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## MEET CHIEF OF POLICE, JASON APGAR



On February 7, 2020, Jason B. Apgar was sworn in by Mayor Gilbert as the Borough's Chief of Police. He has been employed with the Emmaus Police Department since 1991, serving as a Park/Auxiliary Officer from 1991 to 1998. Chief Apgar attended the Allentown Police Academy in the fall of 1998 and upon graduating from the Police Academy, he began working as a Part Time Police Officer for both the Borough of Emmaus and the Borough of Coopersburg. Upper Saucon Township Police then hired him as a Full Time Patrolman in June of 1999 where he continued to work until March of 2000 when an opportunity

arose to return to his hometown as a Full Time Patrolman in Emmaus. Chief Apgar was assigned as a Detective in the Criminal Investigations Division in 2002. He remained in Criminal Investigations and was promoted to Sergeant in 2016 at which time he was the supervising officer of the Criminal Investigations Division. Chief Apgar was promoted to Deputy Chief in June 2021.

Chief Apgar is a lifelong resident of the Borough of Emmaus and lives with his wife, Angela. He graduated from Emmaus High School in 1990, and then graduated from Moravian College in 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology/Criminal Justice. Chief Apgar continued his education and graduated from DeSales University in 2014 with a Master of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice/Digital Forensics. Chief Apgar has instructed Criminal Justice courses in the Undergraduate Program at DeSales University. Chief Apgar is also the Vice President of the Officer David M. Peztold Memorial Foundation. This non-profit Foundation was created in 2007 to honor the memory of fallen Upper Saucon Township Police Officer, David M. Petzold. The foundation has Criminal Justice scholarships and donates to a number of charities.

Chief Apgar is excited and looks forward to leading the Police Department in his hometown. The Emmaus Police Department strives for excellence and always looks to improve in order to provide the best service to the community. The Emmaus Police Department will continue to build strong community relations through our Community Outreach Program. It is the fine Officers of the Emmaus Police Department who are dedicated to "Serving with Pride and Respect" that make us successful.



Welcome!

# Borough of Emmaus

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Asst. Borough Manager	610-421-6950
Pavilion Rentals	610-965-0702
Public Works	610-965-9288
Refuse/Recycling	610-965-0702
Tax Collector	610-967-4598
Treasurer	610-965-5865
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Zoning	610-967-1322
Ambulance Corps	610-967-5615
Fire Department	610-967-5630
Fire Inspector	610-965-0719
Mayo	610-965-9255
Police Non-Emergency	610-967-3111
Emergency	911

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\*Please note that Town Hall's temporary address is:  
420 S. 10th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049.

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## Other Important Phone Numbers

Berkheimer (per capita tax)	610-599-3139
PA One Call	1-800-242-1776
Street Lights – Repair and Maintenance, PPL	1-800-342-5775
Trash/Recycling – Whitetail Disposal	610-754-0103, option #2 <a href="mailto:emmaus@whitetaildisposal.com">emmaus@whitetaildisposal.com</a>

Please note that Town Hall will be closed on  
April 15, 2022 in observance of Good Friday.

# Welcome Bryan Bilheimer – Codes Official

The Borough of Emmaus is happy to welcome Bryan Bilheimer as Code Official. Bryan comes to the Borough from Allentown and graduated from Kutztown University earning a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. After college, he held various management positions before starting his career in Public Service.



Bryan worked for the City of Allentown for 5 years, beginning as a Solid Waste Clerk before being promoted to the Manager of their Solid Waste & Property Maintenance Enforcement Program (SWEEP).

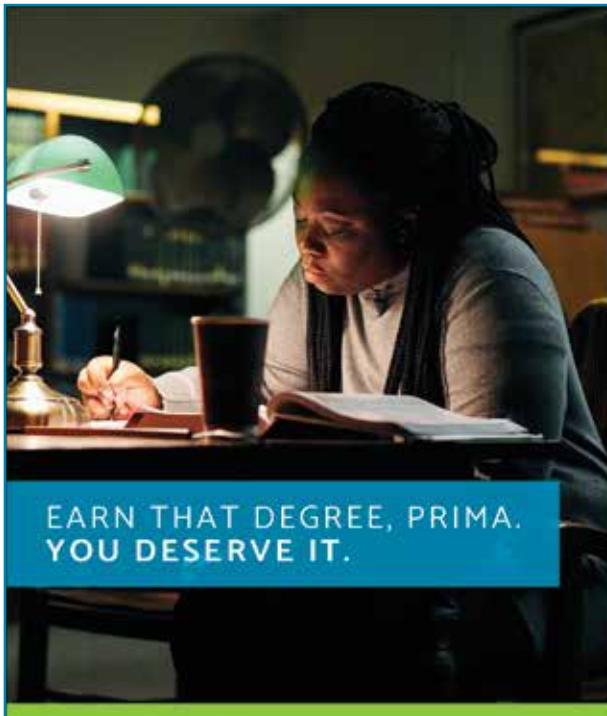
Bryan currently lives in Bethlehem with his girlfriend and his dog, Myles, and is eager to expand his knowledge and qualifications in Building and Property Maintenance Codes while getting to know the community and residents better. Welcome to the Team, Bryan!

*Welcome Bryan!*

## Smart911 Rave Alert System



In the near future, the Borough of Emmaus will be launching the Smart911 Rave Alert System for auto dial announcements. Smart911 is a free, private, and secure portal that currently services over 31 million users. By opting into Smart911, you can provide the Borough with your information and choose to receive auto dial announcements via text, email, telephone, or all three. The information that the Borough has on file through Swiftreach 911 has been transferred to Smart911, so there will be no interruption in the system. All Borough residents are encouraged to create a profile now with Smart911 at [www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=PA Borough Of Emmaus PW](http://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=PA Borough Of Emmaus PW) to provide the Borough with up-to-date information or visit the Borough's website to register. After you have registered, you can visit [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com) to access, update, or change any of your personal information.



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## Borough of Emmaus & Upper Milford Township Joint Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)



### EARTH DAY 2022 – COMMUNITY CLEANUP

**Saturday, April 23rd from: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. • RAIN or SHINE**

**WHO:** Community members from Emmaus and Upper Milford (and any other surrounding areas) are invited to participate in this fun, earth conscious event!

**WHAT:** Cleaning up litter and debris from sites around the Borough and Township. Also, cleaning up and removal of invasive plants from the meadow below the Emmaus Community pool and Library Buffer areas. Planting milkweed area to be determined.

**ALSO:** Electronics recycling will be available at Community Park during the event – just stop by with items to recycle like TVs, computers, printers, air conditioners and batteries! Some fees will apply. (See Price list at [www.uppermilford.net](http://www.uppermilford.net)) 9:00-noon or until the truck is full.

Document Shredding will be available at Community Park during the event at no charge to the community. Any type of office paper will be accepted. There is no need to remove staples. Items not accepted are newspapers, cardboard or books. Paper shredding will take place on the site while you wait. Limit 4 boxes per household (office file size boxes only). Residential only, no commercial businesses please. 9:00-noon or until the truck is full.

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 23rd. If you need Gloves, safety vests or bags please let us know! [info@uppermilford.net](mailto:info@uppermilford.net) or call 610-966-3223. Please post pictures to our event page at [@emmausuppermilfordeac](https://www.facebook.com/emmausuppermilfordeac) on Facebook.

**WHERE:** Meet at the Emmaus Community Park Shimerville Road at South 14th Street.

**WHY:** Earth Day and Pick-up PA is a great time to show your commitment to our community's environment. Help out by cleaning up litter and debris and providing community education about the importance of protecting local water resources!

**Presented by the Borough of Emmaus & Upper Milford Township Joint Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). More details will be posted online – find us on Facebook!** or email the EAC at [info@uppermilford.net](mailto:info@uppermilford.net) to be placed on an email list for updates!

*This is a public event and photos may be taken at any time.*

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# Refuse and Recycling Information

## REFUSE AND RECYCLING CAN REQUIREMENTS:

In April 2019, the Borough of Emmaus adopted Ordinance No. 1088 which states that “all residential properties utilizing curbside solid waste collection, shall be required to utilize containers that shall be durable, water-tight, and made of metal or plastic. Individual plastic bags and loose waste shall be prohibited from curbside collection. The size of each container shall not exceed a ninety six-gallon capacity.”

As of December 31, 2020, every property in the Borough must use containers / refuse cans for all recycling and refuse. Loose bags on the curb will not be collected.

### Recycling Requirements:

**RESIDENTS MUST USE A CONTAINER FOR RECYCLABLES. DO NOT PUT YOUR RECYCLABLES IN A BAG!** If you need a recycling sticker for your recycling bin, they are available by stopping at Town Hall, temporarily located at 420 S. 10th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In addition, if your recycling is contaminated, or includes items that are not acceptable, according to the list below, all of it 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.

## RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS:

### 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 #1-6



## E-WASTE RECYCLING:

Whitetail Disposal provides a 30-yard container at **33 Klines Lane, March through November**, specifically for E-Waste collection. The E-Waste Dumpster is available on the **2nd Monday of the month** from Noon until 6:00 p.m. or until the dumpster is full. The site is closed from December through February.

- Whitetail Disposal employees provides manpower to assist residents with disposal of these items.



### Guidelines for dropping off items:

- Items will only be accepted on designated days during designated hours.
- Residents visiting the site shall show the attendant their identification signifying that they are a Borough resident. Items from outside the Borough of Emmaus will not be accepted.
- Residents are able to drop off three electronic devices at no charge. Exceeding three electronic devices being dropped off in a single month by a resident or business within the Borough of Emmaus will cost an additional \$10.00 per item.

### NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ARE ACCEPTED.

### THE 2022 E-WASTE RECYCLING DATES:

- March 14th
- May 9th
- July 11th
- September 12th
- November 14th
- April 11th
- June 13th
- August 8th
- October 10th

### REFUSE/RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2022:

**Memorial Day** – Monday, May 30th - NO DELAY, Whitetail Disposal will operate on a REGULAR SCHEDULE.

**Independence Day** – Monday, July 4th - NO DELAY, Whitetail Disposal will operate on a REGULAR SCHEDULE.

**Labor Day** – Monday, September 5th - NO DELAY, Whitetail Disposal will operate on a REGULAR SCHEDULE.

**Thanksgiving Day** – Thursday, November 24th - Whitetail Disposal will be closed Thanksgiving. Thursday and Friday service days will be delayed by one day. Normal Thursday service will occur on Friday, and normal Friday service will occur on Saturday. \* Wednesday service day will remain unaffected. \*

**Christmas Day** – Sunday, December 25th - NO DELAY, Whitetail Disposal will operate on a REGULAR SCHEDULE.

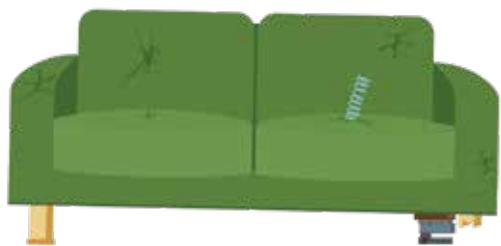
**New Year's Day 2023** – Sunday, January 1st - NO DELAY, Whitetail Disposal will operate on a REGULAR SCHEDULE.

\*Please place materials curbside the night prior to your service day so we may guarantee collection

### BULK ITEMS – YOU MUST CONTACT WHITETAIL DISPOSAL FOR ALL BULK ITEM PICK-UPS.

- Please call Whitetail Disposal at 610-754-0103, Option #2 or email [emmaus@whitetaildisposal.com](mailto:emmaus@whitetaildisposal.com) for any questions or concerns on bulk items and to arrange a pick-up. One bulk item per week will be collected.
- To arrange a pickup contact Whitetail Disposal no less than 24 hours **PRIOR** to your regular pick-up day. Identify yourself as a Borough of Emmaus resident. Whitetail Disposal will instruct you on collection of your item(s).

- Each Bulk item is limited to no more than **70 LBS.**
- Construction materials will **NOT** be collected.
- Appliances containing Freon will **NOT** be collected.

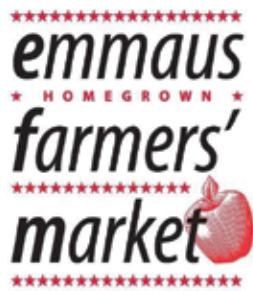


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## The Emmaus Farmers' Market

**REGULAR SEASON:**

**Sundays, May-November • 10:00 am - 1:00 p.m.**

**Winter Market: 2nd & 4th Sundays, January-April • 10:00 a.m. - Noon**



Did you know the Emmaus Farmer's Market runs all winter long into spring? That's right, you'll find 24 vendors, January through April from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Triangle on the 2nd & 4th Sunday. Thank you to all our customers who ventured out during the cold months to keep us running all year long, RAIN, SNOW or SHINE!

Our regular season begins on May 1st. In May, you can walk to the Triangle every Sunday for your weekly produce and meats, enjoy the weather with food & coffee, live music and meet up with friends. We are outdoors at the Triangle and continue to bring you local fruits & vegetables, a variety of dairy products, bread & baked goods, raw honey, coffee, herbs, locally grown organic hemp, and CBD products, pasture raised meats and eggs, and stay tuned for some new vendors joining us this year! Once our regular season starts back up in May, we bring you LIVE MUSIC every Sunday from local bands and musicians such as the Emmaus Public Singing Society, Seth Witcher, Golden Twine, and Tom & Betty Druckenmiller just to name a few! You will also find many local non-profits to support such as the Emmaus Arts Commission and their annual auction.

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](mailto:info@emmausmarket.com). Is there something you'd love to see at our market? Drop us a line at our email address! Be sure to follow us on Facebook & Instagram for any new updates and visit our website [www.emmausmarket.com](http://www.emmausmarket.com) for more information and to locate the Community Table Request Form. The market also has some new trucker hats and beanies, hoodies, and t-shirts. Don't forget to stop by the market tent to get your #RoosterRewards card punched and represent your favorite farmers' market!



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Happy New Year from the Emmaus Main Street Partners! We are looking forward to another year of serving our local business and organization members through events and initiatives that bring attention, exposure, and foot traffic to the Borough. Our mission is 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.

So far, we've enjoyed time spent with you all at the New Year's Mixer catered by Mi Havana Cuban, held at South Mountain Cycle, and sponsored by Here for You Concierge. We were also thrilled to bring back the Soup Crawl for our community to traipse around the Borough giving our retail shops some love during a slower, quieter time of year. Similarly, thank you to everyone who ate out for East Penn Restaurant Week held from Sunday, February 27th through Saturday, March 5th including our local restaurants like Volpe's Sports Bar, Yocco's, Yergey Brewing, McDonald's on Chestnut Street, East Penn Diner and more!

As you drive around the Borough, please take in the beauty of our Emmaus Hometown Hero banners being erected once more for another round of recognition and honor. Specifically note the expansion added along Harrison Street. With such a great response from the initial veterans' banners in 2020, we worked with the Borough, PPL, and Vinyl Press to increase the number of banners featured, and veterans honored. Thank you to the Emmaus Borough Public Works for hanging banner arms, putting up and taking down the banners, and fixing any issues throughout the year in respect to our local veterans. We appreciate your time!

## Save the Date for our 2022 events!

- **Summer Concert Series\*** – 2nd & 4th Fridays of June, July & August (6/10, 6/24, 7/8, 7/22, 8/12, & 8/26) from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Farewell to Summer Festival\*** – Saturday, September 17th from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- **Small Business Saturday** – Saturday November 26th
- **Holly Jolly Shopping Spree** – Saturday, November 26th through Wednesday, December 21st.
- **Old Fashioned Christmas\*\*** – Saturday, December 3rd from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

\*These events will require the Main Street portion of the Triangle to be closed for at least an hour before and after the events.

\*\*For this event, there is potential that South 4th Street will be closed in addition to the Main Street portion of the Triangle, as it has been for this event in 2020 and 2021.

Are you a new or existing business in the area that is interested in learning more about the Chamber and Emmaus Main Street Partners? Please reach out to the Emmaus Main Street Manager, Ashley Lorah at (610) 739-1273 or [AshleyL@LehighValleyChamber.org](mailto:AshleyL@LehighValleyChamber.org). We'd love to tell you about the benefits of membership and the potential add-on of a ribbon cutting/grand opening to celebrate your arrival or anniversary. We have ample sponsorship and volunteer opportunities as well in various parts of the organization - we have something for everyone!

Are you hearing about some of these events for the first time? Learn more about the Chamber of Commerce's event opportunities at [LehighValleyChamber.org/events](http://LehighValleyChamber.org/events), follow Emmaus Main Street Partners on Facebook, @EmmausMSP, and follow the East Penn Chamber of Commerce on Facebook as well, @EastPennChamber.

An advertisement for Yocco's Hot Dogs. It features a cartoon hot dog character sitting on a throne with a crown, labeled "The Hot Dog King". The text "Yocco's" is written in large, stylized, black letters. Below it, "THE SECRET'S in Yocco's SAUCE" and "100 YEAR Anniversary 1922-2022" are written. The bottom text reads "A Local Tradition Since 1922!" and "Yocco's.com for Menu and Locations".

An advertisement for Bachman, Kulik &amp; Reinsmith Funeral Homes, P.C. The logo features the company name in blue and teal. Below it, the tagline "Family Owned &amp; Operated-Serving All Faiths Since 1864" is written. Two staff members are listed: John R. Kulik, Supervisor, and Christina L. (Kulik) Schantzenbach, Supervisor. The address "17th &amp; Hamilton Sts. • Allentown" and phone number "610-432-4128" are on the left, and the address "225 Elm Street • Emmaus" and phone number "610-965-2532" are on the right. The website "www.BKRFH.com" is at the bottom.



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# The Emmaus Public Library – Books are Just the Beginning!

