaners, Electronic Waste (Batteries, Cell, Etc.), Phones, Computers, Etc.

Hazardous Waste

This is a new service that the Borough is offering. We performed an electronic survey late last winter asking a lot of different questions regarding refuse and recycling collection. We based our bid off of the responses to that survey. One of the biggest complaints and concerns that we have received over the years is that our residents have no place to go with different hazardous waste materials. **NOW YOU WILL!**

Our refuse bid included an option to have Household Hazardous Waste Collection events throughout the year. We can have up to four per year. We will most likely hold one to two events in 2019 and we will see what the demand from the community is moving forward. We have not scheduled the dates for these events yet, however, we will have more details in the Spring Newsletter and on the Borough's website.

Acceptable Drop-Off Items for the Hazardous Waste Program will include:

Automotive products • Garden Chemicals • Paint Products
Household Chemicals • Universal Materials • Tires

Ammunitions, explosives, asbestos or any materials in unlabeled or leaking containers **WILL NOT be accepted at these events.

Single Stream Recycling

No Sorting needed!

Everything goes into one container, but please **don't bag your recyclables**.

The following are acceptable recyclables:

- Paper, cardboard, newspaper and flat board
- Empty aerosol cans
- Junk mail, manila & brown folders, glossy & colored inserts
- Magazines & Telephone books
- Bi-metal
- Tin
- Steel containers and aluminum cans
- Glass bottles & Jars
- Plastics 1&2

Please DO NOT recycle the following:

- Propane bottles
- Rubber hoses
- Batteries
- Fluorescent lightbulbs
- Plastic flower pots
- Plastic kids' toys
- Wood
- Yard debris
- Hazardous waste
- Medical waste
- Syringes
- Food Waste
- Toner cartridges
- Pyrex
- Food containers
- All styrofoam products

Please check out www.whitetaildisposal.com for any recycling questions you may have.

Dumpster Day Event

Have you ever just felt the need to do some Spring or Fall cleaning and have nowhere to take your old junk? One of the items that the majority of our survey respondents felt was a need was a Dumpster Day event in the Borough. The event is essentially a once per year event where dumpsters will be provided at a site. Residents will be able to bring items such as their old couches and other junk that you have laying around or no longer need. You will be able to throw those items into a large dumpster provided by Whitetail Disposal. We will provide more details on this event at a later date. We most likely anticipate the first event to be in the Fall 2019 or Spring 2020. We will keep you up to date in future newsletters and on the Borough's website.

Where is My Garbage Going?

Whitetail Disposal lauds itself as a "Zero Waste" hauler. They do their very best to keep refuse waste out of the landfills. They partner with a company called Covanta for their disposal of refuse. You can check out Covanta's "Zero Waste" model by visiting their website at <https://www.covanta.com>.

What is Zero Waste to Landfill?

At its core, zero waste to landfill is exactly what it sounds like: diverting all wastes from landfill disposal. Businesses and communities are getting there by moving up the waste hierarchy: reducing materials consumption & waste; reusing materials; recycling, composting, and using anaerobic digestion; and then, for what's leftover, recovering energy. In sum, it's all about reducing waste and beneficially reusing the waste we do generate. Who can do it? Nearly any business, municipality, or facility can achieve zero waste to landfill. Diverting waste from landfills saves costs and reduces environmental impacts. It can also give you a way to highlight the environmental achievements of your company, business, community or facility. Diverting waste from landfills can help meet greenhouse gas reduction, energy efficiency, or other environmental goals; satisfy your supply chain requirements; and establish their operation as a leader amongst its peers.

I heard our annual Refuse/Recycling Fee is Increasing? Is this true?

Borough Council has not set the 2019 fee yet, as we are currently in our budget discussions, however, we do anticipate your fee to increase.

Refuse and Recycling contracts are awarded based on the lowest bid received. Municipalities do not have a choice in who they contract, as long as the bidder can meet the "minimum qualifications", which sometimes are not much. With that said, we are EXTREMELY EXCITED to have a new partnership with Whitetail Disposal, as we feel this company is customer-focused and will do a very good job for us. However, if a different hauler had a lower bid, we would be required to go with their bid.

Here are some numbers that are important to understand:

- Our current refuse contract that is expiring, is approximately \$800,000 per year. Our current hauler

bid on the new bid as well. Their new bid, starting next year, for the same exact service they are providing today, was for \$977,520, which is upwards of \$200,000 more than we are paying today. This is not a reflection on the company, but rather a reflection on the changes in requirements and costs for disposal and recycling.

- Only one bidder bid on twice per week collection. The bid in Year 1 was for \$1,122,324 and increases every year. We have been informed that, collectively, approximately 60% of houses using twice per week services don't even put a single bag of trash out on the 2nd day. An additional 30% only put out a single bag on the 2nd collection day.
- Whitetail Disposal won the bid, with our cost for single day collection, but spread out over 3 days. The cost for the contract in the 1st year will be \$859,000 for disposal and recycling, plus \$49,760 for E-Waste Recycling, totaling \$908,760. We have included the optional services of the Dumpster Day, which would cost \$20,000 in 2019 and the Household Hazardous Waste program, which costs approximately \$5,000 per event. The total cost for the contract, if we have Dumpster Day and two of the Household Hazardous Waste events per year will be \$938,760. The next closest bid for those exact services was \$1,039,200, which is over \$100,000 more than Whitetail's bid.

How is my fee calculated?

When the Borough calculates the fee for refuse and recycling, we factor more than just the refuse and recycling contract. Because the compost site, leaf collection, brush collection, and tree collection services are part of the recycling program, Emmaus Borough Council has always felt that these services should be incorporated into the Refuse and Recycling fee rather than through property taxes. We calculate the actual costs for the Borough to provide the service to the community, which would be paid whether they are out of property taxes or through the fees, which Council has historically felt was the proper method of charging.

So, what costs are included?

- Refuse and Recycling Hauler Contract – 2019: \$908,760.00
- Compost Site Costs – including labor, equipment, and maintenance: \$148,890.55
- Leaf Collection costs – including labor, equipment, and maintenance: \$46,434.66
- Tree Collection costs – including labor, equipment, and maintenance: \$28,864.18
- Brush Collection costs – including labor, equipment, and maintenance: \$81,560.36
- Other Administrative Costs for the entire Program: \$82,656.11
- Maintenance Costs – all equipment – mechanics: \$24,385.82

Stay up to date!

