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1921 - 2021 - The Halloween Parade: An Emmaus Tradition

Join us for the 100th Anniversary of the Emmaus Halloween Parade - October 16th
It will be a Spooktacular event!

When the first paraders step out in unison at 7:30 p.m. on October 16, 2021, they will be continuing a tradition that has been going on in Emmaus since the early 1900's. According to Borough records, the first mention of an official Halloween Parade Committee was October 20, 1919. On October 3, 1921, "A committee of the American Legion was present and informed (Council) as to the holding of a Halloween parade, - A.F. Buck, H.D. Wenhig, H.F. Moatz, W.L. Kratzer, R.S. Stoneback, R.C.D. Rahn, H.A. Knauss. This committee to act in conjunction with the Legion Committee."

Halloween Parade Chair, Kathy Mintzer, has been leading the parade committee for 25 years and shared, "there have been many, many volunteers working on this parade over the decades, we need to continue this tradition the best way we know how and that's with dedicated committee members and volunteers." The Emmaus Halloween Parade is scheduled for Saturday, October 16, 2021, at 7:30 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, October 17, at 6:30 p.m. All entrants must be registered for the parade. Registration forms are available on the Borough website (www.borough.emmaus.pa.us), the parade website (www.Emmausparade.com), and at Town Hall. The deadline for registration is October 8, 2021.

Additional Parade Information: Participants will be notified the week of the parade about assigned divisions and reporting locations. **MAKE SURE EVERYONE IN YOUR GROUP KNOWS WHERE AND WHEN TO REPORT!** Division captains in orange vests will guide you to your assigned location. **PRIZES** – Entrants must complete the parade route to be eligible for prizes. Group prizes are awarded to groups of 8 or more. Prize money must be picked up immediately



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Borough of Emmaus

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PA One Call	1-800-242-1776
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Trash/Recycling – Whitetail Disposal	610-754-0103
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following the parade at the Williams Street ball field located at the intersection of Williams and Ridge Streets.

The Halloween Parade Committee needs more volunteers or traditions like the Parade will end!

Volunteer positions needed:

Division Captains – Format the division and walk with the parade to keep it secure and enforce the rules. 5:30 p.m. until the parade ends.

Parade Marshal – Formats the parade, attends weekly meetings, and weaves the Parade in Formation Area. 5:30 p.m. until the parade ends.

Float Formation Area – Line up all the floats according to the parade format. 5:00 p.m. until the parade starts.

Rules and Regulations:

The following rules and regulations will be strictly enforced. 1. No drilling or exhibition of any type is permitted. 2. No bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, scooters, or motorcycles, unless on a float. 3. No licensed vehicles unless fully decorated in a Halloween theme or pulling a float. 4. No open fires, fireworks, or alcoholic beverages. 5. Throwing or projecting anything, including candy, silly string, or coins, will not be tolerated. 6. No business or political advertising. 7. 3 or 4 wheelers are allowed ONLY if pulling a float. 8. A concession permit is required for anyone selling anything along the parade route, including outside sales by stores at fixed locations.

Halloween Parade Committee Meetings are held every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., starting September 8th. (The last meeting will be held on Thursday, October 14th at 6:30 p.m.) Meetings are held in the Community Room on the second floor of Town Hall.

For MORE INFORMATION or volunteering opportunities, please contact Kathy Mintzer at 610-965-6250 or EmmausParade@aol.com. For the complete parade route and other parade information, please visit the Emmaus Halloween Parade Committee website at www.emmausparade.com.

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News from the Emmaus Police Department

The Emmaus Police Department has gone through several personnel changes and promotions in the past several months. The department has hired 3 new police officers to fill vacancies created by retirements and officers leaving for other law enforcement agencies.

In January, the department hired Francis Hurd. Officer Hurd is a graduate of Norristown High School and served with the United States Army (Airborne). Officer Hurd previously served with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.



In June, the department hired Brandon Smith and Braden Sacks as Police Officers. Officer Smith graduated from Northern Lehigh High School and served with the United States Marine Corps. Officer Smith is currently enrolled in Northampton Community College and continues to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps reserves. Officer Sacks graduated from Perkiomen Valley High School and the University of Phoenix. Officer Sacks was previously employed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.

In May, Chief Charles Palmer retired after serving with the Emmaus Police Department for 27 years. Chief Palmer held the rank of Sergeant for 15 years and Chief of Police for 5 years. We wish him well in his retirement.

In January, the Borough promoted Sergeant Troy Schantz to the rank of Deputy Chief of Police and in June to the position of Chief of Police. Chief Schantz has served with the department since January of 1991 and was promoted to Sergeant in 2001. He has served as a member of the Lehigh County Emergency Response Team for 20 years. Chief Schantz is a graduate of Emmaus High School and earned a Bachelor's Degree from Shippensburg University.

He lives in the Borough of Emmaus with his wife Tonya and their three children.

In June, the Borough promoted Sergeant Jason Apgar to the rank of Deputy Chief of Police. Deputy Chief Apgar has been a member of the Emmaus Police Department since March 2000. Deputy Chief Apgar has served as a Criminal Investigator for 18 years and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2016. Deputy Chief Apgar is a graduate of Emmaus High School and has earned a Bachelor's Degree from Moravian College and a Master's Degree from DeSales University. Jason lives in the Borough of Emmaus with his wife Angela.

In July, Officer Adam Polster and Officer Adam Knoblauch were promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Polster is a graduate of Emmaus High School and has served in the United States Marine Corps. He has been serving the Emmaus community since August 2015. Sergeant Knoblauch is a graduate of Tamaqua High School and Delaware



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Valley University. Sergeant Knoblauch has been serving the Emmaus community since March 2008 and is currently assigned as a Criminal Investigator.

In July, the Emmaus Police Department was recognized as successfully completing the re-accreditation process, which is required every three years. The Emmaus Police Department is among only 10 percent of the law enforcement agencies in Pennsylvania that has achieved accreditation from the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. Congratulations to the Emmaus Police Department for its re-accreditation and to the newly hired and appointed officers.

Fraud Reminder

The police department would like to remind residents that there is a constant attempt to obtain personal information for fraudulent use. Simple tips to remember are: If it sounds too good to be true it probably is, if you didn't sign up for a service, they should not be calling you, if you have to pay money to receive your free gift, it isn't free! The IRS or other government agencies do not call you and request your information to verify that it is you. All of the previous scenarios are common tactics used by scammers. Please do not act on emotions, excitement, or fear, allowing these individuals to coerce you to provide your personal information. If you receive a call from an unknown number allow the phone call to go to voice mail. Most fraudulent callers will not leave a voice mail for you. If you suspect fraud or are/have been a victim of fraud, please report it to the Emmaus Police Department at 610-967-3113.



Trick or Treat Safety Tips from the Emmaus Police Department

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

Friday, October 29, 2021 • 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. • (Rain or Shine)

It's the time of year for costumes, sweets, tricks and treats. While Halloween offers plenty of make-believe fun, it also brings real safety risks as children dart across dark streets with their minds more on candy than on cars. Children are twice as likely to be hit by a car on trick or treat night than on any other night of the year. Burns and cuts are also common during Halloween. And then there's the candy: Almost two-thirds of parents think their kids eat too much of it around Halloween.

Trick or Treat can be safely enjoyed, especially when parents put extra care into planning and supervision. Talk with your children every year about safety concerns unique to this holiday and review do's and don'ts before heading out to trick or treat.

Please follow these tips to keep your family safe this spooky season.

Get clever with costumes

From furry animals to princesses and superheroes, choosing costumes wisely is an important part of trick or treat safety. Follow these tips:

- **The brighter the better.** Whether you buy a costume or make one yourself, choose bright colors and flame-retardant materials. If your child will be trick or treating outdoors after dark, attach reflective tape to his or her costume or treat bag.
- **Size it right.** In case it's chilly outdoors, make sure your child's costume is loose enough for warm clothing to be worn underneath — but not long enough to cause tripping. Avoid oversized shoes and high heels.
- **Skip the masks.** A mask can obstruct your child's vision, especially if it slips out of place. Use kid-friendly, nontoxic makeup instead.
- **Limit accessories.** Pointed props — such as wands, swords and knives — might pose safety hazards. Carry flashlights or wear glowing wristbands instead.

Trick or treat with care

Before your children start trick or treating, review these basic Halloween safety rules:

- **Get in on the fun.** Accompany trick or treaters younger than age 12. Pin a piece of paper with your child's name, address and phone number inside your child's pocket in case you get separated. Encourage older kids to trick or treat with a group of friends, parents or older siblings. Make sure someone in the group has a flashlight with fresh batteries.
- **Set ground rules.** If your child will be trick or treating without you, plan and discuss a familiar route and set a curfew. Review safety rules, including staying with the group, walking only on the sidewalk, approaching only clearly lit homes, and never going inside a home or car for a treat. Have your child carry a cellphone for the evening so that he or she can contact you.
- **Inspect treats before indulging.** Don't let your child snack while he or she is trick or treating. Feed your child an early meal before heading out, and inspect the treats before allowing your child to dive in. Discard anything that is not sealed, has torn packaging or looks questionable. If you have young children, weed out gum, peanuts, hard candies and other choking hazards. If your child has food allergies, check candy labels carefully. Even hard candies may be manufactured in facilities that process nuts, milk, soy, wheat, egg or other allergens.