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*Closed: May 28th - 30th for Memorial Day*

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**Spring 2022**

**All Events are FREE and open to the public.**



## Special Events:

- Friends Annual Used Book Sale - Friday & Saturday, April 23rd & 24th at Lower Macungie Middle School
- 2nd Annual Tee Time – Mini Golf Fundraiser: Friday & Saturday, April 29th & 30th at the library.
- Summer Reading Club signups - June 13th-August 13th. Kickoff party on the library lawn June 18th

## Adult Monthly Events:

- **Spring Book Bingo.** March 1st – May 31st. Adults pick up a Bingo sheet from the library or print from home! Read books that fit the squares, then cross off the rows across, down, and diagonal. Once you are a winner, turn in your sheet to the library in person or via email to [eplcollection@cliu.org](mailto:eplcollection@cliu.org) and receive a small prize through 5/31/22!
- **Daytime Book Group\*\*.** Tuesday, March 1st at 2:00 p.m. Join us to discuss Craft: An American History by Glenn Adamson. There are some copies available to borrow at the front desk when you RSVP.
- **Pinterest Party at Home:** Leprechaun Hats\*\*. Are you feeling lucky? Sign up for these magical leprechaun hat craft kits. All supplies provided except scissors and glue. Limit 4 kits per family. Pick up available at the front desk beginning Friday, March 4th.
- **Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group\*\*.** Tuesday, March 8th at 10:30 a.m. Presented by Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter, hosted by Devon House Senior Living, and facilitated by Laura Crossan, CDP. Register at 610- 967-1100 or email [lcrossan@devonhouseseniorliving.com](mailto:lcrossan@devonhouseseniorliving.com). Visit [www.alz.org/delval](http://www.alz.org/delval) to learn more about caregiver programs and resources.
- **Evening Book Group\*\*.** Tuesday, March 8th at 6:45 p.m. Join us for this evening book group to discuss American Journeys. This month's title: Peace Like a River by Leif Engler. There are some copies available to borrow at the front desk when you RSVP\*\* or purchase the book directly from Let's Play Books, an independent bookstore in Emmaus.
- **Art at EPL: Revisiting Picasso with Orpha Poupre\*\*.** Monday, March 14th at 6:30 p.m. RSVP via <https://art-talk-picasso.eventbrite.com> to save your seat for this engaging lecture. "Revisiting Picasso" will provide an overview of his life and notable artistic stages and breakthroughs in his work.
- **Creative Writing Group\*\*.** Tuesday, March 15th at 1:00 p.m. Join us for an in-person creative writing group with Pat Johnson, a long-time creative writer. The group welcomes all those who want to write creatively for fun and/or publication.
- **Find Your Ancestors\*\*.** Wednesday, March 16th at 5:00 p.m. Sign up in advance for a 30- minute appointment with Chris to get in-person assistance uncovering your family tree and insight using Ancestry.com.



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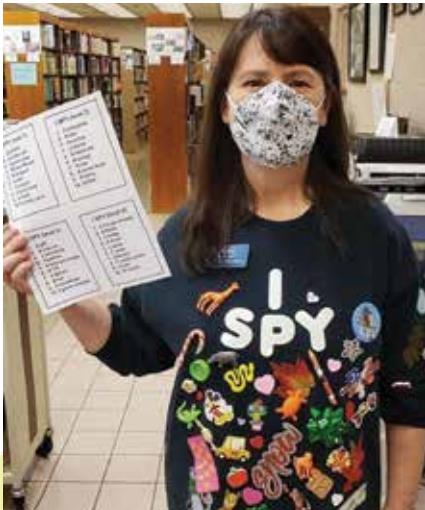
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## Fun Events!



• **Memoir Writing Group\*\*.** Tuesday, March 22nd at 1:00 p.m. Join author Jerry Waxler and others on a ZOOM videoconference to write about your life.

• **Coloring Club.** Monday, March 28th at 6:30 p.m. Explore your creative side, reduce stress, and color at the library! We will provide coloring sheets, markers, and pencils or you can bring your own. Everyone is welcome.

### Kids & Teens Monthly Events

• **Storytime For All\*\*.** Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Toddlers and preschoolers are invited to join us with their adults for stories, singing, crafts, and fun! RSVP\*\* to Miss Sue for ZOOM connection and activity kit information.

• **Facebook Writing Prompts.** Thursday, March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Join us on Facebook for a new prompt every 15 minutes – write about each one or save them for later, share your work or keep it private. The choices are yours in this all ages event.

• **Block Party.** Saturday, March 5th at 11:00 a.m. For all little builders of preschool and elementary ages and their caretakers. Miss Sue will open the block cabinet in the children's wing, and we will make amazing things together.

• **Let's Craft\*\*.** Saturday, March 5th at 1:00 p.m. Bring your creativity to the library, as we draw, glue, and craft! For 1st through 5th grade. Masks required.

• **Teen Writers Group\*\*.** Thursday, March 10th at 6:30 p.m. Join Miss Sue to write from new prompts and talk about the process of writing – reading aloud not required! Monthly event.

• **Kids' New Books Discussion Group\*\*.** Thursday, March 17th at 6:00 p.m. For 1st through 5th graders, we're meeting to talk about new items in the collection, and titles that our library users love!

• **Family Board Games\*.** Saturday, March 19th at 1:00 p.m. Board games of all kinds for all ages. You'll have two hours to play, and tons of games to try!

• **Books 'n' Barks\*.** Thursday, March 24th at 6:30 p.m. Books 'n' Barks is back! Read to the Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs. No registration required. Feel free to bring your own books or choose one from the library. Monthly event.

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# The Emmaus Commemorative Garden Remembers

The Emmaus Commemorative Gardens Foundation (ECGF) team continues to create many remembrance opportunities for the Borough of Emmaus. Again in 2022, we are partnering with the Emmaus Veterans Committee (EVC), the premier veteran's organization in our area, to offer veterans bricks to our community. In 2021 we were privileged to install 22 bricks for our veterans at the first ever inside ceremony held on May 29th at the St. Paul Orthodox Church because of inclement weather.

The 2022 Memorial Day weekend veterans' bricks ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Emmaus Remembrance Garden. The deadline to order your 2022 veterans' bricks is **Friday, April 1**. The cost per veteran brick is still \$65.00. We are privileged to install bricks for service men and women to honor their contributions to our country at the Remembrance Garden and hope that you will join us for this special occasion. All bricks can be easily ordered by credit

card. Simply complete the online form on the ECGF web site at [www.emmausremembers.org](http://www.emmausremembers.org). If you prefer not to use a credit card, an option is available to print out the order form and mail it with your check to ECGF, P.O. Box 593 Emmaus, PA 18049.

Interested in using the beautiful Remembrance Garden as your wedding ceremony venue? Schedule the ceremony with us for \$100 - this includes a 4x8 brick and 4 hours of time at the Remembrance Garden. Details will be arranged when you schedule your date.

Celebrating our 17th year, the ECGF is a 501c3 non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to the creation of a quiet, beautiful, and permanent space where we can all share and honor the milestones and accomplishments of our family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Over 900 bricks have been installed in the Remembrance Garden. Donations are greatly appreciated. Please make donations through the website to help the ECGF continue its work.

We invite everyone to visit the Garden and our website at [www.emmausremembers.org](http://www.emmausremembers.org). Still have questions? Contact Mike Waddell at 484-274-2089, or email [remgarden1@gmail.com](mailto:remgarden1@gmail.com).

To follow the wonderful happenings at our Remembrance Garden, be sure to "Like" the Emmaus Remembrance Garden on Facebook!





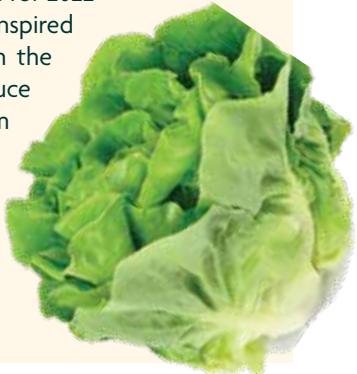
## The Emmaus Arts Commission



The Emmaus Arts Commission hosted the 15th Annual SnowBlast Winter Arts Festival 2022. New this year was a month-long scavenger hunt throughout town from February 5th- March 5th. Local artists and EAC members created small artworks featuring local Emmaus Architecture that were part an art walk scavenger hunt. A closing celebration was held on March 5th from Noon-4:00 p.m. at the Emmaus Triangle with live music and fun art activities. Although the event looked a bit different this year the EAC was excited to still be able to provide the community with a fun interactive element where families could explore Emmaus safely and independently. We appreciate the local artists that donated their time and talent to each piece of art and the local businesses that participated in the event. A huge thank you goes out to our sponsors and supporters of the event and of course our wonderful community for showing their love to the arts!



The EAC has created an Art in the Garden Committee for 2022 and has recently been working on grants to add art inspired children's garden to the community. As a first step in the process, the EAC has been awarded a grant for a Lettuce Grow Farm Stand. The EAC plans on donating the farm stand to the children's wing of the Emmaus Public Library. This will allow for year-round access to fresh growing food and garden education opportunities.



The EAC Paint-A-Hydrant program is an ongoing project throughout Emmaus. Currently local artists and community members have completed almost 60 hydrants throughout the Borough, with another round being planned for Spring 2022! Do you have a fire hydrant in your neighborhood that needs some TLC? Are you feeling creative? The Paint-A-Hydrant program is always accepting applications! Start thinking about your design idea and submit your plans to the EAC to make a positive change in your community! Designs can be as simple or as complex as you would like! Everyone can be an artist! Submit your design ideas at [emmausarts.org](http://emmausarts.org)

**Hydrant artists:** **Top**-Kassandra Brittenburg, Brandi Harrington  
**Bottom**- Bob Boehmer/Mat McCrae, Tara Santoro

The EAC is still holding its fundraiser of the Walter Emerson Baum book by Martha Young Hutson-Saxton. If you are interested in making a donation and getting a copy of this beautiful book, please email [lindsey.emmausarts@gmail.com](mailto:lindsey.emmausarts@gmail.com).



- 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](http://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

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



# EMMAUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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# Happy 30th Anniversary

## Happy 30th Anniversary to All Members and Supporters of the Emmaus Historical Society

The Emmaus Historical Society is celebrating its 30-year anniversary in 2022! It has come a long way from quite humble beginnings. The initial planning meeting for the organization was on February 19, 1992, and elections occurred in September of the same year when Carol Schultz was elected President. Its first year of fundraising through a White Elephant sale raised \$80.14 plus the Hometown Days committee donated \$200 to pay for the charter, incorporating in March of 1993.