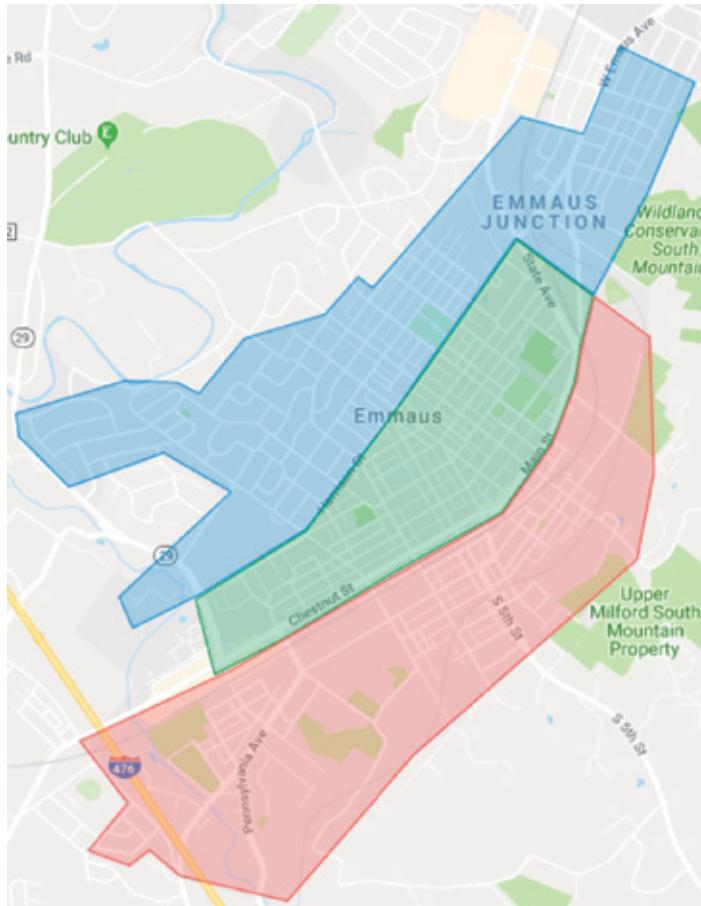
Whitetail Disposal offers Text alert updates for holidays and winter weather schedules. Simply Text "Whitetail" to 24587 to be enrolled for Text alerts. Whitetail Disposal will text you reminders for Holiday and Weather delays.

Collection Days:

There are a few things that are changing with the new refuse contract. First, the day of the week that your refuse collection will probably change. Refuse and recycling will continue to be collected one time per week, but instead of all collection happening on the same day, the Borough's collection will be spread out over a 3-day time period. So, depending on where you live, your refuse will be picked up on either Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. Please make sure your cans are out by Midnight the night before your pick-up day.

The basics to keep in mind are as follows:

- If you live south of Main Street or Chestnut Street, your collection day will be on **Wednesday**.
- If you live on Harrison or north of Harrison, or if you live in the Stryer Section, your collection day will be **Thursday**.
- If you live on Chestnut or Harrison Street, from State Road to Cedar Crest Boulevard, or anywhere in between, your collection day will be on **Friday**.

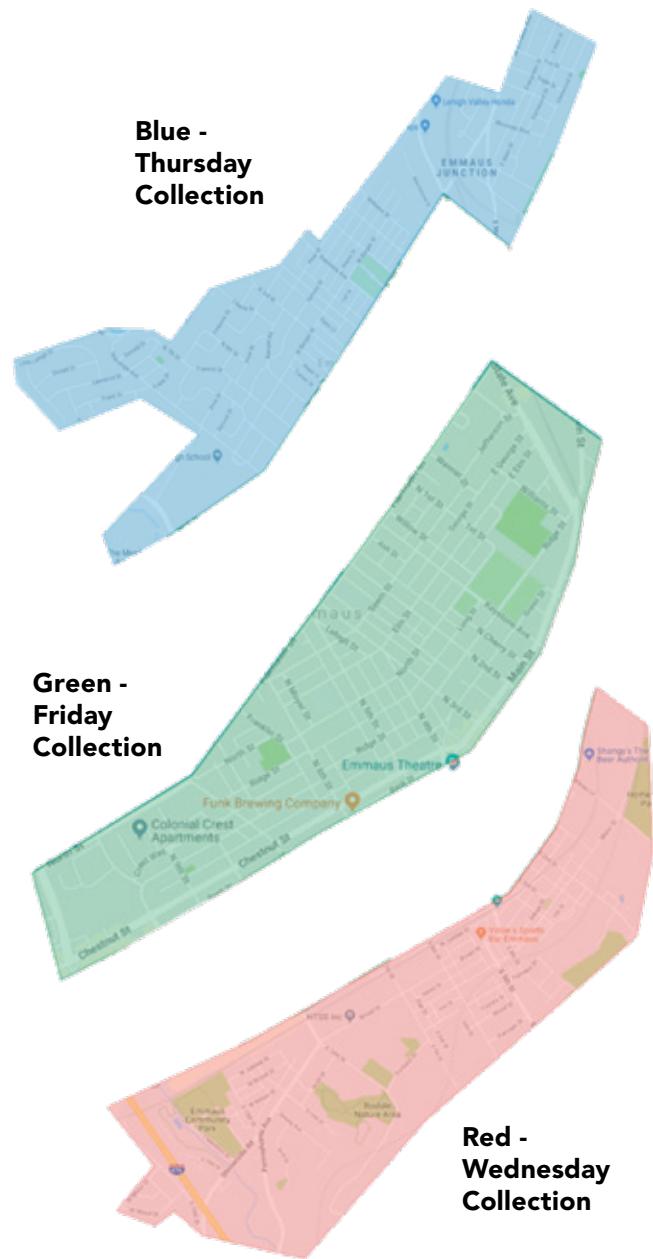


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Residents will also be able to set up their own account code with Whitetail to track their information on Whitetail's website in terms of when collection is and some other features, such as tracking complaints. Whitetail Disposal will provide exact information relating to this feature at a later date.

You will also receive a personalized postcard in December that will remind you of when your new collection day will be. If you have any questions, please visit our website, call Town Hall, call Whitetail Disposal, or visit their website.

The maps below depict your corresponding service day. In addition, the link below will give you a map of the community where you can find your house online. Whitetail will also provide this link on their website: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1eJw6DUft-32jUk7Pddb_SkZjLp-BjG-q&usp=sharing



Emmaus Main Street Partners and Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce Merge

Emmaus, we have some EXCITING news to share!

A while back, the Emmaus Main Street Partners announced that the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce and Emmaus Main Street Partners planned to merge. We are delighted to share that after much waiting and anticipation, we are entering the final stages!