- **Ration the loot.** If your child collects gobs of goodies, dole out a few pieces at a time and save the rest. You might even ask your child if he or she would like to swap some — or all — of the candy for something else, such as a special toy, book or outing.
- **Plan a party.** Consider planning a trick or treat party with a couple of neighbors instead of house-to-house door knocking. Decorate the garages, have a costume contest, or plan games and prizes. Check local schools, malls and churches to find other safe celebration options.

Stay safe and sweet on the home front

Planning to hand out treats? To make sure you're ready for trick or treaters, follow these tips:

- **Clean up.** Put away anything trick or treaters could trip over, such as garden hoses, toys, bikes and lawn decorations. Clear wet leaves, snow or other debris from the sidewalk.
- **Turn the lights on.** Replace any burned-out bulbs to ensure good visibility at the walkway and front door.
- **Control your pets.** Take no chances that your pet might be frightened and chase or bite a child at your door.
- **Consider sugar substitutes.** Instead of handing out sugar-laden treats, try stickers, fun pencils, rubber insects or colored chalk.

If you'll be driving on trick or treat, watch for children who might pop out between parked cars. Be especially careful entering or leaving driveways and alleys. Extra caution can help ensure trick or treat safety for everyone.

Carve safely

Before you start carving pumpkins, consider these Halloween safety rules:

- **Decorate with markers, glitter glue or paint.** Let young children draw faces on pumpkins with art supplies. Leave any carving to an adult.
- **Use candles with care.** Place candlelit pumpkins on a sturdy surface away from curtains and other flammable objects. Never leave candlelit pumpkins unattended. Better yet, light pumpkins with flashlights, battery-operated flameless candles or glow sticks instead.

Credit: The Mayo Clinic

Welcome Matthew West as our new Ambulance Chief

Matthew comes to the Borough with a wealth of experience. Matthew is originally from Mississippi, but most recently was living in Alabama, where he was Director of Operations and Critical Care Paramedic for Highlands EMS since 2019. He has been a Paramedic since 2009, when he graduated from East Mississippi Community College.

Matthew holds a Flight Paramedic Certification, Critical Care Certification, and is a NAEMT (National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians) Instructor.

Matthew enjoys fishing, hunting, photography, and hiking with his dog, Wyatt. Matthew looks forward to meeting the community and is excited to be a part of the Borough's Emergency Services team.



Borough Names New Solicitor as Attorney Dimmich Retires



In July, the Borough named a new Borough Solicitor. The firm of Dimmich and Dinkelacker, after serving over 9 years as Borough Solicitor, dissolved. Thomas Dinkelacker, who specialized in all of the Borough's land development and planning projects, has moved onto the firm Norris McLaughlin. Meanwhile, the Borough's primary Solicitor, Jeffrey Dimmich, is retiring after owning his own firm since 1977.

The Borough interviewed several highly qualified firms for its Solicitor position. Borough Council ultimately named the firm Gross McGinley, LLP as the new Borough Solicitor. Jason Ulrich will serve as the primary Solicitor, as Attorney Thomas Capehart will serve as the back-up. Attorneys Ulrich and Capehart will be joined by three other municipal attorneys as well as a labor specialist that the Borough will have access to for certain legal matters. The firm has represented municipalities such as Whitehall Township, Coopersburg, Quakertown, Allentown, and at least 12 other municipal entities, including the Emmaus General Authority. Attorney Ulrich was admitted to the Bar in 2007 and has been a municipal attorney since his early years as a lawyer. He has served as a municipal Solicitor, Zoning Board Solicitor,

an Authority Solicitor, and has even served as an elected tax collector. Attorney Capehart has served in the same types of capacities for well over 20 of his 30 years of law practice. Both individuals are active members in the Emmaus and surrounding areas civic community.

Jeffrey Dimmich will serve as the Borough's alternate / conflict Solicitor until his final retirement date. Borough Council regretfully, but proudly honored Attorney Dimmich with a plaque at its August Council meeting. Attorney Dimmich has served the Borough faithfully and will be greatly missed, as his knowledge and expertise in municipal law is nearly unmatched across Pennsylvania. We know that Attorney Dimmich will enjoy his retirement with his wonderful wife, while also taking some to enjoy his other passions of golfing and fishing.



The Emmaus Farmers' Market

Emmaus Farmers' Market regular season:

Sundays, May-November, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Winter Market: 2nd & 4th Sundays, December-April, 10:00 a.m. – Noon.



The Emmaus Farmers' Market's regular season is going strong this year, thanks to all of its loyal customers in Emmaus and beyond. Please visit and support your local farmers on Sundays at the Triangle from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This fall we are excited to have the Seven Generations Charter School join us at the Community Table, along with the Borough of Emmaus Fire Department, and live music with locals such as Just So Duo, David Matsinko, The Audio files, and more. Please visit our website and Facebook page for details on live music.

This year, there will be a Market on Halloween and the ever-entertaining Emmaus Public Singing Society will join us once again. Please visit us for a fall celebration filled with apples, cider, and our vendors and customers in costumes! We love seeing so many people in costumes! While you are there you can vote for your favorite farmers and vendors in costume. Will the Big Red Barn win again this year???

The Winter Market hours will begin in December. Join us on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, from 10:00 a.m. - Noon, through April 2022. We will remain outdoors at the Triangle and will continue to bring you local produce, dairy products, bread and baked goods, raw honey, coffee, herbs, locally grown organic hemp and CBD products, meats and more.

We are always in need of 501(c) non- profits at the Community Table. If you are interested, please email the Marketing and Events Coordinator, Jen Schuster at info@emmausmarket.com. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for any new updates and visit our website www.emmausmarket.com for more information and to locate the Community Table Request Form. The market also has some cozy hoodies for the fall, and cool stickers for your school binders, so stop by the market tent to get your #RoosterRewards card punched and represent your favorite farmers' market! We are looking forward to closing out another great season in Emmaus and hope to see you there all through winter!

Thank you to the Emmaus Borough, local businesses, and loyal customers for all of the support!



The Emmaus Commemorative Garden Remembers



Despite the constraining effects of the pandemic, the Emmaus Commemorative Gardens Foundation has had another great year helping our community remember the important people and events in our community. In 2020-2021, we installed 88 bricks. 25 bricks of the bricks were installed for our veterans. There were also bricks installed for weddings, families, service clubs, the Emmaus High School class of 1970, and others. There are now a total of 827 engraved bricks in the Remembrance Garden and there is a story to tell with each of them.

Because of the weather, this year we had our first indoor veterans' bricks installation ceremony on Saturday, May 29th at the St. Paul Orthodox Church adjacent to the Remembrance Garden. During that ceremony we honored 15 veterans with engraved bricks and in between rain showers, we continued installations over the next few days. Many thanks to St. Paul Orthodox Church for their help.



We invite you to 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 remgarden1@gmail.com or 484-274-2089.

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While there were many matters to be sad, frustrated, and/or concerned about over the past 18 months, the Emmaus Main Street Partners would like to share some of the business highlights during the past year!

- Two local stores celebrated 75 years in business – congratulations to David's Electric and Emmaus Jewel Shop!
- The shops along South 4th Street are filled with businesses – Handmade Mystic Crystal Healing Jewelry, Emmaus Pharmacy, The Deca Salon, Korpics Upholstery, Lazy Dog Consignment, Apport Used Books, and of course our longstanding neighbor Jeff McElhaney with Edward Jones.
- The Emmaus Arts Commission (EAC), Emmaus Recreation and Entertainment Commission (REC), and the Emmaus Main Street Partners worked together to put on a summer Triangle Concert Series in addition to the movie nights and the Summer Concert Series hosted by the REC.
- The Emmaus Main Street Partners celebrated grand openings of various businesses throughout Emmaus including Curb Appeal Detail, TWG Security, Lemon Grass Café, and Mi Havana Cuban Cuisine.
- And more!

The last quarter of 2021 brings excitement as well! The Emmaus Main Street Partners continue to host a monthly roundtable for local business leaders to connect and learn with one another. They are held on the third Thursday of each month from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Triple Sun Spirits. Everyone is welcome to join us for

this free event. As we get back into the swing of in-person events, our volunteers are looking forward to bringing in local experts to provide valuable information at no cost to you!

Events like these roundtables can happen at little to no cost to our small, local businesses thanks to our sponsors who support major events like our annual golf tournament. Thank you to everyone who sponsored, golfed, purchased tee green signs, donated raffle items, and volunteered to help fund raise and support our business community. We enjoyed a beautiful summer day on Monday, June 21st and are already looking forward to the 17th Annual EMSP & Friends Golf Tournament which will be held on Monday June 20th, 2022. We are looking for businesses to set up as vendors at each tee box on the course to interact with the golfers and offer information about your business. In the coming months, we're looking forward to hosting various events with community partners. Mark your calendars for the following events:

- Farewell to Summer Festival on Saturday, September 18th from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Small Business Saturday on Saturday, November 27th.
- Old Fashioned Christmas on Saturday, December 4th, with the tree lighting ceremony at 6:00 p.m.
- Holidays Are Over Potluck Party Mixer in January.

Find more information on the Chamber's event calendar at www.lehighvalleychamber.org/events, call Ashley at (610) 739-1273, or email AshleyL@LehighValleyChamber.org.