In the beginning, the Society was given space at Emmaus Borough Hall at the suggestion of Councilwoman Pat Shirock. It also used the Borough's address for mail and had no telephone. In April of 1993, the Society officially became a non-profit. John Corbett was President that year. The Society had \$517.02 in the bank by then with 27 members. Since the Society still did not have a home at that point, the collections were stored in various people's houses.

In 1994, Francis Hartman was elected President in absentia while in the hospital recovering from heart surgery. The Society continued to use the Borough's address for mailings and meetings. After four more years of not having an official site, Ardath Rodale donated \$4,800 for rent for a location at 244 Main Street, currently the home of Let's Play Books. The new site's grand opening was held in December of 1998. At the same time, Representative Donald Snyder assisted the Society in obtaining a PA state grant for \$200,000 which allowed for the purchase of Dr. Albert Kratzer's property in March of 1999. The move from Main Street to 563 Chestnut Street (now a private dwelling) occurred in December of 1999 and the Society finally had a permanent home.

By 2008, the Society had grown to 600 members and featured monthly meetings with historic programs. The most successful and historically important project was the WWII Commemorative book which featured the local men and women who served their country.

The member volunteers researched families, locating photos and narrative stories about local veterans. Also, under Francis Hartman, a Building Fund was created for the purchase of a larger museum to house the ever-growing collections.

# 30th Anniversary



In 2010, Pat Zentner was elected President and membership grew to over 1000. Bill Barto mentioned the Society should be located in his beautiful and spacious home at 218 Main Street and in March of 2013, the process of the purchase began. It took nearly a year, but in February of 2014, settlement occurred and renovations began.

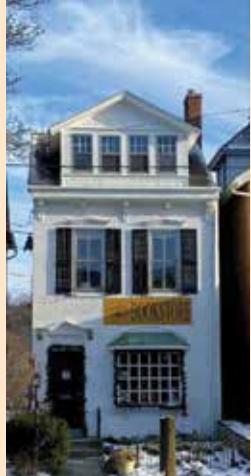
In 2016, Bill Barto succeeded Pat Zentner as President. He served until 2018 at which time Jeanne Harakal succeeded him and currently serves as President. Collections continue to grow through the generosity of the people and organizations of Emmaus. Renovations and restoration of the property at 218 Main Street take place each year with the support of our fundraising, grants, and especially our most generous members who have donated to both our Capital and General Funds. The Society's mission is to collect, preserve, and exhibit Emmaus Artifacts, documents, histories, photographs and genealogy for displays and research, and to offer educational programs and events throughout the year.

The Society is thankful for all who have helped over the past 30 years, thankful for the many, many volunteers who have worked so hard to keep everything operating, and especially thankful for the founders and past Presidents who assisted in making the Society what it is today. **In celebration of our 30th anniversary, the new membership drive is offering new members joining the Society prior to April 30, 2022 a membership valid through December 31, 2023. You can visit the Museum or the website at [www.emmaushistoricalsociety.com](http://www.emmaushistoricalsociety.com) for a membership form and payment options.**

The Emmaus Historical Society and Museum is currently open on Saturdays. Please check our website for our current hours. Hopes are to resume programs very soon. Once we are able to hold an in-person meeting and program, the next program will be about the Society's history over the past thirty years. Our current fundraisers are for Dan Schantz Monthly Madness cards, or any of three bus trips for lunch and a show in May, August, or November. To sign up for the bus trips, call Nancy at 610-967-5715. For Dan Schantz cards, visit the museum or call 610-966-6591.

The Society welcomes you to visit the museum to see our current displays of everything from vintage toys, cookware, textiles, fashion adornments, and grooming items to displays of Emaus banks, movie theaters, EFM and Emaus funeral home memorabilia. You are also welcome to share any treasures you may find that you would like to donate to us in the spirit of preservation. You can call us at 610-966-6591 to make an appointment for drop off. We are very appreciative of any Emaus/Emmaus memorabilia and artifacts that you may want us to preserve for future generations.

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*Locations through the years.*

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We enjoy when the veil of spring envelops the 1803 House in Emmaus, Pennsylvania - the blooming of forsythia, the blue bells, daffodils popping up in random locations, the green mist of young leaves on South Mountain, and the dynamic red violet flowering of the Redbud trees. The flowering of the Redbud tree is particularly significant because it is one of the native plants at the 1803 House.

Early settlers of Maguntsche found the Redbud blossoms to be a delicious addition to their salads. Early settlers used the bark to treat common maladies and sometimes even leukemia, but the sheer beauty of the Redbud may be the greatest hold on the American spirit (Arbor Day Foundation). George Washington stated the redbud "deserves a place in my shrubberies." Arborist William Dirr, stated that "the Redbud is a treasure in the April landscape when its clustered magenta blooms unfold a blanket of rosy pink. No equal, no competitor, can be found among small flowering landscape trees."

Part of the enjoyment of being a Friend of the 1803 is what you learn. The 1803 House provokes all kinds of exploration including: Pennsylvania Pioneers, the founding of Emmaus, the families of the Ehrenhardt's, Moravian communities, colonial life, archeology, introducing history to young students, and many more.

This is a special year to become a member. It was 275 years ago that the Moravians decided to build a self-sufficient community on land donated by Jacob Ehrenhardt, Sr., and Sebastian Knauss. The Moravian Village was later to be named Emmaus. In 1859 it was organized to become the Borough of Emmaus. Make 2022 the year to celebrate your membership as a Friend of 1803 House and the 275th anniversary of the founding of "our village small" - EMMAUS, PENNSYLVANIA. Please visit [www.1803house.org](http://www.1803house.org) for your 2022 membership application or for more information about this historic site.



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# THE KNAUSS HOUSE

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## Knauss Homestead Preservation Society

Another winter will soon be behind us, or so we hope, and with that we look forward to a glorious spring with all the vibrant colors of long dormant trees, flowers, and shrubs. As with winter long dormant projects and the coming of spring, the Knauss Homestead is excited and ready to get back to work. Improvements and continued restoration of the second floor is always a top priority project and as with any restoration project seemingly never ending.

This past December we experienced the passing of Dalton Knauss, who, along with his family and the Knauss Family Foundation has contributed thousands of dollars to the Knauss Homestead Preservation Society. Their generosity throughout the years has enabled us to make considerable improvements toward the restoration and preservation of the "Homestead". We are truly appreciative. In his passing he bequeathed to the Homestead a significant amount of money that will enable us to begin restoration of the barn. We are hopeful that we will begin removal of the asbestos shingled exterior and exposure of the original siding. As per guidelines established by the National Park Service, we hope to begin restoration of all windows and doors on the barn as well as interior and structural repairs. With luck, hard work, and continued donations, we hope that the barn's appearance will soon compliment the "Homestead". The estimated cost of the renovation is expected to exceed \$100,000.00.

All donations, large and small play a vital role in accomplishing the preservation of this beautiful historic property.

As always, we need volunteers on a short or long-term basis for not only the physical aspect of restoration and preservation, but the ongoing management of this hidden historic gem located within the Borough that is such an important part of its early foundation.



Today many historic homes and barns are destroyed in the name of progress. Let us instead embrace the history that surrounds us and reminds us of the greatness and skills that our early ancestors brought to this 'new world' to create what is still the "Greatest Nation in the World".

We encourage you to become a member of the society to support our efforts. Donations are needed to continue this restoration project. You can donate by visiting our website [www.knausshomestead.org](http://www.knausshomestead.org) or by mailing a check to the Knauss Homestead Preservation Society, P.O. Box 714, Emmaus, Pa. 18049. Like us on Facebook - 'The Knauss Homestead'.

To learn more about our history and the history of the community that you call home, please take the opportunity to visit us and support us through membership and donations to preserve this treasure of our past.



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## Updates from the Shelter House

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The Shelter house has interesting news, despite seemingly inactivity for the last two years due to the Covid pandemic.

The Shelter House was able to renovate its Woodland Path and have engaged a Pennsylvania Master Naturalist to schedule and present programs that celebrate the natural beauty of the Shelter House grounds. Programs will include bird counting, wild plant identification sessions, invasive plant removal, and establishing working relationships with the Wildlands Conservancy.

Meet Jon Levin, new Pennsylvania Master Naturalist who will lead the effort. Jon is a long-time member of Shelter House Society and an avid outdoorsman. He is a member of Lehigh Valley Audubon Society, Hawk Mountain Society, Natural Lands Trust, and Lehigh Gap Nature Center. The Pennsylvania Master Naturalist program is a volunteer organization but requires recipients to complete hours of classroom work and a sincere commitment to Pennsylvania nature projects. Jon describes himself as "The Shelter House Naturalist." He also notes that "The Shelter House Woodland Path was developed as a sensory path with some Braille signs, and more braille signs will be added describing plants and bird sounds." The Shelter House applauds Jon Levin on his volunteer work for nature and for lending us a hand in promoting our 1734 log structure. Watch for notices of bird watching/counting and other fun nature outings on our newly restored path. Events such as these are always free, and the public is always invited.

Other news includes the first annual historic essay competition open to East Penn students enrolled in a history class. The level of participation has been spectacular! The guidelines asked students to present an essay on any local or regional historic subject of their choice in 1000 words or less. We received 25 entries. Our panel of judges has noted that "evaluating the student works is very difficult as they are all so very accomplished."