The partnership between Emmaus Main Street Partners and the Chamber has been consistent and positive to the Borough, EMSP and our members. With bigger and better events, more resources to our Borough, a focused economic development initiative, and additional

support in our business community, we are thrilled to finalize this relationship and take Emmaus to a whole new level!

With less administrative duties falling to our Emmaus Main Street Manager, we can focus our time and energy on the mission "to improve the quality of life and the economic vitality of a vibrant and active Emmaus community through collaborative efforts among business owners, residents, volunteers and other partners."

We are excited to complete this partnership and hope to bring more attention and the foot traffic that Emmaus deserves!



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We have so many exciting things happening at the Society and Museum this Winter! Enjoy the fun and magic of Christmas at the Emmaus Historical Society. Save these special dates:



Friday, November 30

Museum hours from 4-9 p.m. with wine and cheese, the debut of 2018 Train Putz, vintage holiday decorations and live music.

Saturday, December 1

Join us during the Emmaus Main Street Partners' sponsored Cheers Trail held throughout town from 12-5 p.m. Museum hours from 10 a.m.-9 p.m., with cider, punch and baked goods. Children's crafts from 12-4 p.m. Emmaus Moravian Church beeswax candle trimming from 1-4 p.m. Emmaus Historical Walking Tour to include the Emmaus Moravian Church, Shelter House, Knauss Homestead, 1803 House and God's Acre from 1-3:30 p.m. (Meet at the Moravian Church at 1 p.m.)

Saturday, December 8

Visit Santa and Mrs. Claus! Join us from 2-4 p.m., and receive your orange and candy, while supplies last. Regular Museum hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



Wednesday, December 12

"Christmastime at Hess's" - presented by the Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum. A presentation of photos and stories of Hess's at Christmas during their golden era. The annual member Christmas party pot luck dinner at 6 p.m. will precede the program scheduled for 7 p.m. Monthly programs are held at St. John's Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 5th & Chestnut Streets. Programs are FREE and members and non-members welcome!

The Historical Society Museum Collections and Display Committees are thankful for donations to both the Archives and Artifacts collections. As the Museum transitions in upcoming seasons, there will be several new displays and exhibits, including a "New Acquisitions" Display, which will highlight these treasures. As always, we appreciate any donation related to, or from, Emmaus. Nothing is too big or too small. Drop off donations any Saturday during Museum hours.

For more details on the programs or special events above, please visit our web site at www.emmaushistoric-pa.org, call the Museum at (610) 966-6591, or visit the Museum on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Youth Services Events

• Winter Storytimes

- **Preschool Storytime** is for children who turned 3 by September 12th, 2018, up to Kindergarten age. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., the 8-week session begins January 8th and runs until February 26th. We will have stories, songs, and crafts. Parents are welcome, but not required!
- **Toddler Storytime** is for children 18 months to 3 years and their adult! Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m., the 8-week session begins January 9th and runs until February 27th. We will have stories, fingerplays, and a simple craft at each storytime.
- **Block Parties!** EPL opens up the block cabinet for Creative Play one Tuesday morning and one Tuesday afternoon each month. Upcoming Block Party dates and times are: December 4th; January 8th; February 5th; and March 5th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and December 18th; January 29th; February 26th; March 26th from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- **STEM Fun on Saturdays!** 3rd through 6th graders explore science, technology, engineering, and math with fun science stations on Saturdays at noon throughout December and January! Starts December 8th. Register at the circulation desk!
- **Books and Barks** – the Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs arrive once a month to listen to kids read! December 27th, January 24th, February 28th, and March 28th, from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m.
- **Fun Family Films** – the first Saturday of each month at 2 p.m.! December 1st – Arthur Christmas (PG); January 5th – Penguins of Madagascar (PG); February 2nd – Born in China (G); March 2nd – A Wrinkle in Time (PG).
- **Literary Lunch** – the book club for Middle Schoolers (6th, 7th, & 8th graders), meets the third Saturday of December, February, March, and April with a different book selection each month. The first six middle schoolers to sign up at the circulation desk will receive a free copy of that month's book! Just bring a bag lunch and the Library will provide drinks and a dessert. December's book is the Worst Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Middle School.



• **LLJR (Literary Lunch JR)** the book club for 4th and 5th graders, meets the first Saturday of December, February, March, and April with a different book selection each month. The first ten to sign up at the circulation desk will receive a free copy of that month's book! Bring a bag lunch and the Library will provide drinks and a dessert. December's book is Vanished by James Ponti.

• **Teen Crafts:** Charms & Plastic ornaments. Thursday, January 3rd at 7 p.m. we will be working with plastic shrinking film to make charms and ornaments. Register at the circulation desk. Bring your creativity!

• **Teen Board Game Challenge!** Teens only! Can you master these board games and win? Saturday, January 19th from 2 to 4:00 p.m.

• **Martin Luther King JR Day Service Project!** Monday, January 21st school is out, but EPL is open! We will be celebrating with a Read In to raise money for local non-profits. Keep your eyes on us for details!

• **EPL Beach Party!** Bring your summer souvenir shells for identification fun as we remember those bright sunny days of Summer at the beach! There will be music, dancing, stories, and crafts!

• **SnowBlast!** EPL looks forward to being part of **SnowBlast** again this year! Keep a lookout for posted events.

• **Asian Lunar New Year!** Learn about how the New Year is celebrated across Asia! Thursday, February 7th from 6 to 7:00 p.m. in the Children's Room.

• **Read Across America Celebration!** Saturday, March 2nd 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. we will be reading, crafting, and sharing cake in celebration of reading for FUN! Everyone is invited, not just kids!

Adult Services Events

• **Meet and Greet.** Monday, December 3rd at 10 a.m., stop by for coffee or juice and introduce yourself to the Library Director and chat about ideas/concerns.

• **Daytime Book Group.** Monthly on the first Tuesday at 2 p.m. December 4th's book is The Orphan's Tale by Pam Jenoff.

• **Book-a-Librarian.** Need more than a little help navigating the Library's collections or the internet? Email eplcollection@cliu.org or call 610-965-9284 x 210 to reserve your 30-minute spot.

• **Oreo Tasting & Voting Party!** Saturday, December 8th at 2 p.m. with music from local guitarist and singer Fyodor. Select and taste a variety of Oreo flavors and wash them down with some milk or coffee. Vote for your favorites! All ages.