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Stop by and see us at the Emmaus Triangle for The Farewell to Summer Fest on Saturday, September 18th, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Rocktoberfest at Macungie Memorial Park on Saturday, October 23rd, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Special Events:

September is National Library Card Sign Up Month. Don't have one? Start your application online: <https://emmaus.sparkpa.org/eg/opac/register>

Community Heroes Day is Thursday, October 7th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the library parking lot.

This is a safe space for children and their families to meet our local emergency responders. Rain date October 21st.

Adult Events:

- Daytime Book Group** - Held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the lecture room.
September 7th: The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson
October 5th: The World That We Knew by Alice Hoffman
November 2nd: I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
- Emmaus Creatives Connection** - Thursday, September 9th at 1:00 p.m. and monthly on the 2nd Thursday. RSVP for ZOOM link. Are you looking for support and community in your creative journey? Bring a project to work on during our meeting. Our time permits for discussion, creation, and alliances. All are welcome.
- Find Your Ancestors** - Wednesday, September 15th at 5:00 p.m. and monthly on the 3rd Wednesday. Sign up in advance for a 30-minute appointment with Chris to get personal assistance uncovering your family tree and insight on using Ancestry.com.
- Creative Writing Group** - Thursday, September 16th at 1:00 p.m. and monthly on the 3rd Thursday. Join us for an in-person creative writing group with Pat Johnson, a long-time creative writer. The group welcomes those who want to write creatively for fun and/or publication. All are welcome.
- Art @ EPL: Pastels** - Saturday, September 25th at 11:00 a.m. Join local artist Deborah Haaf for a workshop on painting with pastels. The workshop will be held outdoors in the backyard of the library. Bring an old shirt or apron to keep your clothes clean and some bug spray. Limited to 15 attendees ages 16 and over. Please RSVP via Eventbrite link: tinyurl.com/EPLpastel
- Coloring Club - Monday, September 27th at 6:30 p.m. and monthly on the 4th Monday. Explore your creative side, reduce stress, and color! We will be meeting in person and the library will provide coloring sheets, markers, and colored pencils or if you prefer, you can bring your own. Everyone is welcome.
- Organizing Your Printed Photos** - Monday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m. Are your printed photos hiding? You aren't alone! Hidden in those collections are the stories of your life—all worth sharing and preserving. Melissa Draving, Personal Concierge, will share tips on ways to bring your photos and stories back into your life. Please RSVP.

** Please send Adult Event RSVPs to Lauri by email to eplcollection@cliu.org or call 610-965-9284 x210.

Kids & Teens Events:


- Facebook Writing Prompts - Join us on Facebook every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. with a new prompt every 15 minutes – write about each one or save them for later, share your work or keep it private. The choice is yours in this all ages event.
- Stories on the Lawn** - Wednesday, September 8th at 10:30 a.m. Join Miss Sue for PIRATE tales to read outside under the trees behind the library! In case of inclement weather, the event will be held on Wednesday, September 15th.
- Fall Storytimes! - Starting in October through the 3rd week of December - Every Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. For preschoolers, toddlers, infants, and their parents. There will be stories, crafts, sometimes songs, and finger plays. Each week will include a hand-out with the bibliography, a coloring sheet, and other related ideas.
- Teen Writers Group** - Thursday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. and monthly on the 2nd Thursday. Join Miss Sue on a ZOOM video conference to write from new prompts and talk about the process of writing – reading aloud not required!
- Family Board Games Online** - Thursday, September 16th at 5:30 p.m. Do you miss playing board games with other people? Meet up with friends near and far in the EPL Board Game Arena Room online from any internet connected device and an active email account. No download necessary.

- Draw a Penguin Day - Saturday, September 18th. We are drawing penguins all day! Stop in and create your own penguin, bring your work from home to share, or admire what others have already made.
- Talk Like a Pirate Week - September 19th - 25th. Stop in to check out fun displays, puzzles, and coloring pages throughout the library.
- Books 'n' Barks - Thursday, September 23rd at 6:30 p.m. and monthly on the 4th Thursday. Books 'n' Barks is back! Read to the Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs on the library lawn. No registration needed. Bring your own books or choose one from the library.
- Dog Movie! - Saturday, November 6th at 1:00 p.m. Stay tuned.
- November crafting - Saturday, November 20th at 1:00 p.m.
- Meet the Author: Dan Yaccarino - Date pending, please check the library's calendar. Let's Play Books Bookstore and EPL are proud to host international bestselling author and illustrator Dan Yaccarino. Dan will be presenting from his new picture book, *The Longest Storm*, and focusing his presentation on "How to Draw and Talk About Emotions."

Please send Kids & Teens Event RSVPs to Miss Sue by email to eplkids@cliu.org or 610-965-9284 x209.

*****The library will be closed for holidays: Monday, September 6th; Thursday, November 25th; Friday & Saturday December 24th & 25th, and Friday, September 10th for Volunteer Appreciation***





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Portraits of Longevity - Celebrating Emmaus Centenarians - By: Teri Sorg-McManamon

For the past several years the Emmaus Historical Society and the Borough of Emmaus have partnered in celebrating our community centenarians. Some have lived in Emmaus their entire lives, many came back to work in the Borough after military service, and others originally moved here to raise a family. Whatever the reason they are here and part of the fabric of this special town. Since we started visiting our beloved centenarians, we've met M. Minerva (Minnie) Fries, Joseph Zeller, John "Jack" Baker, Elisabeth Gehring, Harold Eyer, Elsa Vilafane, Doris Hausman, Agnes Troxell Paist, Maria B. Schmid and Nina Swindells. Each shared their stories with us.

Although a few are not with us any longer, their words of wisdom live on. Most of the centenarians we celebrate grew up with major challenges, but 100 years later, they have no regrets. The stories they share are amazing and quaint.

Historical Society president, Jeanne Harakal shared, "In their stories we found common themes that shed light on their secrets to living a long life. Family. Faith. Love. Career. Luck." Minnie Fries summed it up by telling us "Work hard and be nice."

Excerpted from the official Emmaus Borough Proclamation Mayor Gilbert recites to the celebrant: "In celebration of a milestone 100th birthday - as a tribute to a useful life and right living, and above all, to your love of Emmaus - we honor you. During this very special banner birthday, we take time to recognize and show gratitude to you for your contributions and invaluable experiences. We benefit from your knowledge in service, government, faith and family. We ask every citizen of Emmaus of all ages to take full advantage of this opportunity and thank those, like you, who are now numbered among our elders. May we all remember in our daily lives that each of us will be among this special group some day and that we all share in designing a better future for our community."

What is the secret to longevity? Says Mayor Lee Ann Gilbert, "I enjoyed listening to the stories of their lives, how difficult things were back then, but at the same time how close family relationships were. I would often think how different my life would have been had I been born 100 years ago. Times have changed from a simpler lifestyle to a very busy tech savvy style, which I still get lost in." Certainly, medical advances and lifestyle improvements play a major role in living longer but a common theme among our centenarians is having friends and family.

The Historical Society is deeply grateful to those who let us know when someone with Emmaus roots is celebrating a 100th birthday. If their enthusiasm and vitality are any indication of what's to come, living 100 years will be a fact for many more people and as joyful as these centenarians show it to be.

If you know someone 100 years old or older who lives in Emmaus or has an Emmaus connection and would like them to be recognized by the Emmaus Historical Society and the Borough of Emmaus, contact us at emmaushist@ptd.net.





It has been an eventful and creative past few months for the Emmaus Arts Commission...

Have you seen the newly painted fire hydrants throughout town? The EAC hosted the 4th round of the Paint-A-Hydrant program in July. 20 local artists painted hydrants throughout Emmaus in a variety of colorful designs. As of July 2021, a total of 60 hydrants have been custom painted in the borough! Please be sure to walk around town and see all the newly painted hydrants! Thank you to all of the volunteers that participated in the July 2021 round of the Paint-A-Hydrant Program!

Do you have a fire hydrant in your neighborhood that needs some TLC? The Paint-A-Hydrant program is ongoing and is always accepting applications. Think up a design and submit it to make a positive change in your community! Apply now at emmausarts.org.

The Emmaus Arts Commission hosted its annual fundraiser from June 27th - August 22nd. The 2021 fundraiser "P.S. I Miss You" featured 21 custom painted mailboxes in both standard post and wall mount styles. All mailboxes were painted by local artists who submitted designs and donated their time and talent! Emmaus Arts showcased the mailboxes at the Emmaus Farmers' Market for the community to view. Bidding was done online at emmausarts.org. It was amazing to see the support from the community. All of the money raised from the annual fundraiser directly benefits the community through arts related activities and events throughout the year!

Tunes in the Triangle was a success! We hope that you had a chance to stop out this summer and enjoy it! On the 2nd and 4th Fridays of June, July and August, the Emmaus Arts Commission, Emmaus Recreation/Entertainment Commission, and Emmaus Main Street Partners joined forces to provide the community with free live music at Triangle Park from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The weather held out for most of the concerts and all those in attendance had a great time! We can't wait to hold them again in Summer 2022!

Stay tuned for the EAC's upcoming annual Student Film Festival! Open to all middle and high school students throughout the Lehigh Valley, this unique event gives students the opportunity to create a short film with a chance to win prizes! For more information on how to register please visit emmausarts.org.