Long-term plans for the Shelter House include establishing a true colonial educational experience in the Shelter House great room. The worthy plan, still in the infant stages, conceived of by Board Member Ken Biles. Ken is a retired educator and colonial re-enactor and wood worker and will recreate exhibits on how the colonials built their log structures and with what tools. He has created a model of what the historic installation will look like. The Shelter House will have extended hours to view the model and eventually the completed exhibit. We invite you to visit our website at [shelterhouseemmaus.org](https://shelterhouseemmaus.org), or for more information, please call 484-347-1661.



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# Emmaus Kiwanis Club

**Kiwanis is an international organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world – one child and community at a time.**

The Emmaus Kiwanis Club celebrated 70 years of service and community involvement in 2021. This significant milestone was celebrated with a dinner party held on December 8th. The evening acknowledged the history of the club while paving the way for continued community service. Our 60-year member, Stanley Holmes, was recognized for his dedication and leadership to the club.

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. The club gathers at The Superior at 6:15 p.m. for 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.

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- Emmaus Old Fashioned Christmas
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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](http://emmauskiwanis.org) for contact information. We'd love to have you join us in our dedication to serving children.

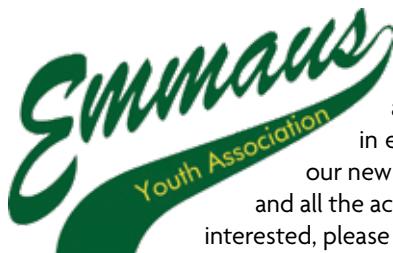
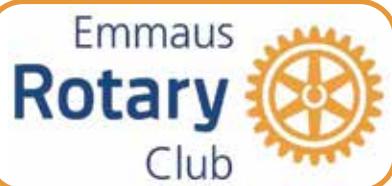
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Over the past two years, Rotarian volunteers have packed thousands of meals for children facing food insecurity at a cost of over \$19,000.00.

If you wish to participate in the Emmaus Rotary Flag Program, please visit [Flags.EmmausRotary.org](http://Flags.EmmausRotary.org) for information or to sign up.



## **News from the Emmaus Youth Association**

The Emmaus Youth Association kicked off the spring baseball and softball season in January and are looking forward to another exciting season! Our summer basketball registration will be opening in early April. Fall baseball and softball registration will open in late June/ early July. You can register on our new website [www.eyasports.org](http://www.eyasports.org). Be sure to follow the EYA on Facebook to stay up to date with our teams and all the action this season. We are looking for volunteers to help fill some vacant roles within the EYA. If you are interested, please e-mail [vp@eyasports.org](mailto:vp@eyasports.org) for more information.

## Borough Offices Relocated

In past newsletters, we have kept you updated on the Borough's construction projects. We are excited to announce that the time has come, and construction is underway. As a result of the ongoing construction work, Borough Hall is getting a major overhaul. During the engineer study phase, engineers have identified significant issues in Borough Hall that need to be mitigated. This includes HVAC issues, removal of the knob and tube electrical, re-wiring the entire building, all new plumbing, removal of mold from numerous locations, including under the roof, and asbestos removal. This work must be completed prior to any improvements to the building. As a result, Borough offices are going to be vacated for at least a year, and up to 18 months.



*Therefore, the Borough has entered into a lease agreement with Phoebe to rent the old Rodale Daycare building at 420 S. 10th Street, across from Furnace Dam Park. The Borough staff and the Central Station administration team has relocated to this building. Council meetings, Planning Commission Meetings, and Zoning Hearings will take place at St. John's UCC, located at 139 N. 4th Street. Remember that all of our public meetings will continue to be broadcast live on Zoom as well. We will continue to keep you up to date with any new details of the project and the move. All phone numbers for the offices have remained the same and the emergency functions of Central Station will remain at the 100 N. 6th Street location.*

## Join Us for the Opening Day of Trout Season at Furnace Dam



Once again, the Cedarbrook Sportsmen will graciously invest their time and effort to stock Furnace Dam with trout for Opening Day, Saturday, April 2, 2022. Fishing is great fun for the whole family, creating precious memories for kids and parents, and introducing young and old to the joys of outdoor recreation. Join us for the excitement of Opening Day! Due to the COVID pandemic, please visit the Borough's website at [www.borough.emmaus.pa.us](http://www.borough.emmaus.pa.us) for any changes or social distancing regulations.



## EMMAUS COMMUNITY YARD SALE



Emmaus Community Yard Sales are held on the weekends after Memorial Day and Labor Day, when it is not necessary to obtain a permit to have a yard sale and no fee is required. This year, the Community Yard Sales are scheduled for Saturday, June 4, 2022 with a rain date of Sunday, June 5, 2022, and Saturday, September 10, 2022, with a rain date of Sunday, September 11, 2022.

## Police News:

### Welcome Sherry Palinkas as the Police Clerk/Administrative Assistant



The Borough of Emmaus welcomes Sherry Palinkas to the Emmaus Police Department! Sherry will be serving as the Police Clerk/Administrative Assistant and replaces Cindy Pandl, who recently retired after 21 years.

Sherry previously worked for the Borough of Topton for six years as the Borough Secretary. For the past 15 years, Sherry has called the Borough of Emmaus "home." She is excited to continue her career in Public Service and serve the community she loves.

Sherry enjoys raising her two children, who were active in softball and lacrosse for the Green Hornets. In her free time, Sherry can be found at one of her children's sporting events, at the gym, hiking, walking, or spending time with her family and friends. Welcome to the team, Sherry!

*Welcome Sherry!*



### No Shave November / December – Provides a Special Christmas

During the month of November, the officers of the Emmaus Police Department participated in No Shave November which then continued into No Shave December. Each Police Officer was required to pay \$50.00 per month to earn the right to violate the Police Department's grooming standards. The Police Department raised approximately \$1,500.00, and the money was used to purchase fruit baskets for County Housing facilities in Emmaus, gifts cards for children in need, and to provide a special Christmas for one family in Emmaus. Thank you to all who participated and made donations!



### Crossing Guards Needed

The Emmaus Police Department and the East Penn School District are seeking additional volunteers to serve as Crossing Guards for the 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. 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 Borough of Emmaus is currently accepting applications for Public Works Summer help. Applicants must work weekends, be willing to learn light construction, have a valid driver's license and be able to lift 50lbs. Applicants will be paid \$9.50 per hour. Applications for positions can be obtained on the Borough's website at [www.borough.emmaus.pa.us](http://www.borough.emmaus.pa.us).



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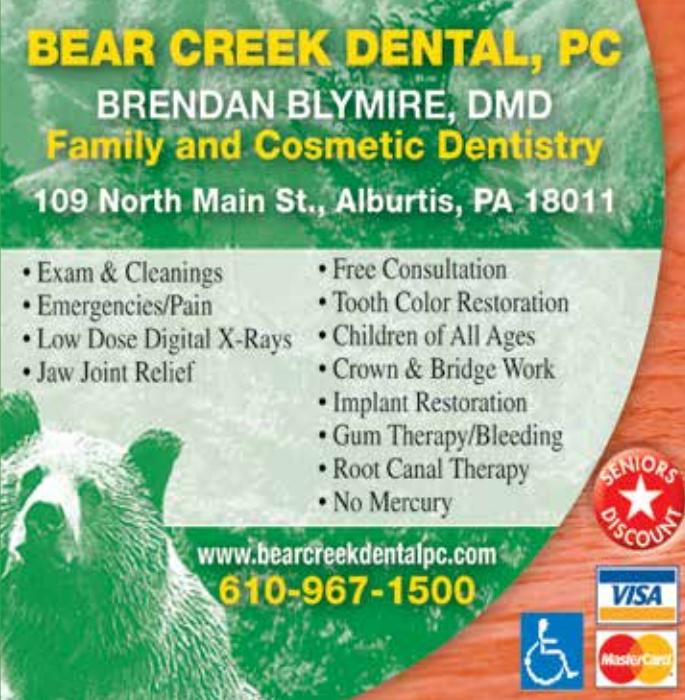


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# News from the Emmaus Shade Tree Commission

## Assessing Your Home Landscape

Late winter or early spring is an excellent time to reflect on your property and the aspects of your yard that are pleasing to you, as well as the ones that could use some improvement.

Do you have a favorite part of your yard that you enjoy spending time in? Why is that the case? Is there an area of your yard that is not enjoyable to be in or look at? Again, what can you do to improve this situation?

Once you've decided where to focus on your landscape sprucing efforts, spend some time identifying the plants, shrubs, and trees that are best suited for your space. That way, by the time the weather warms up and you visit a local nursery, you won't be tempted to impulse buy whatever strikes your fancy, which may not result in the look you want.

Start by deciding on the big elements, trees and shrubs. You can easily fill in excess space with perennials and annuals later. Some examples of large trees that are generally disease resistant and have sturdy branch structures are Red Maple, Honey Locust, Red Oak, and Fruitless Ginkgo. They are all excellent choices for Emmaus yards.

You can find many home landscaping resources online or at the library, but one of the simplest ways to get ideas of what appeals to you is to go for a walk around your neighborhood. Even in winter, you can get a sense of what types of trees and shrubs do well in our area and see what others have done to improve their outdoor living situations. In fact, many people forget to think about the wintertime views from their windows when deciding what to plant. By making plans now, you can make sure to save space for shrubs and trees that offer off-season color and style, such as Winterberry or Hawthorn.

By planning your tree and shrub purchases now, you'll be ready to go when early spring arrives and it's time to plant. Autumn is typically regarded as the primary tree-planting season, but early spring is a great time to plant trees, too. There's usually ample moisture available through rainfall, and the temperatures are ideal for new growth.