- **Pinterest Party.** Monthly on the second Monday at 7 p.m. December 10th we will be making Snowflake Mason Jars. Crafting supplies will be given to the first 30 people in attendance. For adults and families.
- **Evening Book Group.** Tuesday, December 11th at 7 p.m., Young Jane Young by Gabrielle Zevin. Tuesday, January 8th at 7 p.m., Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman.

• **The 10 Signs of Alzheimer's Disease.** Thursday, December 13th at 10 a.m., join Maggie Dominici, Home Helpers of Lehigh Valley, to learn about the 10 Signs of Alzheimer's disease.

• **Senator Boscola's Mobile Office Hours.** Monday, December 17th 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., a representative from Sen. Boscola's office will be at EPL to help answer questions, fill out forms, and more.

• **Find Your Ancestors.** Monday, December 17th 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Get help tracing your lineage using the Library's resources. Book your 30-minute appointment by calling 610-965-9284 x 210 or email eplcollection@cliu.org

• **Memoir Writing.** Monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 1 p.m. Bring your writing to share with others!

Check out all our great events, news, photos, and more on Facebook or our website www.emmauspl.org. All events are FREE and open to all!

Alan M. Hawman - 2017 Emmaus Volunteer of the Year

The annual Emmaus Borough Volunteer of the Year Award was created to recognize an outstanding community volunteer whose unselfish and dedicated service to Emmaus has made a significant difference in the community.

Emmaus Borough Council is pleased to announce the 2017 recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award, Alan M. Hawman, an Emmaus resident who has made numerous contributions over many years to multiple organizations and committees.

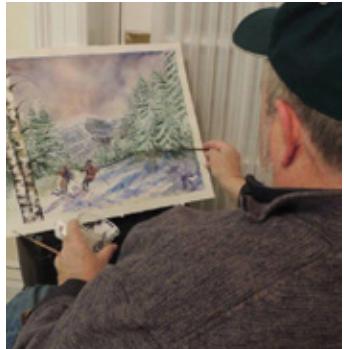
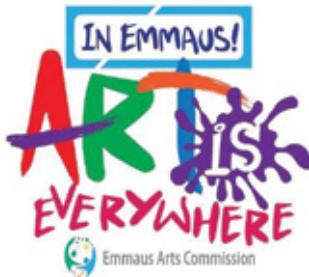
After graduating from Penn State's architecture program, and an apprenticeship with the firm of Donald W. Duncklee of Allentown, PA, Alan Hawman opened his architectural practice in Emmaus in 1977. A keen interest in building led to starting a partnership in a construction company that same year. Today, while no longer involved in construction, the firm specializes in residential design and projects involving historic structures and offers services for smaller commercial projects and consultation to owners and contractors on technical and building code issues.

Alan's quiet leadership for several decades in Emmaus has provided citizens with many opportunities and improvements to our quality of life. Alan chairs the Emmaus Design Challenge Grant Committee, which is a program of the Emmaus Main Street Partners, Borough of Emmaus and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, since the inception of the program over 20 years ago. He has dedicated countless hours and expertise to the Emmaus Historical Society, especially during their building renovations and porch restoration. As the unofficial architectural historian of Emmaus, Alan is a lifetime member of the Friends of the 1803 House, having served on the Board of Directors as well as having the role of both President and Treasurer. He sits on the Emmaus Heritage Alliance, where he chairs the Emmaus Heritage Festival committee. In addition, Alan was on the committee to help with the reprinting of the book, "They Came to Emmaus" by Preston Barba. Alan has donated many hours of in-kind services over the years to community organizations — besides sitting on the Borough's Building Board of Appeals as a volunteer, he has also given walking tours in the downtown area of Emmaus to teach a little bit of the history of Emmaus and its buildings to those interested. This is a well-deserved honor for a community member who has dedicated much of his life giving back to our Borough.

Many thanks to Dr. Mike Waddell and the Emmaus Commemorative Garden members for donating a commemorative brick once again in honor of our Volunteer of the Year. Alan's name will also be on a plaque outside Council Chambers honoring all past volunteers of the year. The efforts put forth by Alan deserve the Borough's heartiest recognition — congratulations to our 2017 Volunteer of the Year, Alan M. Hawman.



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EAC Student Film Festival Winners Announced!

Thank you to our student filmmakers and all of the teams who participated in the 14th annual EAC Student Film Festival! Congratulations to the following winners:

Middle School Division

1ST PLACE

Film Title: Social Media Bandits

Lower Macungie Middle School

Team Leader: Carter Henninger

All Team Members: Ryan Merlo, Brian Merk, Jackson Merk, Danny Merk, Taylor Henninger, Carter Henninger

High School Division

3RD PLACE

Film Title: Abandon House

Quakertown High School

Summer Thompson

2ND PLACE

Film Title: Fowl Play

Henry Hudson High School

Team Leader: Jack Sanders

All Team Members: Jack Sanders, Liam Hagan

1ST PLACE

Film Title: ZZZZ...zombies

Liberty High School

Kayla Bowman

BEST ACTING, EDITING AND CREATIVITY

Film Title: Lost and Found

Northwestern Lehigh High School

Team Leader: Emma Fogal

All Team Members: Emma Fogal, Harrison Bernhard, Bailey DeJesus, Katerina Almedia, Isaiah Braskie

BEST USE OF BLOOD AND CAMERA WORK

Film Title: Game Night

Emmaus High School

Team Leader: Sarah Snyder

All Team Members: Sarah Snyder, Cherilyn Danner, Katie Weikel, DJBrooks, Cornelius Achiem, Jacoub Loux

BEST USE OF MATERIAL AND PIZZA

Film Title: Run for your life/RIP Rest in Pepperoni

Emmaus High School

Team Leader: Zack Zegalia

All Team Members: Cameron Carter, Andrew Cho

Art Enthusiasts - Save The Date! SNOWBLAST WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL - February 2, 2019

This winter - Emmaus is the place to celebrate the arts!

As temperatures dip across the Lehigh Valley and winter's freeze takes hold, many families will hunker down and stay put, but in Emmaus, that's when the Emmaus Arts Commission gets creative! Now in its 13th year, the 2019 version of the arts festival is being held on Saturday, February 2nd from noon to 8:00 p.m., taking place at many venues throughout Emmaus with both outdoor and indoor activities. Special events will be held at Emmaus Triangle Park and Emmaus Public Library, including the return of the amazing Ice Princess and the SnowBlast Bar hosted by Emmaus Main Street Partners.

A returning favorite, the EAC Art Walk Palette is also part of the fun – attendees visit participating businesses and will be eligible to win prizes.