Emmaus Borough & Emmaus Arts Commission worked together to plan and create a 158' mural at the Emmaus Community Park. EAC Vice President, Lauren Kuhn, researched and designed the layout of the mural. Community members and organizations were able to sign up to paint the mural! The mural features local barn stars. It came together much quicker than we originally thought and turned out absolutely amazing! Be sure to stop by the park to check it out and take a selfie! #emmausartiseverywhere

Share your creativity! We would love to see how you have been staying creative this past summer, be sure to use #emmausartiseverywhere on your social media posts. Please like Emmaus Arts on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @emmausarts

Local Artists Wanted! The EAC is in the process of creating an online directory on our website that features local artists. If you are a local artist of any kind; painter, photographer, sculptor, musician, etc., please complete the contact us form at emmausarts.org

The Emmaus Arts Commission was created by the Emmaus Borough Council to encourage civic participation in the arts through the promotion of the arts within our community. Find out more information on upcoming events and what's happening with the EAC by liking us on Facebook and by visiting emmausarts.org. If you are interested in supporting the Emmaus Arts, please send donations to: Emmaus Arts Commission, c/o Emmaus Borough, 28 S. 4th St, Emmaus PA 18049.



HYDRANT ARTISTS: Lauren Hutsulak, Jeanne Triano, Lisa McDonald



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Member meetings and programs are still on hold until the church reopens its Parish Hall. Stay informed about all Emmaus Historical Society happenings by visiting their website – emmaushistoricalsociety.org or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

As we all try to return to our normal activities, please watch for announcements of our regular events such as Old-Fashioned Christmas.

"And the World Came Together as the People Stayed Apart"



The Knauss Homestead

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Knauss Homestead Preservation Society

Time is relevant. A minute still has 60 seconds, an hour 60 minutes, a day 24 hours and so forth and so on. So why is it that Monday's seemingly roll around quicker, the first of the month comes sooner and the seasons and years come even faster yet?

It appears that this phenomenon did not exist in the early years of our great nation in the tiny village of Emmaus. Surely the never-ending hard work must have made minutes, hours, days, months, and years seem longer. Here we are approaching another season. Much has been done to preserve and restore the Knauss Homestead. Work continues to create an atmosphere within the homestead that replicates life there during the time of Heinrich Knauss and his family. The exterior of the house has been freshly painted, new shutters, and hardware have been installed as well as exterior lighting. It seems to have taken forever, but the finished product was well worth the wait.

Now comes the even harder task of barn restoration. Though the original barn was destroyed by fire in the mid 1800's, the present-day barn was built on the original foundation. We are fortunate to have a house and barn from the early days of Emmaus situated within our community and as such will continue to make every effort that we can to preserve and keep it intact. Please visit the Knauss Homestead and take a step back into the past.

Save the date for Old Fashioned Christmas at the Homestead on Friday, December 3rd from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday December 4th 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

We encourage you to become a member and donate to support our restoration work by going to our website www.knausshomestead.org. Members and volunteers are always needed and welcome. It is through your continued support that we can preserve a part of the past for the education and pleasure of present and future generations.



The Emmaus Veterans Committee

The Emmaus Veterans Committee consists of honorably discharged veterans who have served in any branch of the U.S. military. Most are also members of the American Legion Post 191, the Catholic War Veterans Post 1069, and the Marine Corps League Detachment 296. The major purposes for which it was organized are:

1. To provide the Honor Guard at Veterans funerals.
2. To organize the Emmaus Memorial Day Parade and the ceremony following the parade.
3. To organize other military ceremonies, such as Veterans Day and Pearl Harbor Day.
4. To honor requests for Honor Guard service as requested from Emmaus organizations.
5. To make monetary donations to organizations that help Veterans.

Any family of a veteran can request our Honor Guard services through the funeral director. There is no charge for the funeral service, but a donation will be accepted and appreciated since this is our major source of funds. During 2020, we honored 36 Veterans. The committee recently donated \$1000 to the Allentown Rescue Mission in honor of one of our members.

The committee normally meets the second Wednesday of each month at Fire Company #2 at 7:00 p.m., but due to the pandemic, the meetings have been canceled, until further notice. If you are interested in joining, there are no dues, please contact Leonard Hvizdos by phone 610-967-1973 or email ljhvizdos@yahoo.com.



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Emmaus Founders Day is celebrated every year on July 30th. In 2021, we celebrate 274 years since the founding of Emmaus. Borough of Emmaus Mayor, LeeAnn Gilbert, issued a proclamation "showing appreciation of the settlers in 1747 who established a Moravian Congregation of 44 people that evolved into the village of Emmaus, Pennsylvania which we enjoy and govern".

The "Fathers of Emmaus" approached the Bethlehem Moravians and requested the establishment of a Moravian Congregation in Mguntsche. The founding fathers were Conrad Wezel, Sebastian Knauss, Samuel Eberhard Kopp, Jacob Enhrenhardt, and Franz Blum. Two of the five, Sebastian and Jacob, owned adjacent land parcels comprising 100 acres. On July 30, 1747, they conveyed the land to the church, and the Moravian Village and Main Street was formed.

Jacob Ehrenhardt, Jr. was the son of Jacob Ehrenhardt. Jacob Ehrenhardt, Jr. carried on his father's legacy and constructed the 1803 House on agricultural land outside the community but oriented so that he could see his father's house in the village on Lot No. 1. Jacob was 43 years old when he built this house, a fine example of Pennsylvania German Domestic Architecture. Jacob was the father of 4 daughters, a soldier, a successful businessman, and a shoemaker by trade.

The Friends of the 1803 House cherish this house, similar to the way the monumental structures located in Washington D.C., remind us of our democracy, the leaders of our democracy, and the citizens that have defended our democracy. The buildings in Washington D.C. are Greek like structures (temples) that house our democratic activities and beliefs. They remind us of the important aspects of living in America.

The Friends of the 1803 House are tenants of history. We protect, preserve, restore, and renovate the 1803 House and land. This is accomplished by the support of the community, a talented Board of Directors, and volunteers. We rely on the community's generosity to sustain this historic Emmaus treasure and are always looking for volunteers to continue the spirit in which our community was founded.

We invite you to visit the 1803 House and reflect on how life and our community have changed since 1747. We encourage you to attend our special events so that you can experience the life of a Pennsylvania Pioneer. Please visit our website at www.1803house.org for more information about the history of this beautiful home and how you can become a Friend of the 1803 House.



Borough Council Says Goodbye to Junior Councilman, Jonas Hausmann



During a recent meeting, the Emmaus Borough Council bid farewell to its student representative, Jonas Hausmann. Mr. Hausmann served on Council since 2019 and participated in council discussions, committee meetings, and reported on school happenings.

Service as a Junior Council Person allows the student an opportunity to see the workings of local government firsthand and promotes the development of leadership skills. Although the Junior Council Person is not allowed to vote or attend executive sessions, this position provides an opportunity for the voice of our youth to be heard. Council greatly values the insight offered by the young people who have served in this capacity.

Mr. Hausmann received special recognition and thanks from Council for serving in his position for three years and was commended for working with both Council and the East Penn School District, as well as for demonstrating leadership skills and performing service in the community.

"I want to thank Emmaus Borough Council for letting me be a part of this program," Hausmann shared. "It was a great feeling being able to represent my fellow students and relay to them what's been going on in our community. It was a positive experience."

Hausmann recently graduated from Emmaus High School and will be attending Robert Morris University in the fall, majoring in Cybersecurity.



Emmaus Kiwanis Club

Kiwanis is an international organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world – one child and one community at a time. The Emmaus Kiwanis Club is marking 70 years of service and community involvement in 2021. This significant milestone will be celebrated in December.

The Emmaus Kiwanis Club welcomes new members who believe in the mission of “Serving the Children of the World”. The club holds a business meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month, a program meeting on the 3rd Wednesday, and a service project or social activity at another scheduled time during the month. Meetings are currently held at the Emmaus Community Park. Fall weather will find the club returning to dinner meetings.

The Emmaus Kiwanis Club brings the organization’s mission to life. We are a service organization – We ACT, We HELP and We CONTRIBUTE. Our members participate in and sponsor service projects that benefit children....in our community and throughout the world.

Announcing: KIWANIS COMMUNITY FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT

- When: Saturday, September 25th Start: 2:00 p.m.
- Where: The Emmaus Triangle
- Who: Teams of 2 to 6 members
- What: Participants will walk around 4 areas of our community searching for specific clues. New clues will be given at each area. Each area will require a picture as proof of the fun activity.
- How: Register on the Emmaus Kiwanis Facebook Page or at the Triangle from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the day of the event.
- Cost: \$15.00 per team

A fun day for all ages....Come join us!

Other activities Kiwanis raises money for and/or sponsors are:

- Key Clubs at Emmaus and Parkland High Schools
- Builder’s Clubs at Lower Macungie and Orefield Middle Schools
- Scholarships (5) to Emmaus High School graduating seniors
- Community Easter Egg Hunt
- Pancake Festival
- Annual Special Needs Christmas Party
- Childhood Reading and Literacy Programs
- Buckeye Road Cleanup
- Participation in Emmaus “Old Fashioned Christmas”
- Contributing member of East Penn Food Alliance

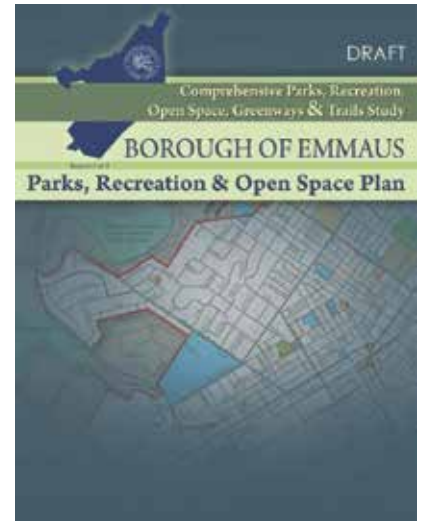
We invite YOU to join the Emmaus Kiwanis Club. The rewards in fellowship, service, and personal satisfaction are great.