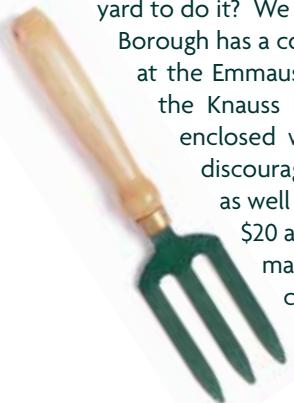
### Call Before You Cut

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; Dalton Link, 207-289-4231; Beverly Springer, 610-965-6671, or Rebecca Straus, 610-741-7193.



## Emmaus Community Garden

Do you have a desire to plant your own garden but lack the room in your yard to do it? We have a perfect solution for you! Did you know that the Borough has a community garden? You can plant your very own garden at the Emmaus Community Garden. The garden is located between the Knauss Homestead and the Compost Site. It is completely enclosed with a chain link fence, which has been successful in discouraging wildlife from destroying crops. Emmaus residents, as well as nonresidents, are eligible to receive a 15' x 30' plot for \$20 and \$35 per plot respectively. You will be responsible for maintaining your own garden. For more information, please contact the Emmaus Community Garden Committee at [emmausgarden18049@gmail.com](mailto:emmausgarden18049@gmail.com).



## Grass, Weed & Tree Trimming Regulations

During the year, especially as the growing season begins, the Borough receives complaints regarding the lack of property maintenance and uncut grass. As a reminder, a property owner is responsible for the property from the front curbline to the rear curbline. Please help keep our community beautiful by cutting and/or removing the weeds at your curb.

The Borough of Emmaus Ordinance 675, Chapter 10, Part 3, Section 301, states that weeds and grass may not exceed 6" in height. After given proper notification by way of a door hanger or certified and regular mail, and failure to cut the grass and/or weeds within the allotted 5 days after notification, the property owner may be subject to a fine of up to \$300 per offense per day, together with costs for removing, spraying, trimming,

**Not to exceed 6"**  
**in height**

or cutting by the Borough or its contractor. A delinquent property owner is also responsible for associated costs, plus administrative and legal fees as permitted by law.



The Borough of Emmaus Ordinance 675, Chapter 25, Part 1, Section 103, requires that any tree on private property or along the streets or alleys must have a clear height of 14 feet over the street and 10 feet over the sidewalk. Also, any trees, shrubs or hedges located in the clear sight triangle cannot exceed 2 feet above grade. After proper notification by way of certified and regular mail and failure to trim overgrown trees within the allotted 10 days of notification, the property owner may be subject to a fine of up to \$300 per offense per day, together with costs of trimming by the Borough or its contractor. A delinquent property owner is also responsible for associated costs, plus administrative and legal fees as permitted by law.

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## Curbside Yard Waste Pick-up

The Borough's waste hauler, Whitetail Disposal, does not collect yard waste. Yard waste pick-up is available through the Emmaus Public Works Department. **Residents desiring curbside yard waste collection must use the following procedures:**



From Monday, April 4th, 2022 through Thursday, October 27th, 2022, yard waste will be collected by Public Works personnel on **Mondays and Thursdays**, except holidays\*. Yard waste must be placed at the curb in **approved yard waste bags**, which can be purchased at most hardware stores. Yard waste is limited to organic biodegradable materials such as grass, leaves, hedge trimmings, leafy plants and small sticks and twigs. Separate grass, twigs, and hedge trimmings into different bags. **Bags contaminated with stones, trash, mulch or dirt will not be collected. Material not separated properly will not be collected. Bags exceeding 50 lbs. will not be collected.**

There are three ways to contact the Borough to have your bags collected. **Phone:** 610-965-9288, after hours, please leave a message, or **Email:** pweiant@borough.emmaus.pa.us.

Be sure to leave your address and the number of bags. Contact must be made by 11:00 a.m. on the day of pick-up.

**\*The Borough will not pick up curbside yard waste on:**

**Monday, May 30th**

**Monday, July 4th and**

**Monday, September 5th**

**Curbside yard waste will be picked up on the next regularly scheduled pick-up day following the holiday.**

## Compost Site Hours of Operation

### **Closed in observance of Holidays:**

**Friday, April 15th**

**Monday, May 30th**

**Monday, July 4th**

**Monday, September 5th**

**Friday, November 11th**

**Thursday, November 24th**

**Friday, November 25th**

### **Compost Site Hours March 23rd to December 3rd**

**Monday and Friday:**

7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (No Loading)

**Wednesday:**

7:30 a.m. to dusk

(Loading 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.)

**Saturdays:**

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

We only accept organic yard waste. No lumber, root balls with dirt, garbage, dirt, building materials, etc. is allowed.

Unscreened compost, wood chip mulch, and screened compost is available for a loading fee of \$25.00 per scoop or partial scoop. Only pick-ups or small trailers will be loaded.

An advertisement for Hursh's Landscaping Inc. It features a man and a woman looking at a landscaped backyard with a patio and outdoor furniture. The text "RE-IMAGINE YOUR BACKYARD..." is at the top, and the company name "Hursh's Landscaping Inc." with the phone number "610.965.7610" and website "www.HurshsLandscaping.com" are at the bottom. A small "PA040143" is in the bottom left corner.

An advertisement for St. John's Christian + Preschool. It features the school's logo with the letters "SJCP" and the text "ST. JOHN'S Christian + Preschool". Below this is a banner with the text "ENROLLING FOR FALL 3 and 4-year-olds" and "Scholarships Available". At the bottom, it says "MENTION THIS AD: FREE REGISTRATION (Until all slots filled - a \$40 value)" and the address "501 Chestnut Street • Emmaus 610-965-9885 • www.stjohnsemmaus.org".



## EMMAUS RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION

### The Entertainment and Recreation Commission

The Emmaus Recreation and Entertainment Commission, in partnership with the Emmaus Main Street Partners and the Emmaus Arts Commission, are currently planning the 2022 Summer Concert Series and Movie Night.

These events are **FREE** and open to everyone. This year's line-up of concerts will include a combination of genres, include classic rock, country, blue grass, and many others.

A detailed list of dates and times will be published on our website at <https://www.emmausent.com>, and on the Emmaus Main Street Partners and Arts Commission's social media platform as soon as it becomes available. A detailed calendar of events will also go out in the Borough's summer newsletter.

All events are subject to cancellation at the discretion of the Commission, the Borough, or if local laws prohibit large gatherings due to COVID-19 restrictions in place.



### *Do you have an idea for an event you would like to see in the Borough?*

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



### *Would you like to help plan our events?*

The Recreation and Entertainment Commission is in need of more volunteers to assist us in making these events happen. Please visit our website at [www.emmausent.com](http://www.emmausent.com), for more information on how to become a member.

And, if you'd like to volunteer without joining the Commission, please send an email to [emmausrec@gmail.com](mailto:emmausrec@gmail.com) to explore volunteer opportunities.

# Thank You

### **A Special Thank You to Our Business Sponsors**

This publication is produced at no cost to the Borough of Emmaus residents thanks to the generous sponsorship of the businesses listed throughout the newsletter. The Borough recognizes these businesses as community supporters, and encourages residents to also support these local businesses with your patronage.

## The Emmaus Garden Club – Over the Backyard Fence

The Emmaus Garden Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month, March through December, at Faith Presbyterian Church, 3002 North 2nd Street, Emmaus, PA 18049. Doors open at noon for fellowship with a program following. At a recent meeting the Club elected its officers for 2022 -2023. Recently elected officers are: President – Rebecca Short, 1st Vice President – Chris Radar, 2nd Vice President – Leesa Wimmer, Recording Secretary – Sandra Peiller and Barbara Adamcik, Corresponding Secretary – Susanne Dussoulas, and Treasurer – Kathleen Longenecker.

Throughout the blooming season, outstanding home gardens in Emmaus are recognized with a “Front Yard Garden Award.” Awarded gardens are all beautifully designed and planted by the homeowner. A tip from the Garden Club: For successful gardens, please be sure to follow all planting instructions on the package or hangtag. The right plant in the right place! This year, why not plant a row of birdseed to keep our feathered friends happy?

For more information on the Emmaus Garden Club or to become a member, please visit the Club’s website at [www.emmausgardenclub.com](http://www.emmausgardenclub.com) or call Ellen at 610-928-3713.



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## Permits are Required

Spring is right around the corner, and now is the time that many of us think about starting those home improvement projects we have been planning all winter long. If you are preparing to start a project, please remember that permits are required for many projects. The Borough has a Zoning Ordinance and a Building Code that contain requirements for many indoor and outdoor home improvement projects. Permits are required for: roof repairs, building repairs or remodels (causing structural changes), footers, foundations, framing, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, signs, fences, sheds, dumpsters, demolition, solicitation/peddling, driveways, pools or spas, and zoning. Please remember that if you are planning to install a swimming pool, any swimming pool over twenty-four inches (24") inches in depth and/or has pumping equipment requires a zoning, building, and electrical permit.



Applications for all permits are available online! Download applications for permits from the Borough's website at: [www.borough.emmaus.pa.us](http://www.borough.emmaus.pa.us). On the website under "Residents," click on "Forms and Applications" and choose which application you need. Simply fill it out and either email the completed application to [rhammond@borough.emmaus.pa.us](mailto:rhammond@borough.emmaus.pa.us) or [bbilheimer@borough.emmaus.pa.us](mailto:bbilheimer@borough.emmaus.pa.us) or mail the completed application to Borough Hall at 420 S. 10th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049 or place it in the box marked "Payments." If you are unsure if you need a permit, or have any questions about permits, please call the Code Enforcement Office at 610-967-1322.