The EAC will host the juried SnowBlast Winter Art Show & Sale as well as the annual Community Art Project, a fun way for everyone to participate in helping to create a piece of public art. The annual Photography Contest will be incorporated within SnowBlast again this year! This contest nurtures aspiring photographers who wish to share and influence the way people think, through images.

SnowBlast Winter Arts Festival gives local artists and businesses exposure and recognition while encouraging the community to participate and appreciate art in Emmaus.

As planning continues, look for the schedule of events on the EAC web site at www.emmausarts.org

The Friends of the 1803 House

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The Friends of the 1803 House Welcome You to an
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Saturday, December 1, 2018 Noon to 4:00 p.m.

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The Friends of the 1803 House welcome you to their annual Old-Fashioned Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from noon to 4:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the 1803 House and museum prepared for the holiday season, where information about the archealogical dig behind the kitchen and new discoveries about the Ehrendardt Family Genealogy will be shared.

There will be a fire at the open hearth in the kitchen/entry room, warm cider, holiday treats, a Christmas tree decorated with colonial ornaments, fireplace mantels with holiday decorations, deep window sills decorated by the Emmaus Garden Club, ornament crafts for children, "church baby" dolls for sale and our holiday house tours.

The Friends of the 1803 House thank the Emmaus Garden Club for displaying their special talent in making holiday floral arrangements for our window sills. The arrangements will be available for purchase after they are displayed. The proceeds will benefit the Emmaus Garden Club Scholarship Fund. The Friends of the 1803 House, Inc. will have hand decorated holiday wreaths for sale. Proceeds will help operate, maintain, restore and preserve the 1803 House.

The Friends of the 1803 House would like to thank everyone who offered financial support over the past year and encourages continued financial support of this "cornerstone of history" in our "village small."



The Emmaus Recreation and Entertainment Commission is in the planning stages for the 40th Annual Summer Concert Series for 2019. The Commission relies heavily on volunteers and donations. We are only able to continue to host these events with community support. If you would like to become a member of the Emmaus Recreation and Entertainment Commission, please fill out a Board and Commission/Volunteer Information Sheet found on the Borough's website; www.borough.emmaus.pa.us or at Borough Hall. If you enjoyed this summer's concerts and our other events, and wish to see them continue, please consider making a tax-deductible donation payable to Emmaus Recreation and Entertainment Commission, c/o Borough of Emmaus, 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049. Any amount is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

For more information on the Commission or events please visit our website at www.emmausent.com and like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/EmmausENT



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Hello to our supporters and the community at large. What a summer it has been, excessively hot weather accentuated by heavy rain fall and the desire for a change of seasons. Just shy of two thirds of the year behind us, it is indeed the beginning of fall. The raking of leaves and yard clean up begins as we prepare for a winter nap of sorts between the shoveling of snow. And so, the daunting chore of cleanup at the Knauss Homestead awaits us as we do our own at home. Fortunately, we will once again have the help of the Emmaus Rotary Club to make swift and short order of readying the grounds for winter. Thank you to all the volunteers for your help.

With the change of seasons comes an uptick in continued inside restoration as we finish up the second bedroom upstairs and get ready to start bedroom number three. Some projects are still on hold, such as the demolition of the second floor 1950's bathroom to restore the room to its original state. We hope that we can jump start them soon. This will free us to start a much larger project of restoration of the fourth bedroom space into a display of Early American antiques and Knauss memorabilia.

The barn roof has been repaired along with replacement of the gutter and downspouts. We are starting a project with Engineers Without Borders along with engineering students from Lehigh University to assess the structural improvements and costs necessary to make the barn safe for use as a museum of early agricultural life in Emmaus.

Lastly are the preparations for our annual "Old-Fashioned Christmas" celebration. For more details, please visit our web site and/or Facebook page.

As we close out this year, please be aware of a wonderful opportunity to purchase a chance for a 7-day River Cruise on the Danube. This all-inclusive cruise valued at \$6500.00 plus \$2000.00 in cash for airfare or spending money can be yours with the purchase of a \$100.00 ticket. Only 300 are being sold and the drawing will be Saturday December 1st at 3:00 p.m., during our "Old Fashioned Christmas" celebration. All net proceeds will benefit the Knauss Homestead Restoration and Preservation effort.



Emmaus Kiwanis Quarters for a Cause

Open to the Public - Mark your calendars to join the Emmaus Kiwanis Club on March 24, 2019 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm at the Macungie Fire Company #1 (31 S. Walnut Street, Macungie). Quarters for a Cause is a cross between an auction and bingo. Admission is \$5.00 and includes one free paddle. Additional paddles are available for purchase for \$1 per paddle. Food will be available for purchase. Visit our website for more information on "Quarters for a Cause" www.emmauskiwanis.org, with all proceeds benefitting the Emmaus Kiwanis (a 501c3 non-profit organization). Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. The Emmaus Chapter sponsors the Community Egg Hunt, Special Needs Christmas Party, Kiwanis Pancake Festival, provides thousands of dollars in scholarships to area students, and so much more.



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Remember the Emmaus Commemorative Garden During the Holidays

The holiday season is just around the corner. Looking for a creative Christmas, holiday or special gift? How about an Emmaus Remembrance Garden brick?

If you are looking for a creative gift for a special someone, the Emmaus Remembrance Garden is selling commemorative bricks to be placed at the lovely Remembrance Garden at the Knauss Homestead. There are many options to choose from - wedding, anniversary, birthday, retirement, Eagle Scout, veteran's service, community heroes - the possibilities are endless for brick-giving!

We invite everyone to visit the Garden to see the changes throughout the seasons. The rose bushes, perennial garden, pergola and benches, make for a quiet and beautiful setting to sit and enjoy each season. By purchasing a brick, your gift not only commemorates the one you love or an event to celebrate, your donation is put to great use and is sown back into the Garden to make it even more beautiful.

A special Remembrance Garden Brick Gift Certificate is available for bricks purchased as gifts and the ordered bricks will be delivered as soon as we have them from the engraver.

Visit the Garden and our website at www.emmausremembers.org where bricks can be designed and purchased with a credit card. For more information about the Garden or presentations that can be done for local groups, contact Mike Waddell at 484-274-2089.

There are over 650 engraved bricks in the Remembrance Garden including over 300 for veterans...make sure that you remember the special people and events in your life and purchase an engraved brick today!



Woman's Club of Emmaus

During the months of December through February, the Emmaus Woman's Club will be busy preparing for its annual celebration of the Girls of the Month. The Girl of the Month Awards Program was initiated in the 1950's. These awards are given to recognize senior girls who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in the departments of music, journalism, art, family and consumer science, business and computer applications, drama, science, and mathematics as determined by the faculty of the Emmaus High School. In 2019, the awards celebration will be held on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church. The public is welcome to join in our celebration.