Please check our Facebook page or our website at emmauskiwanis.org for contact information. We’d love to have you join us in our dedication to serving children.

Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Greenways Study Nearing Completion

The Borough has been working to complete several very important studies that will outline the future of recreation for the community. After a series of publicly advertised meetings and a series of surveys seeking public input, the Borough is nearing completion of the two studies. The first study, which was covered 100% by grants, is a series of three studies. The first study specifically examines Lions Playground and park area, creating a master plan for the park. The second study specifically examines Boroline Park, also creating a master plan for the park. The third, and most complex study, is the Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Greenways Study. This study takes a complete and comprehensive look at the Borough's entire park system as well as our greenways and trails systems. The studies, conducted by consultant Simone Collins, focus on gathering community data and input through public meetings, focus groups, key person interviews, and a series of surveys that were answered by 789 individuals.

A final public presentation will occur on Wednesday, September 29th at 7:00 p.m. This study lays out the future of parks, recreation, and trails in our community. We have advertised this in many different formats, and we greatly encourage you to be part of this final meeting, as it is going to lay out the groundwork for our future investments for many years to come.



A draft of the study reports can be found on the Borough's website:

<https://www.borough.emmaus.pa.us/emmaus-comprehensive-parks-recreation-open-space-green-ways-trail-study/>

It is vital to understand that studies such as these are for long-term solutions. While some work may be imminent and needed immediately due to public safety concerns, it is important to understand that it may take years to implement most of the items in these studies and plans. There will be no new parks and no new swimming pool next year, or most likely the year after. Planning, finding funding sources, and implementing construction plans can take years to do. However, the process begins with creating the plan, and the plan is designed to be focused on what the members of our community are seeking. We hope to see you at our public meetings.

Swimming Pool Study Progressing

In addition to the parks study, the Borough is also conducting a swimming pool study. We know that the swimming pool is a very important part of our community. Nearly 500 residents purchase a pass each year for their families or themselves, and the pool generates over \$120,000 in revenue each year in daily and season pass admissions. This is accompanied by about \$35,000 per year in concession stand sales. While the pool does not necessarily make a profit, it is very clear that it is a major part of the lives of the members of our community, especially after seeing the attendance figures this season!



As many members of our community are aware, our swimming pool is aging and has seen its share of infrastructure problems. We have recently experienced two major repairs to the filtration system, and just repaired a major leak in the pool, as the pool was losing almost 1 foot of water per day prior to the repair. While that doesn't sound like a lot, consider that the main pool is over 750,000 gallons. It is important to note that the current swimming pool was built in 1972. In addition to this, we recently permanently closed the sliding board, as it has been deemed unsafe to use due to the deterioration caused by both flooding as well as the wear and tear from chlorinated water. The Borough continues to focus its attention on keeping the pool open and available to our residents and visitors, and we have absolutely no plan to close the pool. However, it is evident that a comprehensive study of the pool was needed so we can create long-term solutions to the issues occurring at the pool. Moreover, the study also focuses on programming as well as

rehabilitation design ideas, as upgrades are needed in the design of the pool as well as in the bath houses.

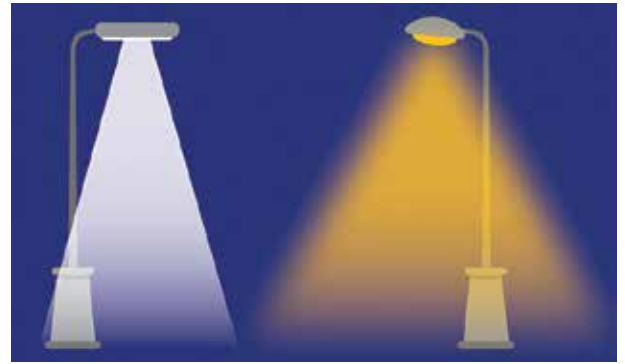
The Borough hired the firm Aquatic Facility Design to conduct the study. The firm has conducted a public meeting and has several more planned. In addition, the Borough has conducted a series of surveys that are available both online and at the pool. On two dates in July and August, members of the Borough Council Parks and Recreation Committee attended the pool with a myriad of design concepts created by the consultant. After interacting with attendees, the committee asked each attendee to vote for their favorite design. The committee has also posted the concepts online for respondents to vote on as well. Through the end of July, 427 individuals responded to the survey online, with an additional 60 responding at the pool. On Wednesday, September 15th, a public meeting will occur at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the final concepts for the pool. As we have reached out in many formats seeking public input, we greatly encourage everyone in our community to either attend the meeting at Borough Hall or attend via Zoom to discuss and give final input on the future of our swimming pool.

LED Streetlight Conversion to Begin

In 2019 through mid-2020, the Borough reached out to the community seeking input through a survey regarding the possible conversion of our sodium-pressure streetlights to LED streetlights. PPL has recently opened up a program to convert the streetlights at no charge to the Borough, with no payback period, and no cost to install the lights. Emmaus Borough Council, at its June Council meeting, voted to move forward with the LED Streetlight conversion based on the feedback we received from the community survey.

The survey was posted on the Borough's website and Facebook Page. It was also advertised in the Borough newsletter for individuals to retrieve a hard copy from Borough Hall. The survey was mentioned in the newspaper as well and was discussed publicly at Borough Council meetings and at committee meetings on numerous occasions. The survey was posted for approximately 6 months and received 342 responses, which is considered enough responses to be statistically accurate among the community, with a 5% error range. Among the respondents, only 35% indicated that they were satisfied with the quality of streetlighting on their block. 58% of respondents indicated that they were interested in a new type of lighting, and when comparing a picture of LED lighting vs. the low sodium lighting currently on our streets, 63% preferred the LED lighting. The final question of the survey asked respondents if they would be in favor if we had the opportunity to switch lights to LED with minimal cost. 64% of the respondents indicated that they would be in favor of the conversion.

LED street lights are much brighter than the low sodium lights that we currently have. The low sodium lights give a dimmer yellow light with a more spread-out type of lighting. LED lights will be much brighter and will give off a more direct, white light. As of August 1st, Borough Council is working on a contract with PPL to make this conversion. PPL has stated that it will take up to six months to convert 587 street lights.



E360 Code



The Borough has contracted General Code to provide citizens with an easier way to access our Borough Code. The E360 Code allows you to enter a certain word and it will provide every part of our Borough code that contains the word. The program also allows us to access the relevant information that you are seeking in a much quicker and efficient manner. The program only stores Ordinances that have been codified and is usually about one to two years behind on current Ordinances therefore, we recommend that you contact Town Hall if you are researching a more recent Ordinance. E360 Code can be found on the Borough's website. On the website under "Government," click on Codes to locate the Borough's Ordinances.


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Sewer Lateral Inspection Program

In January, 2019, Emmaus Borough Council adopted an Ordinance to require building sewer and lateral inspections any time a house is transferred or sold within the Borough. This was as a result of the PA DEP and EPA mandates requiring the community to eliminate the stormwater that is hitting the Allentown sewer plant. The Borough continues to invest millions of dollars into improving and removing stormwater from the main system, however, this is a key component of the infiltration and inflow that is hitting the system. The Ordinance took effect April, 2019.

Ordinance No. 1185 requires anyone that is selling or transferring their property to have their sewer lateral inspected via a camera. Any licensed plumber who has the capability to conduct camera inspections may be used, or the property owner can contract the Borough to conduct the inspection. An electronic copy of the camera inspection as well as a report with the findings must be submitted to the Zoning Officer at Town Hall. If the result of the inspection demonstrates that water is infiltrating the system through deficiencies such as cracks or breaks in the line, or via root intrusions or other systematic failures, the property owner must fix or replace the building sewer or lateral prior to the sale of the property. The Borough monitors property transfers through data submitted by Lehigh County each month. If an individual fails to have the inspection completed, and the Borough receives the property transfer information, penalties are applied including fines.

The average inspection costs approximately \$225 - \$300. If there are serious issues with the sewer lines, it could cost much more, however, it is important to note that if there are issues with your lines, it means that pollutants are seeping into the ground and leaching into our potable water systems and / or rain water is hitting the sewer system, helping to cause overflows during heavy rains into the Lehigh River, meaning raw sewage is hitting the river as well. For these reasons, as well as due to the state and federal mandates, we need to ensure that the entire sewer system is working as it is designed and we are doing our part to eliminate these issues.

There are numerous provisions in the Ordinance that we encourage you to read. You can access Ordinance No. 1185 via webpage <https://ecode360.com/EM3676/laws/LF1069677.pdf>.



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Borough Hires Consultant to Assist with Re-Writing the Zoning, SALDO, and Official Map Ordinances

The Borough recently hired the firm of Michael Baker International to assist with re-writing the Zoning and the Subdivision and Land Development (SALDO) Ordinances. In addition, the firm will be assisting the Borough in creating an Official Map for the community, which is designed to assist with future land development in the Borough.