## 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 in the vestibule located at the Borough's temporary location, 420 S. 10th Street, Emmaus, PA, or by visiting the Borough website at [www.borough.emmaus.pa.us](http://www.borough.emmaus.pa.us). The permit and the \$1.00 fee can be mailed in or placed in the box marked "Payments" located at Town Hall.

## 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.



## 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, seven 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).

# Help Unlock the Emmaus Code!

The Borough of Emmaus is updating its Zoning and Land Development Ordinances – and needs your input!

In the fall of 2021, the Borough hired Michael Baker International to support the update of its Zoning Code and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). Input from the community is a big part of understanding future opportunities for both growth and preservation of the Borough's neighborhoods, commercial corridors, industrial sites, and open space/parkland.

## Save the Date!

Join us in Unlocking the Emmaus Code at our community collaboration hub on **Saturday, April 30th from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Emmaus Community Park – happening in conjunction with the Emmaus Food Truck Festival!**

**Review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) below and then visit our community engagement site to share your feedback!**

### What is zoning?

Zoning is an ordinance – a local law – designed to protect public health, safety, and welfare and to guide growth.

### What does zoning do?

Allows the Borough to guide the extent, character, and quality of development within its boundaries.

### Why update zoning?

Zoning is a key tool to help create the communities we want to see and make big visions such as a connected and walkable community a reality.

*Your input is needed!*

### What can I do?

Share your priorities for how Emmaus should grow and change, and what should be preserved or enhanced to align community goals with future growth by visiting the Borough's website at [www.borough.emmaus.pa.us](http://www.borough.emmaus.pa.us) or on our community engagement hub: <https://bit.ly/UnlocktheEmmauscode>.

### How can I learn more?

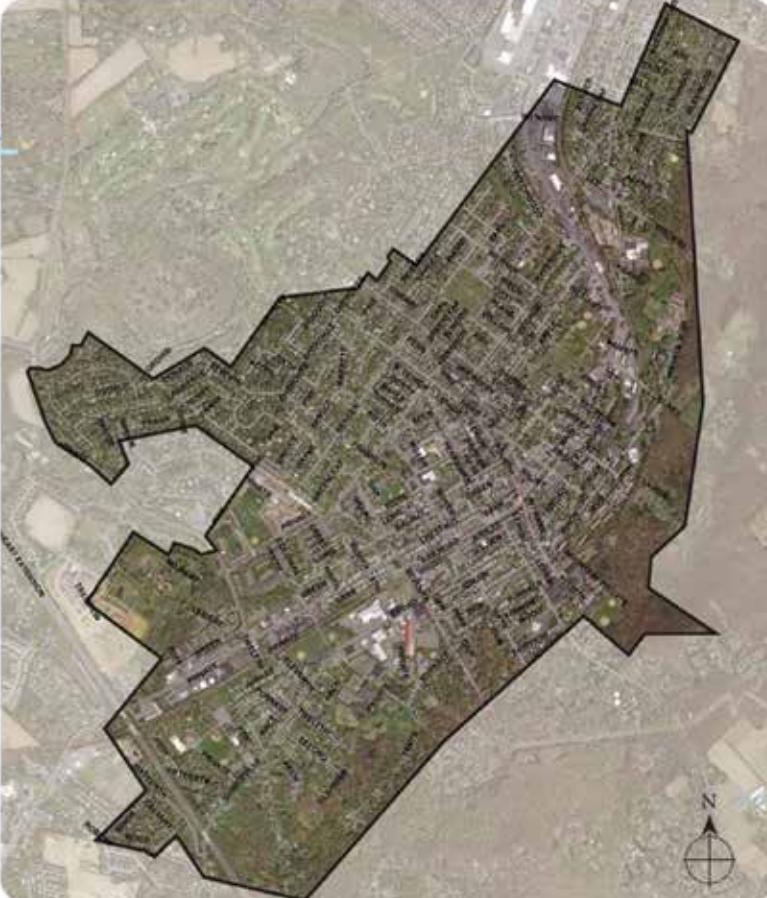
Stay up to date through the Borough's website to learn more about opportunities to engage throughout 2022!

UNLOCK  
THE **EMMAUS** CODE

We are updating our zoning! We want to know: what future do you envision for Emmaus?

Place a pin on places, blocks, or buildings:

-  I love how this looks and feels. Preserve it!
-  This is not what I want for Emmaus. I want to see change here!
-  Some things are good here but I'd like to see improvement. Make it better!
-  Stick a tag to your pin to add more details about your comment.



## Volunteer

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

**Board of Health:** This Board explores restaurant inspections as well as different public health concerns that may affect our community. Preferred Experience / Qualifications: Healthcare provider, microbiology or epidemiology educational courses, healthcare management experience, EMS training, food service training, or municipal organization experience. The Board of Health meets every other month.

**Library Board:** Board Members are responsible for making sure the Emmaus Public Library remains true to its mission, safeguards its assets, and operates in the greater public interest. Board members can serve on one or more standing committees such as Finance, Outreach, and Personnel. Preferred Experience / Qualifications: Love of reading, experience in writing, event planning, and fundraising. The Library Board meets one time per month. Event planning will require more of a time commitment.

**Planning Commission:** This Commission oversees the planning process of subdivision and land developments in the Borough of Emmaus. Preferred Experience / Qualifications: Planning professional, architect, engineer, builder, ability to read blueprints and understand construction plans, ability to interpret and understand Ordinances, and the municipality's planning code. The Planning Commission meets one time per month. In addition, preparation time for reading plans and examining proposed project sites.

**Recreation and Entertainment Commission:** This Commission oversees a variety of community events and activities. The Commission oversees the Summer Concert Series, Movies in the Park, and many other events. Preferred Experience / Qualifications: Event planning, parks and recreational professional, attends community events, and fundraising experience. The Recreation and Entertainment Commission meeting one time per month. During spring, summer, and early fall, time commitment will be more.

**Shade Tree Commission:** This Commission oversees the planting, removal, and trimming of trees located in the Borough's right-of-way, as well as offering suggestions on how to properly trim trees. Preferred Experience / Qualifications: Arborist, understand and interpret Ordinances, ability to interact with members of the Community, and knowledge of shade trees. The Shade Tree Commission meeting one time per month.

Please send a letter of interest as well as the Board and Commission Volunteer Application located on the Borough's website, [www.borough.emmaus.pa.us](http://www.borough.emmaus.pa.us), to Emmaus Borough Manager, 420 S. 10th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049.



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# Things to Know about PFOS in our Water

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As you should be aware by now, in December, the Borough mailed a letter to every property in the Borough regarding elevated levels of a chemical compound known as PFOS in our water system. The letter was as detailed as possible and included every fact we knew at the time about the testing results. Since the letter, there have been numerous newspaper reports and TV news reports about the letter and PFOS levels. Some of those reports were accurate, while others were not fact-based.

Since one of the recent news articles, which was not accurate, we have received a lot of telephone calls, with many people wanting to know what is going on and what this chemical is. We have encouraged everyone to do their own research, as we are not scientists, however, we do want to share some of the research we have conducted. Therefore, we have included the below Q & A section to help you better understand the Borough's situation as well as PFAS / PFOS.

## PFAS: What They Are

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are man-made chemicals, are resistant to heat, water and oil, and persist in the environment and the human body. PFAS are not found naturally in the environment. They have been used to make cookware, carpets, clothing, fabrics for furniture, paper packaging for food, and other materials that are resistant to water, grease, or stains. PFAS is in many of the items that we use every day, including water bottles, microwavable popcorn, waterproof coats, and the wax paper in pizza boxes. Of course, like many things, most of the levels are very low, however, studies are now showing they are in fish, and most human have low levels because of the many everyday items that we use. They are also used in firefighting foams and in a number of industrial processes. PFOS and PFOA are two of the compounds that are considered PFAS.

## HOW LONG HAS DEP KNOWN ABOUT PFAS?

Pennsylvania state authorities first became aware of PFAS in 2013 when the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) included perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) in its Third Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) for drinking water. The UCMR is a federal regulation that is updated every five years to include new contaminants that public water systems must monitor if they serve more than 10,000 customers. As a result, 175 of about 3,000 public water systems in Pennsylvania sampled for these compounds.

In May 2016, EPA reduced the combined lifetime drinking water HAL for PFOA and PFOS to 70 ppt. With this announcement, Pennsylvania worked closely with federal and local partners to identify water wells and water systems with elevated levels of PFAS. Because contamination was already extensively identified in Southeastern Pennsylvania near the DoD facilities, DEP worked with municipal partners in those areas to identify additional areas of contamination. Any public water system with elevated levels of PFOS and PFOA were taken offline and investigated. While PFAS chemicals have received much attention in both the scientific and regulatory communities, there remains a lack of knowledge regarding these chemicals, the occurrence of these chemicals in the waters of the Commonwealth, how they impact the human body and what lasting, long-term health effects may be realized as a result of exposure. However, state agencies will continue to learn about, investigate, adapt and react to PFAS found in the environment and the impacts they may have on human health.

## HOW DOES PFAS GET INTO WATER?

PFAs are present at low levels in the environment and can be found in the soil and water. When products containing PFAS come in contact with the ground or surface water bodies, the chemicals move into groundwater and contaminate the water sources that come into our homes. PFAS do not break down easily, and therefore they can stay in the water and our bodies.