The Club will hold its annual Spring Card Party on April 25, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. This is a major fundraiser for the Club. The funds from the Party are used to support our student awards and scholarship programs. For information about the Card Party, please contact Sandy at 610-395-6434.

All meetings are held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 501 Chestnut St., Emmaus. For information about the Woman's Club of Emmaus, please contact Karen at 610-366-0807.



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Winter Driving Tips from the Emmaus Police Department

1. Ensure your car is road-ready; check the tires, brakes, lights, and windshield wipers.
2. Keep the gas tank at least half-full. In extremely cold temperatures, condensation can build up in an empty tank which can cause the fuel line to freeze.
3. Before hitting the road, clear the car's hood, roof, and all windows and lights of frost and snow.
4. Pack an emergency road kit in case of a breakdown or accident. It should include an ice scraper, shovel, flashlight, jumper cables, flares, blankets, and a first-aid kit.
5. Watch the local news for a check of road conditions before traveling.
6. If possible, postpone travel until roads have been plowed, treated, and cleared.
7. A highway speed of 65 miles per hour may be safe in dry weather, but can be an invitation for trouble on snow and ice. Speed limits are set for optimal conditions, so adjust your speed to the weather outside.
8. Always wear a seat belt.
9. In wintry conditions, motorists should always drive with their headlights on for maximum visibility.
10. On slippery roads, a vehicle will not be able to stop or turn as quickly as it would on dry pavement, so allow greater distance than usual between yourself and the vehicle ahead of you.



Emmaus Police Department Accreditation Manager Sgt Jeremy Schilling and Chief of Police Chuck Palmer receive a re-accreditation certificate from Richard Hammond of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association.

Emmaus Police Department Receives its 5th Accreditation Certificate and Hires a New Police Officer

At the September 4, 2018 meeting of Emmaus Borough Council, the Emmaus Police Department was presented with its Accreditation Certificate. The Certificate was presented by the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association Accreditation Coordinator, Richard Hammond. In his remarks, Mr. Hammond stated that by becoming accredited, the Emmaus Police Department meets professional standards and has been placed in the "top echelon of Police Departments across the Commonwealth." The Certificate was presented to Accreditation Manager Sgt. Jeremy Schilling and Chief of Police Chuck Palmer. The Emmaus Police department has been accredited since 2006 and has been re-accredited every 3 years, making this the 5th time through the accreditation process.



Chief of Police Chuck Palmer watches as Mayor Lee Ann Gilbert administers the Oath of Office to newly hired Officer Jayme Whipple.

Also, at the September 4th meeting, Mayor Gilbert administered the Oath of Office to newly hired Officer Jayme Whipple. Officer Whipple grew up in the Nazareth area and graduated from Nazareth High School. She is a 2017 Graduate of the Allentown Police Academy. She is a welcome addition to the Police Department and is only the 4th full time female Officer in the 109-year history of the Police Department. Officer Whipple likes the small town feel of the Borough of Emmaus and is looking forward to getting to know, and have positive interactions with the community.

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Emmaus Police Department



Congratulations to our Newly Appointed Police Sergeants

The Borough recently conducted the Civil Service promotion process and is proud to announce the promotions of two very deserving Police Officers, Vincent Murante and Robert Alburger.

Sergeant Vince Murante is a graduate of Salisbury High School. He attended Kutztown University and has a Bachelor in Science Degree in Business Administration. He was hired by the Emmaus Police Department in 2012 and was promoted to K9 Officer in 2016. He has attained numerous certifications and won awards with his K9 partner Ronnie. Just recently, Sergeant Murante and Ronnie were awarded a 2nd place finish in the Narcotics Detection category, and 3rd place in the Obedience category at the East Coast Canine Trials. Sergeant Murante is also the departmental defensive tactics instructor.

Sergeant Robert Alburger was hired in 2011. He graduated from Pennridge High School. He attended East Stroudsburg University and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Physiology. Sergeant Alburger is a Field Training Officer, Bicycle Officer and a member of the Lehigh County Emergency Response Team.



Chief of Police Chuck Palmer watches as Mayor Lee Ann Gilbert administers the Oath of Office to newly promoted Sergeants Vincent Murante and Robert Alburger.



Emmaus Police Department employee Sally Hosfeld and Mayor Lee Ann Gilbert helped serve hot dogs to visitors of the Emmaus Police Department on National Night Out on August 6th.

National Night Out

On August 6, 2018, the Emmaus Police Department held its first National Night Out. Even though the weather was stormy, the turnout was large as Mayor Lee Ann Gilbert served approximately 200 hot dogs to visitors of the Police Department. Besides serving hot dogs, the Emmaus Police Department held an open house and gave guided tours of the department. National Night Out is a nationwide celebration that honors

the special bond between police departments and their communities (both residents and businesses). In the Borough of Emmaus, the Police Department takes great pride in their partnership with our community and remains committed to keeping our neighborhoods safe to live, work, and travel. If you were unable to join us this year, mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Emmaus Police Department Open House on Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

Crossing Guards Needed

The Emmaus Police Department and the East Penn School District are seeking additional volunteers to serve as Crossing Guards for the 2018-2019 school year. Can you spare a small fraction of your time? Are you interested in serving among the ranks of our existing staff of dedicated Crossing Guards? The Emmaus Police Department will provide you with the equipment and training necessary. Just a few hours a week and you will be rewarded with an invitation to a winter banquet and a summer picnic!!

Over the years, the Emmaus Crossing Guards have contributed to the safety of our children traveling to and from school each day. It is critical that we insure their safety in the future. Will you help us? If you are interested, or you can help, please call the Emmaus Police Department at 610-965-0722. Ask or leave a message for Cindy Pandl. We will do the rest.

Security Camera Listing

The Emmaus Police Department needs your help!

If you are a business owner or a resident with exterior security cameras on your property and would like to assist the Emmaus Police Department, please consider adding your information to a list for our future reference. The listing is completely voluntary. You may add your information to the list by emailing police@emmauspd.org and putting "security camera" in the subject line. Or you may call (610) 967-3113 and ask to speak to Detective Sgt. Apgar concerning the security camera listing.