Our Zoning Ordinance was last written in 1993 and our SALDO Ordinance was written in 1976 with the last significant revision in 2002. Times and standards have changed over the years; however, the requirements of the Ordinances have not significantly changed. While the Borough has made amendments to both ordinances on numerous occasions, a great deal of the language has become ambiguous and outdated. In addition, trying to understand the Ordinance often seems to take a law degree to interpret. This doesn't make sense. Therefore, Borough Council has decided to hire a consulting firm to re-write both Ordinances to bring our zoning and land use laws up to date and in compliance with the recently adopted Southwestern Lehigh Comprehensive Plan standards. The project will take approximately 18 months to complete and will require a great deal of public input. Please be on the lookout for meeting invitations over the next year, as we encourage you to participate in assisting the community in shaping the way future development in the community should look like.

Building Improvements to Borough Hall, Police Department, and Central Station Taking Shape

As we have written before, the Borough is in the process of bringing three of our buildings up to date and up to code. Borough Hall was built in 1938 and still has much of the original knob and tube wiring, has significant code deficiencies, lacks proper heating and cooling, has many of the original windows, and has asbestos throughout the building. Central Station, which houses the fire and ambulance departments, was built in 1980 and was designed for volunteer emergency services, and not the 24/7 operations that we have today. The building is not up to code and has significant deficiencies as well. The Police Department, which was built in 2007 is receiving some relatively minor upgrades to make the building more efficient for the department. The Borough has been working with W2A Architects in designing the buildings. The Borough heavily advertised a series of 3 public meetings seeking public input and feedback in April and May this year. Upon Council's approval, we moved forward with hiring engineers to begin the engineer and testing work. Most recently, the Borough hired the firm of D'Huy Engineering to work as the Borough's Project Manager throughout the impending construction process. Once the engineer's work is completed, the final design can be finished, and the projects can go out to bid.



Construction is scheduled to begin sometime between late November and the end of the year. It is scheduled to last at least 12 months. During that time, staff at Borough Hall will be required to vacate the building. Our offices will be located at another facility during this time and public meetings will most likely occur at a different facility. Once arrangements are finalized, we will make public announcements. In addition to this, as the Fire and Ambulance station is being renovated and the addition is being built, the departments will also be required to vacate the building, to some degree. We are in the process of working on temporary office trailers being placed on site, as it is vital that our fire apparatus and ambulances are accessible quickly for the department. At this point, all three projects are scheduled to be completed simultaneously. We will continue to provide updates as the projects progress.

Grants to Assist with Borough Projects and Purchases

The Borough works hard to try to offset the costs to local taxpayers for many purchases and projects. Although we obviously cannot fund everything through grant money, the Borough has applied for and received nearly 100 grants over the past 9 years, totaling over \$4 million for multiple projects and purchases. Grants have been awarded for stream bank restoration projects, fire department air pack purchases, police bullet proof vests, reconstruction of the 10th street culvert, recycling, parks and recreation studies, ambulance equipment, business façade and construction grants, and many other types of grants over the years.

Most recently, the Borough received several very valuable grants, several of which we'd like to share with you.

We received a \$575,000 multimodal transportation grant to assist with the reconstruction of South 2nd Street from Main Street to the Borough line. The Borough is currently seeking additional grant funds, as a total project with sidewalks, curbing, water, and sewer line replacement would cost over \$3 million. The scope of the project will most likely change, as these funds will allow the Borough to repave the street and address some other infrastructure issues along it.

The Ambulance Department recently received a \$22,267 grant to purchase a new LifePak 15 cardiac monitor for one of our ambulances. These machines are crucial for lifesaving measures. Our current machines are reaching their life expectancy and will be required to be replaced in each of our ambulances over the next two years.

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Grants to Assist with Borough Projects and Purchases *continued from page 19*

The Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce recently awarded the Main Street Partners and Borough a joint grant for up to \$2,000 for our downtown planters for 2022. With the assistance of the Main Street Partners, as well as volunteers from the Emmaus Garden Club who work feverishly to keep Triangle Park so beautiful, our downtown is among the most beautiful in Pennsylvania!

The Borough is working with the Wildlands Conservancy as well as the Lehigh County Conservation District to execute several recently awarded streambank restoration grants. While erosion and flooding are problems in every community, there are not many easy solutions. Recently, the Borough dug out the sediment and retrenched a section of the creek running through Emmaus Community Park. The Borough is partnering with these agencies, as we are receiving a small grant to help replant vegetation and trees along the creekbank. A similar project was recently funded through DCNR for a \$43,900 "Little Lehigh Creek Stabilization" project located at Williams Street Park. The Conservation District was able to secure the funds and the Emmaus Public Works Department will conduct the work. This project will address severe degradation of an impaired waterway, an unnamed tributary to the Little Lehigh Creek, as it runs through a park in the Borough of Emmaus. The streambanks are eroded along this approximate 700-foot stretch of stream, threatening infrastructure and the sports fields adjacent to it. It is creating a safety hazard and reducing the recreational value of the facilities. In addition, the lack of riparian buffer and presence of an invasive plant species along the corridor, further contribute to erosion and sedimentation in the stream. The Lehigh County Conservation District received funding to stabilize the stream bank, install fish habitat structures, and establish a native riparian buffer. This will improve water quality and increase habitat value, reduce the effects of stormwater runoff, as well as improve the recreational value of the adjacent sports facilities. The Emmaus Police Department is in the process of purchasing body cameras for each of our patrol officers. We recently received a \$32,000 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the purchase of the cameras. The Borough has a 50% matching requirement for the grant. Body cameras increase both accountability and safety for members of the public as well as our Police Department.

The Borough received two grants for parks, recreation, trails, and greenways studies, totaling \$110,000. The grants were received from PA DCNR and PA DCED. With the combined grants, the studies are 100% funded and are nearing their completion.

Each year, the Borough applies to Lehigh County for Community Development Block Grant funds. Lehigh County administers a federal grant through HUD for these funds. In most years, the Borough is awarded a grant of approximately \$32,000. This money assists in addressing handicap accessible curb ramps throughout the Borough. A single curb ramp costs approximately \$5,000 to replace, meaning it is \$20,000 per 4-way intersection to replace the curb ramps to meet ADA requirements.

The Borough is working to reduce infiltration and inflow into our sewer system. As we have written in the past, we are under a mandate from PA DEP, and formerly through EPA, to reduce and try to eliminate stormwater from reaching the sewer system. The Borough received and executed two separate PA Small Water and Sewer Grants, totaling \$418,791 over the past 5 years. The grants assisted the Borough with repairing and replacing manhole covers and rebuilding manholes to eliminate water from entering. In addition, the Borough has replaced each of the 4 main master meters that read the total sewage flow for the community. As most citizens in the community are aware, it is vital to eliminate the stormwater entering into the sewage system, as it can ultimately lead to overflowing at the sewer plant in Allentown. That overflow spills into and pollutes the Lehigh River. We are in the process of examining borrowing approximately \$4 million to re-line about 1/3 of our sewer mains. This does not include much needed repairs to sewer laterals, nor does it address the entire system, however, it will make repairs to some of the worst spots in the system. The mandates require that we meet certain deadlines in repairing the system. It is noteworthy that our sewer system was installed in 1959, the 2nd oldest system in the Lehigh Valley and one of the oldest in Pennsylvania. We continue to look for additional ways to fund projects, and have made considerable progress on this long-term, very costly, but much-needed, effort.

The Borough has also received COVID-19 related grant funding. We received \$187,985 to assist with COVID-related PPE expenses for our emergency services departments. In addition, funding was used to improve our technology in Borough Hall to be able to simulcast meetings via Zoom. This has resulted in a tremendous increase in public attendance at our meetings, which is encouraging to see. The Borough was also awarded \$1.1 million from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the federal government for COVID relief measures. The grant funds are extremely restrictive, as they cannot be used to fund certain projects like street reconstruction or other much-needed work. They essentially can be used for 3 purposes only, with the only true feasible use for the Borough being water and sewer infrastructure work. As previously mentioned, it is vital to repair the sewer infrastructure for the Borough, therefore, these funds are being earmarked towards that project.

There are several other recent grants and funding we are researching or are in the process of receiving. We continue to strive to search for funding assistance to help offset the costs of much needed projects and infrastructure needs for our community.



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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).



News from the Emmaus Shade Tree Commission

Tree Picks from the Pros

Eight local experts recommend outstanding trees for Emmaus.



The Emmaus Shade Tree Commission called on eight people who are enthusiastic and knowledgeable about trees to tell us about their reliable favorites. Our question: What tree should more Emmaus residents be planting in their yards? We asked each expert to make a single recommendation, a difficult task considering all the wonderful options. Their responses are arranged in order of height at maturity, from small ornamental trees to tall shade trees.

Appalachian Spring dogwood (*Cornus florida* 'Appalachian Spring'), recommended by Barb Sheetz, a Lehigh County Master Gardener. "There is something joyful about the blooming of dogwoods in the spring," Barb says. "Whether the tree is in a formal setting or in a natural, wooded area, they stand out as a reminder of rebirth and the coming of the growing season." This woodland native reaches about 20 feet tall and wide with white spring flowers and purplish fall foliage. The 'Appalachian Spring' variety is highly resistant to anthracnose, a serious disease of dogwoods.