## WHAT ARE THE IMPACTS?

PFOA and PFOS are widespread because they are persistent in the environment and do not readily break down when exposed to air, water, or sunlight. They can be found in air, soil, and water (both groundwater and surface water). PFOA and PFOS are also very persistent in the human body, and very concentrated high-level exposures to these chemicals are known to have a number of adverse effects in laboratory animals and humans.

Exposure can occur when fish caught in waters contaminated with PFAS are eaten, foods packaged in PFAS coated materials are consumed, soil and dust polluted with PFAS are

unintentionally ingested, or products made with PFAS chemicals are handled.

Scientists classify PFAS as emerging contaminants because the risks they pose to human health and the environment are not completely understood. While health impacts continue to undergo research studies, the research has concluded a probable link of PFAS to adverse health effects in laboratory animals and humans.

## For more information on impacts:

About one-third of 114 Pennsylvania water systems tested for toxic PFAS chemicals were found to contain the substances over 17 months of sampling, although none exceeded a federal health advisory level for two of the most common chemicals, the Department of Environmental Protection said. Amid growing national alarm about the presence of the so-called forever chemicals in drinking water, Pennsylvania has been testing water sources since June 2019 at the direction of Gov. Tom Wolf's PFAS Action Team, which was set up by an executive order in 2018. Testing was suspended from March to July 2020 because of the Covid-19 pandemic but resumed in August with appropriate health.

## OK, SO WHAT HAPPENED IN EMMAUS?

As we stated in our previous letter to you, Well # 1 (located on the far east of town at the edge of Boroline Park), and Well # 2 (located on Klines Lane) both tested at what are considered "advisory" levels of PFOS and PFOA. The combined count on Well # 2 was 456 ng/L (which means parts per trillion). The count on Well # 1 was 111 ng/L. As of today, the "acceptable" level, per PA DEP, is less than 70 ng/L. PA DEP advised the Borough of Emmaus that all we had to do was send out what was considered a Tier 2 notice, which they reviewed and approved. Most of the language in the notice was per DEP's requirements. This was not acceptable to Borough Council, as we immediately began the process to find a remedy to remove the pollutants from your water system.

The cause of the pollutants to the well water is directly associated with using firefighting foam. As our letter stated, there are elevated levels of PFOS in two of the Borough's water wells on the eastern part of the community, due to many years of unknowingly using firefighting foam that contained PFOS in it. The wells share an aquifer that is located directly adjacent to the fire department training grounds, where fire departments from all over Lehigh County have been training for the past 50 years. No SDS sheets indicated that the chemicals were in the foam, and we were not notified, nor were we aware that these chemicals were in the foam. The Borough is pursuing legal action against foam manufacturers, as it is our belief that they were aware of this for more than a decade, if not longer. Moreover, it wasn't until the past three years that PA DEP even recognized that drinking water wells need to be tested for such chemicals. We test our wells every six months. In fall 2021, wells # 1 and # 2 tested above the advisory levels. Rather than simply send a letter and continue monitoring, which is what we were advised to do by DEP, Borough Council immediately set a plan into motion.

## WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT?

It is important to note that there are many different types of chemicals at different trace or "acceptable" levels in your water. "Acceptable" levels are set by DEP and EPA. No matter what water you drink, that is the case, as water comes from underground, thus different minerals and materials often get into a water stream. In fact, each of our water wells has an air stripper on them to treat and remove pollutants that have been found over the decades.

However, those air strippers do not remove PFOS / PFOA. Therefore, we need to install a system that will. We are working with PA DEP to obtain the proper permitting to be able to install the system we need. There are two options. The first option is a carbon absorption system, whereby water from the wells goes into a carbon bed and is then processed into the air strippers. The 2nd option is an ion exchange system, which uses an ion resin, much like the carbon system. Either system works, however, PA DEP has advised the Borough that the only systems they are familiar with in Pennsylvania are the carbon-based systems, as other communities dealing with this issue have been successful with removal of PFOS / PFOA.

Upon learning that we have contamination, the Borough immediately closed Well # 2, which is the well that tested at the highest level.

The Borough Engineer has worked closely with the vendors, and we have been working with PA DEP to quickly order the tanks. They will cost approximately \$400,000 for the

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purchase, and up to an additional \$100,000 for delivery and installation per well. We are going to install the tank on Well # 2. Until we do that, Well # 1 must remain operable unfortunately. While we would like to shut down Well #1, we can't. We must have one of the wells open on the east side of town, otherwise, we will not be able to have enough water pressure to supply water to the community. The water system is circular, and it depends on wells on both sides of town to push the water across the community. There are not dedicated neighborhoods for each well. Once the system is installed on Well #2, we will close down Well #1. We will monitor Well #2 to ensure that it is successful. Our plan is to then install a system on Well #1 and start that well again. The Borough will continue to test our wells at least quarterly moving forward as well. DEP also suggested that the Borough examine the feasibility of looping into other water systems, such as those operated by LCA. We are conducting a feasibility study on this option as well, although we are hesitant, as we cannot be sure that other systems don't have the same issues.

The issue, unfortunately, is that these tanks aren't simply sitting around waiting for us to pick one up. We are being advised that it will take up to 10 months for a system to be delivered to us. As most people are aware, there is a serious supply shortage. This is obviously when you look on a car lot or even go to the grocery store. We are dealing with the same issue with this matter as well.

Lastly, the type of foam that the Borough used for firefighting is no longer in use by the Borough, as we have switched to a foam that does not contain PFOS / PFOA. PA DEP has advised the Borough that we could still use the foam in emergency situations, however, we feel that this matter is extremely serious, therefore, we have paid for a company to remove all of the foam that we previously had in inventory as well. As we previously stated, we are pursuing legal action against the foam manufacturers.

## WHAT IF I BOIL MY WATER TO DRINK IT?

According to the Department of Health, you cannot get rid of PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) by boiling the water. Doing so will only cause the chemicals to become concentrated. This happens because heat cannot break down PFAS. This doesn't mean that you can't boil water to cook. It means that it is a myth to think that boiling your water will eliminate the chemicals.

You can, however, adopt effective methods to minimize your risk of exposure. Such methods include:

First, PA DEP has advised the Borough of the following, which was in the original notice:

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply, per PA DEP, as these chemicals are not currently regulated chemicals for water supply systems. The elevated levels and the notice are of the "advisory" level. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. With that said, if you are truly concerned, below are a few other options you could consider.

**Opting for bottled water:** To reduce your risk of exposure, it is advisable to use FDA-approved bottled water and other certified filtration systems. The manufacturers test the water for PFAS and other contaminants and use approved treatment methods to remove the chemicals from the water. Be careful, as many bottled water companies use plastic bottles that contain PFAS.

**Consider other safe sources of water:** For brushing your teeth, cooking, and other activities that may result in ingestion, use another, safer water source.

**Using a formula that does not require water:** For formula-fed infants, avoid using any water that might be contaminated in their food. This also applies to instant foods that need water.

## WHAT ABOUT CONTAMINATING MY LAUNDRY OR DISHES?

You are not at risk of exposure if you wash your dishes or do laundry using tap water.

## I DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE, SO WHAT TYPE OF SYSTEM COULD I INSTALL AT HOME?

### Reverse Osmosis

This is one of the best and most common in-house filtration systems. This technology works by using high pressure to force the water through a membrane, which acts as a filter for the water. The membrane only allows some atoms and molecules to pass through, thus effectively screening and removing all other contaminants. Reverse osmosis and other high-pressure membranes are about 90% effective at lowering PFAS levels in the water, according to the EPA.

### Activated Carbon Treatment

This treatment method is the most researched technology for removing PFAS from drinking water. It is also favored for its wide availability in reusable water bottles and water pitchers on the market. It is effective at removing sediment, odor, chlorine, and volatile organic compounds from water. Activated carbon treatment works by using a bed of activated carbon to remove harmful chemicals and other contaminants from drinking water

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through a process called adsorption, according to the EPA.

#### **Ion Exchange Treatment**

In an ion exchange treatment, the ion material acts as a magnet to draw contaminants out of the water because the negatively charged PFAS are attracted to the positively charged anion resin, according to the EPA. Ion exchange treatment reusable water bottles are also readily available to purchase.

#### **WHAT IS THE FINAL TAKEAWAY?**

There have been numerous individuals that have contacted us with many concerns. Most individuals have been very respectful and have asked many questions that we hope we have answered here. Several others have berated our staff and elected officials. Plenty of individuals have passed blame onto the Borough. We understand that, and accept it, as it is not acceptable that we have PFOS / PFOA in our water system, and it is the Borough's fault that Wells #1 and #2 contain PFOS / PFOA, whether we were aware or not. Most of our team did not work here, nor were they aware that our systems were being polluted. However, it is our job to act as quickly as possible to ensure that you have good, clean drinking water. We are working as quickly as possible to address this issue, as we took immediate action as soon as we were notified of the testing results. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us and we would be more than happy to discuss the current status with you. We are also going to continue to reach out via this newsletter and other forms of communication to inform our community of the status as well as where current test levels are.

Lastly, we encourage you to do your own research, speak with your physician if you have concerns, and gather as much information as you possible can. We continue to learn more about PFOS / PFOA every day. It's obvious that PA DEP is still learning as well, and more research continues to be done at both the state and national levels, as PFOS is a growing national concern. There is a feeling that many water systems across Pennsylvania, once they are finally tested, are going to find that they are facing the same types of issues we are facing in Emmaus. This shouldn't ease your mind; however, it does speak to the fact that PFAS / PFOS / PFOA is an emerging issue across our state.

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