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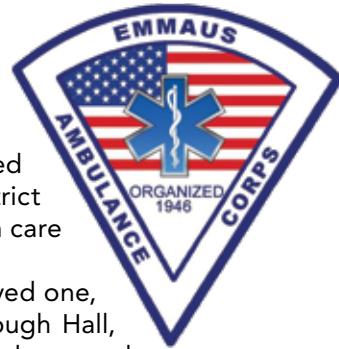
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A Message from the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator, James Krippe

This year has proven to be very difficult to predict the weather. Will the weather continue with more rain, or will the winter bring snow instead? Once again, the Old Farmer's Almanac and the Farmer's Almanac do not agree on the weather for winter. As always, it is important to be prepared for the worst possible scenario for winter weather.

As a quick review, please register your phones (landline & cell) with Lehigh County CODE RED alerting system (www.lehighcounty.org) and with Emmaus Borough's SWIFTRACH alerting system. (www.borough.emmaus.pa.us). By doing so, it will give you an automatic notification of any type of emergency in your area.

By visiting www.ready.gov and www.ready.pa you can review vital information on what to do and how to prepare for the various types of emergencies, especially weather related. Prepare for at least a 3 to 5 day homebound event and also review how to prepare your car for winter weather. This not only involves making sure your car is mechanically ready, but also how to prepare in case you become stranded in your car. Some of the items you should be checking or preparing for are: updated emergency contact lists, medication and medical supplies, food and water supply, backup generator or heating system, some sort of temporary lighting, making sure all your electronics are fully charged beforehand or have battery backup available and if you drive make sure your vehicle is filled with fuel. These are just a few items, more can be found on the above websites.

If it becomes necessary to relocate to a temporary shelter, please remember that you should only bring required medications, personal hygiene, and small forms of entertainment. Do not pack as if you were going on a vacation because space will be very limited.

Remember, should an emergency arise requiring Police, Fire or Medical Service, there may be a delay in getting to you. There are many reasons for this including road conditions or a backup of emergency calls. Please try to remain calm and don't panic. Help will be there as soon as possible.

Meet Thomas Klocek, Borough of Emmaus Fire Inspector

The Borough of Emmaus is excited to welcome Thomas Klocek as the Borough's new Fire Inspector. Mr. Klocek comes to the Borough with a vast knowledge and experience in the firefighting field. He served in the United States Army and was hired as a City of Allentown Firefighter, where he worked for 18 years until his retirement in 2010. During his tenure in Allentown, he worked his way up through the ranks to Fire Marshall, while also serving on many of the department's specialty teams. He is certified as a Fire and Explosion Investigator by the National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI). He also holds several Proboard certifications in the field of firefighting.

In his free time, Mr. Klocek enjoys hiking, including hiking the entire Appalachian Trail twice. He also enjoys exercising, vacationing, movies, and making the best of life. Please join us in welcoming Thomas Klocek to the Emmaus Borough Community.



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Curbside Leaf Collection

The Borough of Emmaus will continue its 2018 Curbside Leaf Collection through Friday, December 7th. The Borough is unable to set specific pick-up dates for leaf pick-up for individual streets throughout the town and recommends that leaves are raked out to the curb line the beginning of each week. The Public Works Department will collect twice a week however, please be advised that if the Borough encounters winter weather and the Public Works Department needs to plow the streets, any leaves in the road will be plowed. The Public Works Department will make every effort to get the roads cleaned up before the winter. For **FINAL COLLECTION**, the week of December 2nd through December 7th, please have your leaves out on Monday morning (December 3rd) of the final week. Once the Public Works Department has made its final pass on your street, they will not return.

- Please rake all leaves to the curb into long narrow rows not more than 18" into the road. Leaves placed on the sidewalk will not be collected. The Public Works Department will not empty bags or other containers; this is the responsibility of the resident. Branches, shrubbery, grass, garbage, dog waste, and other building materials will not be picked up.
- Leaves will not be collected on private property. If leaves are not in place when the crews go by, they will be picked up on the following round through the Borough. No "return trips" will be made to pick them up.
- Residents who have areas designated as "No Parking" (yellow painted curbs) are encouraged to pile leaves at these locations for easier pick up.
- Piles with anything other than leaves will not be picked up. These objects will cause damage to the leaf pickup units and put them out of service as a great expense of time and money to the Borough and its residents.
- Do not place tarps over your leaves. The Public Works Department will bypass them and they will not be collected.
- To help facilitate the picking up of the leaves, please keep all vehicles away from the area where the leaves are piled. The Public Works Department will not rake piles of leaves out from between parked cars or from under them.
- Do not pile leaves on or around storm drains as this will cause flooding issues and create unsafe driving conditions.

Thank you for your cooperation. For additional leaf/yard waste disposal, the Compost Site is also open for drop off through December 6th.

Compost Site Hours of Operation

October 23-December 6
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Tuesday & Thursday
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Winter Stormwater Tips

As winter approaches and rain turns to snow, it is still important to consider stormwater pollution. Pollutants such as soaps, fertilizers, automotive fluids, and pet waste can collect in the snow pack, accumulating until a thaw suddenly dumps them into the storm water system. Contaminants that end up in the storm drains are carried off, untreated, to streams and larger bodies of water that are used for drinking, swimming, or fishing.

Here are a few helpful habits to reduce the amount of harmful pollutants entering storm drains this winter season:

- Winterizing vehicles. Check that your car is not leaking oil or other fluids. It takes only a small amount of motor oil to pollute thousands of gallons of water. Also, dispose of drained fluids properly. Many service stations will collect used motor oil and recycle it. Please do not dump these items down the storm drains.
- Washing vehicles. On a warm winter day, you may be tempted to break out the hose and bucket to get some of the road grime off of your car. Take a moment to see where that runoff is going. Does it wash down the driveway and into the storm drain? If so, all that salt and dirt will enter a stream or pond. Using a car wash facility may cost a few dollars more, but the water will be treated before being released into the watershed.
- De-icing driveways and sidewalks. While it may be habit to stock up on salt for the winter, many people would not consider dumping a bucket of salt on their lawn in the summer. But the results are similar. Salt runs off of your sidewalk and onto the surrounding soil. Consider more environmentally-friendly deicing products like Rain-Ex, Enviro-MLT, or Easy Melt found at most auto parts and home improvement stores.



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News from the Emmaus Shade Tree Commission

Tree-Friendly Salt Alternatives

Use ice-melting products wisely so you don't harm your trees.



In the Borough of Emmaus, snow and ice are inevitable consequences of winter. While the frozen stuff may be pretty to look at, it's a hazard on sidewalks and driveways. Products that melt ice are an easy fix, but when used in excess, they can injure or even kill lawns, trees, and shrubs. Here are some ways to protect plants while keeping paved surfaces clear in winter.