Autumn Brilliance serviceberry (*Amelanchier x grandiflora* 'Autumn Brilliance'), recommended by Robert Christopher, former manager of the Rodale Working Tree Center and current Easton City Forester. "Serviceberry is a versatile, small native tree that has a lot going for it," Rob says. "The 'Autumn Brilliance' variety has white flowers in spring and an array of fall colors that evolve from orange to red and purple. The fruits appear in June and are delicious in jam, or you can just leave them for the birds to enjoy." Serviceberry grows up to 25 feet tall and usually develops multiple trunks, giving it a shrubby appearance.

American pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*), recommended by Carl Martin, director of stewardship at Wildlands Conservancy and a Penn State Extension Forest Steward. "With the largest edible fruit of any native tree in North America, the pawpaw lives in the moist understory of the forest," Carl says. "It was coveted (and propagated) by Native Americans for its sweet fruit, which can be made into cookies, breads, and cakes. Growing in sun or shade and generally no taller than 25 or 30 feet, the pawpaw spreads from root runners as well as seed, so be mindful of giving it enough room to expand into the traditional 'pawpaw patch.'"

Paperbark maple (*Acer griseum*), recommended by Pam Ruch, horticulturist at Glasbern Inn and a garden writer. "It's a right-sized tree for properties in Emmaus—big enough to provide some shade but not big enough for homeowners to worry about falling limbs," Pam says. "No, it doesn't bloom, but despite that it's stunning in all four seasons." Notable features include its bark, which peels in papery, copper-colored curls, and its fiery

fall foliage. Paperbark maple has an upright oval shape, rarely exceeding 30 feet at maturity.

Black gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*), recommended by Zachary Ainslie, arborist at Bartlett Tree Experts, Emmaus. "This medium to tall tree (30 to 50 feet at maturity) will need some room to grow," Zach says. "It's a nice choice for those who want a shade tree with beautiful fall color—among the best reds you will see at the end of the season. It produces tiny bluish fruits that birds love, and it is rarely bothered by insects or diseases." Black gum, also known as black tupelo or sour gum, is a Pennsylvania native but is not often seen in Lehigh Valley landscapes.

Autumn Gold ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba* 'Autumn Gold'), recommended by Reds Bailey, chairman of the Emmaus Shade Tree Commission and a retired arborist. "Ginkgoes have been growing on Earth for 150 million years," Reds says. "They are a tough and durable species and are tolerant of urban conditions. The 'Autumn Gold' variety generally grows 50 feet tall by 30 feet wide with a broad, pyramidal crown. It is spectacular in fall, when the fan-shaped leaves turn bright golden yellow before they drop all at once."

Oriental spruce (*Picea orientalis*), recommended by Jake McFarland, nursery manager at Herbein's Garden Center. "One of my favorite trees in my yard is a fairly mature *Picea orientalis*," Jake says. "In a little more than 30 years it's grown 30 to 40 feet tall and 20 feet wide at the base—a narrow, elegant profile." With time, it may reach 60 feet. "I tell customers at Herbein's that no tree is 100 percent free of pests or diseases, but Oriental spruce comes close to it." An evergreen, it is better suited to Pennsylvania's climate than the more commonly planted blue spruce.

Any native oak (*Quercus* species), recommended by Louise Schaefer, co-founder of Edge of the Woods Native Plant Nursery, Orefield. "Oaks have great value for the ecosystem," Louise says. "They host a number of butterflies and moths and provide habitat for a diversity of creatures from songbirds to small mammals. You need to match the right species to the location; there's a good oak for every soil type and moisture situation." Native species include pin oak, northern red oak, swamp white oak, and shingle oak. All become majestic shade trees that endure for generations.

Of course, not every tree is suited to every growing situation. When choosing a tree for your property, consider its mature size, its preferences for light exposure and soil moisture, and any disease or insect problems. And, by the way, fall is a great time to plant trees, although the selection at garden centers may be more limited than in spring. In Emmaus, prime tree-planting weather extends from the beginning of September through mid-October.

Call Before You Cut

The Emmaus Shade Tree Ordinance requires property owners to request a permit from the Shade Tree Commission before planting, pruning, or removing any tree within the public right-of-way (within 12 feet of the curb). For questions about street trees or the Emmaus Shade Tree Ordinance, please contact any Shade Tree Commission member: Reds Bailey, 610-967-6191; Doug Hall, 610-967-2304; Beverly Springer, 610-965-6671; and Rebecca Straus, 610-741-7193.

Curbside Leaf Collection

Barring complications with weather, equipment or emergencies, the Borough of Emmaus will begin its 2021 Curbside Leaf Collection Program on **Monday, October 25, 2021, continuing through Friday, December 10, 2021.** The Borough is unable to set specific pick-up dates for leaf pick-up for individual streets. We recommend that you have them raked out at the beginning of each week. Once the Public Works Department has made a pass through your street, they will not return until the following week. The Public Works Department will collect 2x a week for 7 weeks during the fall season. Please be advised that if the Borough encounters winter weather and must plow, any leaves in the road will be plowed. Every attempt will be made to clean the roads prior to winter. For FINAL COLLECTION the week of December 6th through December 10th, you are advised to have your leaves out on Monday morning (December 6th) of the final week. Once we have made our final pass on your street, we will not return.

- If there are low hanging branches overhanging the roadway, the Borough's leaf truck may not be able to pick up the leaves. Please make sure that all overhanging branches are trimmed prior to winter.
- 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 at 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.



Please do not place leaves out prior to the starting date! If you would like to remove your leaves prior to the start of leaf collection, you may drop your leaves off at the Emmaus Borough Compost Site located off of Klines Lane.

Compost Site Hours of Operation

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March 22nd through Saturday, December 4th

Monday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (No Loading)

Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Loading 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to Noon. (No Loading)

The Compost Site will close for the season on Saturday, December 4th, but will be open on Monday, December 13th through Friday, December 17th from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (No Loading), for final leaf and yard waste drop-off.

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Household Hazardous Waste Day – Saturday, October 30th, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Emmaus Community Park

For additional information, please visit the Borough's website at www.borough.emmaus.pa.us, the Borough's Facebook page, and listen to the auto dial announcement closer to the event.



Crossing Guards Needed

The Emmaus Police Department and the East Penn School District are seeking additional volunteers to serve as Crossing Guards for the 2021-2022 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 necessary equipment and training. There are additional incentives as well!

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 ensure 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.** We will do the rest.



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The Entertainment and Recreation Commission

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Do you have an idea for an event you would like to see in the borough or would like to help plan our events?

We would love to hear from you! Please send us an email to emmausrec@gmail.com, or attend one of our monthly meetings. The meeting dates/times can be found on the borough's website at <https://www.borough.emmaus.pa.us/>

The Recreation and Entertainment Commission needs more volunteers to assist us in making these events happen. Visit our website at <https://www.emmausent.com>, for more information on how to become a member.



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Volunteer Opportunities

The Borough of Emmaus has openings on several Boards and Commissions. If you would like to be part of the process and volunteer for the community, we encourage you to explore one of these opportunities:

Board of Health - 1 opening: This Board explores restaurant inspections as well as different public health concerns that may affect our community.

Arts Commission - 2 openings: This Commission explores different artistic opportunities in the community and sponsors many of our wonderful community events. Some of the recent projects include the Gnome project, painting the picnic tables at the Triangle, the fire hydrant paint project, the Student Film Festival, and the SnowBlast event in February.

Recreation and Entertainment Commission - 6 openings: This Commission oversees a variety of community events and activities. The Commission oversees the Summer Concert Series, Movies in the Park, and events like car shows, Community Day, and others that the Commission decides to host throughout the year.

Shade Tree Commission - 1 opening: This Commission oversees the planting, removal, and trimming of trees located in the Borough's right-of-way, as well as offering advice and suggestions on how to properly care for trees.

To apply to volunteer, simply download the form at this link, fill it out and send it and we will be in touch.

<https://www.borough.emmaus.pa.us/forms-and-applications/>



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On the website home page, under the Residents drop down menu, click on "Forms/Applications" and choose which application you need. Simply fill it out and return the completed application to Borough Hall at 28 S. 4th Street, so we can begin processing your permit. If you have any questions about permits, please call the Zoning at 610-967-1322 or email jfarns@borough.emmaus.pa.us or rhammond@borough.emmaus.pa.us.

Some examples of permits that the Borough of Emmaus require include: 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 Yashira at 610-965-0702.



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Family Size	2021 Gross Income Limit
1	\$45,850
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3	\$58,950
4	\$65,500
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Halloween in Emmaus 5K Race

Registration is now open for the 15th Annual Halloween in Emmaus 5K Race. This year's race is currently scheduled to be held in-person just before the Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, if restrictions should prohibit the race from taking place before the parade, the race will be run during the day on October 16th and use the same alternate course as 2020. See Emmaus5k.com or the Halloween in Emmaus 5K Facebook Page: facebook.com/Emmaus5k for continual updates.

Proceeds from this race will benefit the Emmaus Halloween Parade, Emmaus Recreation and Entertainment Commission and other Emmaus community organizations.