- When choosing a chemical deicer, avoid products that contain salt. Rock salt (sodium chloride, sometimes abbreviated on product labels as NaCl) is easily available and cheap. Compared to other deicing chemicals, however, it is the most harmful to plants and soil and the most corrosive for concrete and other surfaces. Some products combine salt with other ingredients. Even in small quantities, salt interferes with the ability of plant roots to access water and nutrients.
- Safer options include calcium chloride, potassium chloride, and magnesium chloride. All three are kinder to plants (and to pet paws) than salt but can still cause harm if used excessively. Safest of the chemical deicers is calcium magnesium acetate, which is biodegradable and provides plant nutrients. Although these alternatives cost more than rock salt, they are actually more economical to use because it takes less product to clear ice.
- Use the smallest amount of chemical deicers that will do the job. Shovel first and save the deicer for any thin patches of ice that remain. Snow is less likely to become packed down into ice if you shovel as soon as possible after a snowfall.
- Make a conscious effort to keep deicers away from the root zones of plants. A tree's root zone typically extends well beyond the spread of its branches.
- Below a certain temperature, deicers won't work. The lowest effective temperature varies from product to product and should be stated on the label. When it's too cold for deicers, choose non-chemical options, like coarse sand or sawdust, that improve traction on icy surfaces without melting the ice.

Call Before You Cut

Healthy, well-maintained trees add to property values and the quality of our lives. Before planting, pruning, or removing any tree within the public right-of-way (within 12 feet of the curb), Emmaus property owners must request a permit from the Shade Tree Commission. For questions about street trees, the Emmaus Shade Tree Ordinance, or to request a permit, please contact any Shade Tree Commission member: Reds Bailey, 610-967-6191; Doug Hall, 610-967-2304; Beverly Springer, 610-965-6671; and Linda Destan, 610-704-6756.

Christmas Tree Collection

The Public Works Department will collect Christmas trees on **Wednesday, January 2, 2019** and **Wednesday, January 9, 2019**. Please place your tree at the curb, **WITHOUT A BAG** and the Public Works Department will pick it up. Trees discarded after **January 9, 2019** will not be picked up. After that, residents must take their tree to the Compost Site for disposal. The Compost Site will be open daily January 7 to 11, 2019, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for disposal of Christmas trees and other yard waste.



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Snow Plowing Tips and Reminders

The Public Works Department of the Borough of Emmaus is dedicated to the safety of its residents. At times, snow removal can be a monumental task and our Department of Public Works employees work around the clock to keep the State and Borough routes open. In an effort to prepare our residents for impending snow storms, the Public Works Department wants you to know more about snow removal and answer your most frequently asked questions.

1. When will my street be plowed?

Depending on the severity of the snowstorm, roads that will be plowed first are: the roads with the highest traffic volume, steep hills, state roads, snow emergency routes, roads near emergency service facilities, and roads near public institutions. While the storm is occurring, one pass is made in each direction of every street. After this is complete, or it is determined that the storm is coming to an end, the pushing back phase of the excess snow will begin. This is

when all streets are cleaned, curb-to-curb or to the shoulder of the road.

2. Should we move our cars from the street? When a storm is forecasted, move vehicles to off-street parking when possible and keep vehicles off the street until plowing is completed. Parked cars can cause both a hazard and hindrance to snow removal efforts. This allows plows to clear the entire roadway the first time through, making return trips unnecessary.

3. What about driveways and sidewalks? When cleaning your street, the crews have no place to push the snow except to the side of the road. This creates the unavoidable problem of already cleaned sidewalks and driveways to be covered with snow. Residents and business owners should wait until the Borough trucks and equipment have completed their work before cleaning driveways, sidewalks, and vehicles. Snow from vehicles and sidewalks should

not be deposited back into that portion of the street where snow has already been removed. Do not shovel snow from your driveways into the roadway. This practice is illegal under the state motor vehicle code and Borough Ordinance 303 and is also hazardous. Fines for violations range from \$25.00 to \$100.00. **Please do not shovel snow into the street!** Residents are responsible for the actions of anyone they may hire for removal.

4. If the Borough pushes snow back onto my sidewalk, who is responsible? Sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owner. Borough Ordinance 302 requires that all sidewalks must be cleared of snow or ice accumulations within twenty-four (24) hours after each precipitation ends. Failure to do so may result in fines for violations of the Ordinance. School bus stops must also be kept clear of snow and ice on the sidewalks.

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5. What if my mailbox becomes covered with snow? Your mailbox and the access to it, for the U.S. Postal Service, is the responsibility of the resident. Again, because the crews have no place to put the snow, roadside mailboxes may become blocked. Heavy snow may damage mailboxes. This is not intentional, but may occur. Please make sure your mailbox is sturdy and in good repair. The Borough will not be responsible for repairs to mailboxes placed within the legally defined rights-of-ways of its roads, unless they are actually struck by the snow removal equipment.

6. What should I do if my lawn or landscaping was damaged by the snowplow? Any objects that are placed within the right-of-way by the property owner, including trees, shrubs or lawns are not the responsibility of the Borough in the case of plow damage. If there are low hanging branches overhanging the roadway, the Borough's plows or emergency vehicles will not be able to make a clear pass through. Those areas may not be plowed and emergency vehicles may not have access. Please make sure that all overhanging branches are trimmed prior to winter.

Weather and snowstorms require patience and neighborhoods and businesses should work together. If practical, develop plans ahead of

time in relation to where snow and ice will be stored. Contractors with plow equipment and residents with snow blowers should remain mindful of the direction snow and ice is removed from properties. Remember, we are all trying to achieve the same goal of keeping our roadways safe and traffic moving. During snow storms, SAFETY is the Borough's main concern.

PLEASE HAVE PATIENCE! Snow removal is tedious and a very time-consuming job. The Borough of Emmaus Public Works snow removal operators are human and work many hours under very difficult conditions to keep Borough residents safe. Please do not abuse them or threaten them or the Borough of Emmaus Police Department may be contacted. Travel should be limited during a snowfall and immediately after, unless absolutely necessary. Please do not call; unless it is urgent. When crews are removed from normal routes, it slows down the overall efforts. If a call warrants attention, the information will be dispatched and the crew will take care of the problem as soon as possible.

Please help the Borough in keeping your fire hydrants clear of snow. If you have a hydrant in your neighborhood, please adopt it this winter by keeping it clear of snow and ice so that it is readily accessible in an emergency. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!



Adopt a Fire Hydrant

Do you live near a fire hydrant? If yes, would you like to consider adopting it this winter?

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