We are pleased to announce that Wesley Works Real Estate is this year's presenting sponsor. Wesley Works Real Estate has been an ardent supporter of "all things Emmaus" for years and is excited to add one more community contribution to their list. Race director Wesley Barrett, and owner of Wesley Works, said "Our staff has been assisting in organizing this event since day one, so it was only natural that we eventually became the presenting sponsor. As the race director, I can't say thank you enough to the two local banks that made financial contributions to this race in the past."



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Borough of Emmaus Meeting Notice 2021

The Borough of Emmaus announces the schedule of regular meetings of Council, Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Special Committees for 2021. All of these meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held in Borough Hall, Council Chambers, 28 S. Fourth Street, Emmaus and via Zoom Online Meeting. Where no day is specified, meetings will be advertised separately.

Body	Day of Month	Time
Borough Council	1st & 3rd Monday of each month, except certain legal holidays when meeting is rescheduled to the next day **. No meeting June 7, July 5 and August 2.	7:00 PM
Borough Council Committees: Budget & Finance Committee	Preceding all Council Meetings. January 14 & 28, February 11 & 25, March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, May 6 & 20, June 3 & 17, July 1 & 15, August 12 & 26, September 9 & 23, October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18, December 16 & 30 Budget Workshops: October 26 & 28, November 2, 4, 9, 16, 18, 23, & 30, December 2	6:45 PM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM
Community Relations, Planning & Development Committee	2nd Monday of each month	4:30 PM
General Administration Committee	January 14 & 28, February 11 & 25, March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, May 6 & 20, June 3 & 17, July 1 & 15, August 12 & 26, September 9 & 23, October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18, December 16 & 30	9:00 AM
Health, Sanitation & Codes Committee	Last Wednesday of each month	4:45 PM
Parks & Recreation Committee	1st Tuesday of each month	4:45 PM
Public Works Committee	2nd Wednesday of each month	4:00 PM
Public Safety Committee	2nd Monday of each month	9:15 AM
<i>Please Note: All Council Committees have the option of meeting at 6:30 p.m. preceding Council Meetings.</i>		
Emmaus Arts Commission	4th Monday of each month, exceptions May 17, no meeting in July and December's meeting will be December 13	6:30 PM
Board of Health	Last Wednesday of every other month beginning in January	4:00 PM
Building Board of Appeals	Call of Chairperson	
Civil Service Commission	Call of Chairperson	
Community Garden Commission	2nd Tuesday of each month	6:00 PM
Emergency Disaster Board	Call of Chairperson	
Emmaus General Authority	February 16, May 18, August 17, and November 16	7:00 PM
Joint Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)	Jan.- No meeting; Feb. 22- (7pm) Upper Milford Township Auditorium; March - No meeting; April 26 - (5pm) Emmaus Public Library Buffer; May- No meeting; June 28 - (7pm) Emmaus Community Park; July 26 - (7pm) Emmaus Public Library; Aug. 23 - (7pm) Fulmer Preserve, Quarry Rd., Emmaus; Sept. 27 - (6pm) Lenape Park, Kings Hwy. S, Zionsville; Oct. 25 - (5pm) Emmaus Public Library Buffer; Nov. & Dec.- No meeting	
Non-Uniform Employee and Police Pension Boards	February 10, May 12, August 11 and November 10	3:00 PM
Library Board	3rd Tuesday of each month at Emmaus Public Library	Noon
Recreation and Entertainment Commission	Last Wednesday of each month	5:00 PM
Planning Commission	2nd Thursday of each month except November's meeting will be Wednesday, November 10	7:00 PM
Sanitation Board	Call of Chairperson	
Shade Tree Commission	2nd Tuesday of each month	4:00 PM
Zoning Hearing Board	4th Thursday of each month, except November's mtg. will be Tuesday, November 23 and December's mtg. will be Tuesday, December 21	6:00 PM

** RESCHEDULED MEETINGS - February - the 2nd Meeting will be held 02/16/21 • September - the 1st Meeting will be held 09/07/21

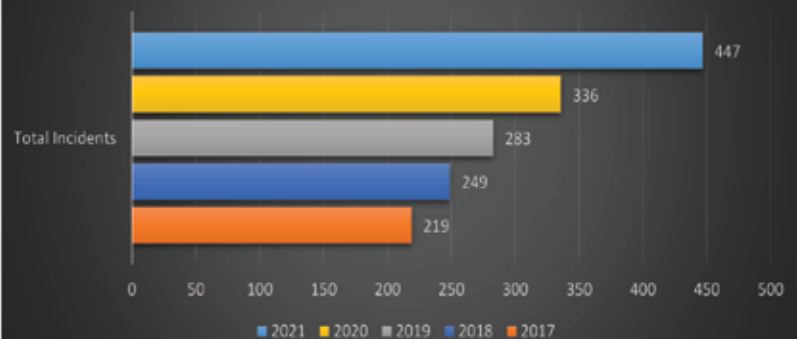


Emmaus Fire Department Second Quarter Responses 2021

Incident Type Summary - Comparison

Type Code	NFIRS Incident Type	Quarters 1 & 2 2021
100	FIRE	28
200	Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (NO FIRE)	2
300	Rescue and EMS	281
400	Hazardous Condition	19
500	Service Call	41
600	Good Intent Call	32
700	False Alarm / Call	44
800	Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
900	Special Incident Type	0
TOTAL:		447

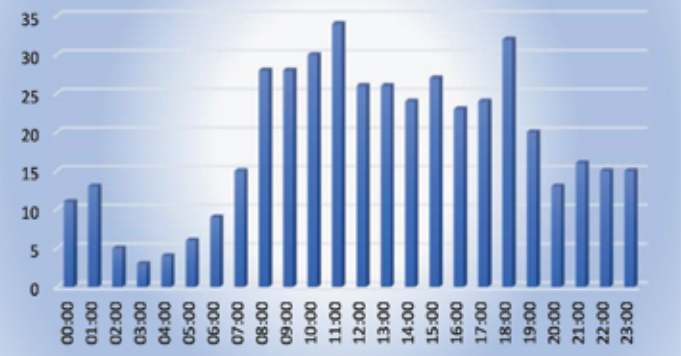
End 2nd Quarter Incident Period Comparison 2017 - 2021



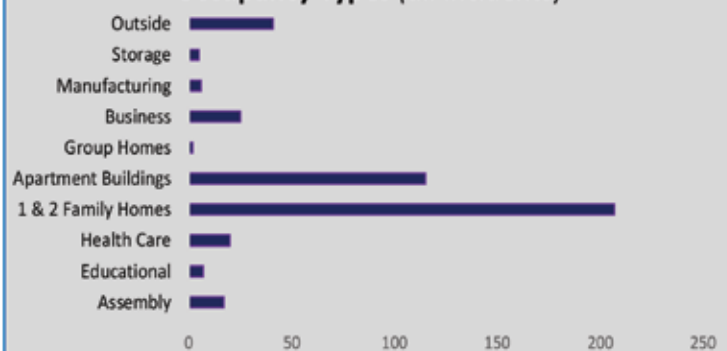
FIRE CALL BREAKDOWN

Type Code	Fire Incident Detail	Jan - Jun 2021	2020
111 - 112	Building Fire	4	10
113	Cooking Fire, Confined	11	10
114	Chimney / Flue Fire	2	2
116	Fuel Burner/Boiler Malfunction Fire	0	1
118	Trash or Rubbish Fire	1	0
130-131	Mobile Property (vehicle) Fire	2	1
132	Road Freight / Transport Vehicle Fire	0	0
140	Vegetation Fire	1	3
151	Outside rubbish, trash or waste Fire	5	1
154	Dumpster / Trash Receptacle Fire	1	0
162	Outside Equipment Fire	1	2
TOTAL:		28	30

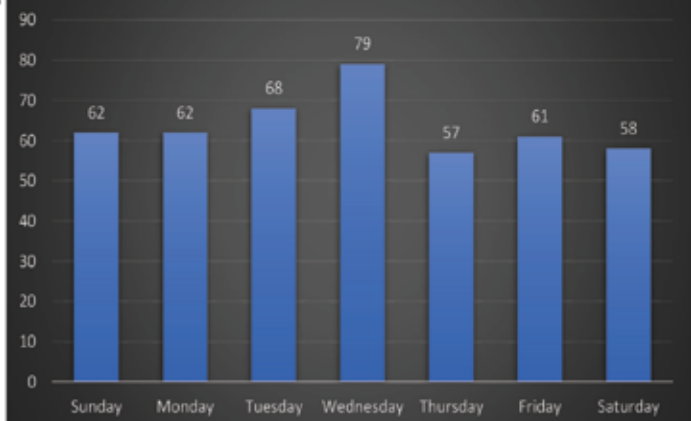
Responses by Hour of Day



Occupancy Types (all incidents)



Responses by Day of Week



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Pre-paid debit cards not accepted as bill payments

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These thieves call customers, falsely claim an overdue bill, and threaten to shut off the customers power unless immediate payment is made with a prepaid debit card. The seek out both residential and business customers.

We want our customers to know two key facts that will help foil scam artists.

- We don't accept any prepaid cards as a bill payment.
- We don't call you and threaten to cut your service.

Service termination is a last result. We attempt to work with all customers who have overdue balances. There are numerous programs, including payment agreements, and payment assistance, that can help. Find out more at

www.pplelectric.com/billhelp.

If we must turn off power for non-payment, we send a letter 10 days in advance and make other attempts to reach the account owner.

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