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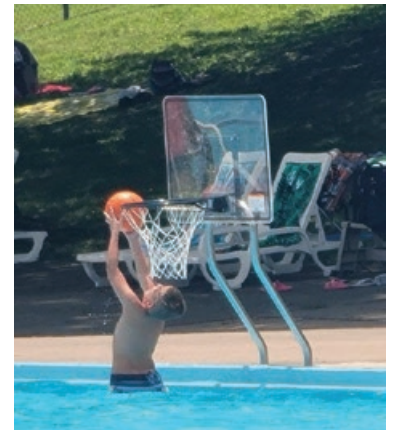
2023 Pool Season Teaser



It is still a little chilly outside, but the staff at the Borough of Emmaus are busy preparing for the 2023 Pool Season! While we are all dreaming of the warmer temperatures and fun days by the pool, we wanted to share the additions that were made to the Emmaus Community Pool last season and some exciting things to look forward to in the coming season.

In 2022, the Emmaus Community Pool added several new amenities for our patrons to enjoy! We are now proud to feature a 10' water slide complete with a fun twist and turn! Additionally, we added the AQUA Climb which is a rock wall with a challenging curve that overhangs the water, the AQUA Zip'n which is a zip line designed to catapult you into the pool, and basketball hoops! We hope that you will join us in the 2023 pool season and check out these upgrades to our community pool.

In 2023, we are excited to be offering new programs! We intend to feature Flick & Float events for all ages and other special events! Stay tuned to our social media pages, website, and the summer newsletter for additional information on the 2023 pool programs and memberships!



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Tax Collector	610-967-4598
Treasurer	610-965-5865
Water/Sewer Billing	610-965-9231
Zoning	610-967-1322
Ambulance Corps	610-967-5615
Fire Department	610-967-5630
Fire Inspector	610-965-0719
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Emergency	911

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Please note that Borough Hall will be closed on the following date: April 7, 2023, Good Friday

Town Hall's temporary address is 420 S. 10th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049

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Other Important Phone Numbers

Berkheimer (per capital tax)	610-599-3139
PA One Call	1-800-242-1776
Trash/Recycling	610-936-9967
Whitetail Disposal	emmaus@whitetaildisposal.com
Street Lights	1-800-342-5775
Repair and Maintenance, PPL	

HELP WANTED

Lifeguards, Pool Cashiers, and Concession Stand Attendants

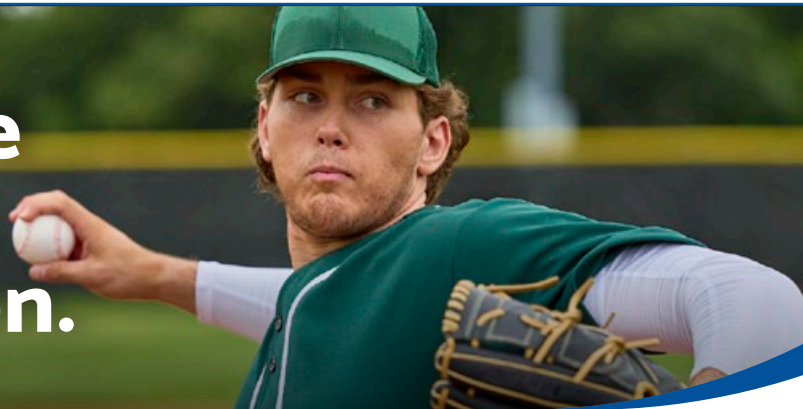


Are you looking for a summer job? The Borough of Emmaus is currently accepting applications for Lifeguards, Pool Cashiers, and Concession Stand Attendants at Emmaus Community Park. Lifeguards will be paid starting at \$11.00 per hour. Pool cashiers and concession stand employee's starting wage will be \$8.50 per hour. Applicants must be able to work from May 20, 2023 through September 4, 2023. Applicants interested in lifeguard positions may be eligible to get certifications and most costs paid for by the Borough. Applications for positions can be obtained by visiting www.borough.emmaus.pa.us.

Part-Time Public Works Employees

The Borough of Emmaus is currently accepting applications for several part-time public works employees. We are seeking laborers in areas such as construction, carpentry, equipment operations, excavating, highway work, parks, and other work related to this position. Public Works employees are required to have a variety of different skills from a variety of different backgrounds. Municipal public works experience is a plus. Applications and more information can be obtained by visiting www.borough.emmaus.pa.us. Pay ranges from \$9.50 to \$16.00 per hour DOQ.

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Now Hiring! Para-Transit Drivers

The Borough of Emmaus is seeking individuals to serve as Para-Transit Drivers with the Ambulance Service. This position is part-time with a starting rate of \$14.00 per hour and increasing to \$15.50 per hour after the expiration of a six-month probationary period. Qualifications include a CPR certification, valid driver's license, 18 years of age, and a positive attitude! Don't have your CPR certification but think you'll be a good fit? The Borough can certify you! The Para-Transit Driver position fills hours between 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, with flexible scheduling as an option! This opportunity would be great for college students, retirees, someone looking to fill part of their day, or anyone looking for a great place to work and a way to give back to your community! The Borough of Emmaus offers employee incentives and is an equal opportunity employer. For applications, please email emschief@borough.emmaus.pa.us or visit our website at www.borough.emmaus.pa.us

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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).

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A Special Thank You to Our Business Sponsors

The Borough of Emmaus would like to thank the businesses that supported this newsletter through their very generous advertising sponsorship and to recognize them as supporters of our community. It is because of their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents. We would like to encourage our residents to patronize these establishments first when given a choice as these businesses play a substantial role in the economic vitality of our community.

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Police News:

Welcome New Patrol Officer Timothy Kline

Emmaus Borough is proud to introduce our newest Patrol Officer, Timothy Kline. Officer Kline was hired by the Emmaus Borough Council at their May 16, 2022 regular meeting. Officer Kline attended the Allentown Police Academy and graduated on December 16, 2022. At the December 19, 2022, regular meeting of Borough Council, Officer Kline was sworn in by Mayor Gilbert as a Patrol Officer. Officer Kline is a graduate of Emmaus High School. He earned a certificate degree in Turfgrass Management from Penn State University, which is still a hobby that he enjoys. Officer Kline previously served as a Firefighter with Vera Cruz Fire Department, and currently serves as a volunteer Firefighter with Emmaus Borough Fire Department. You may recognize Officer Kline from his time as our Auxiliary Downtown Officer where he served from May of 2021 to July of 2022. If you see Officer Kline out and about, be sure to give him a warm Emmaus welcome!



Welcome New Police Clerk Joanna Vanaman

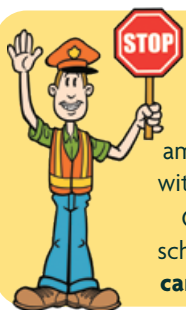


Emmaus Borough is excited to introduce Joanna Vanaman as our newly hired clerk in the Police Department. Mrs. Vanaman was hired by council at their January 16, 2023 meeting and began work on January 18, 2023. Mrs. Vanaman previously served as the Administrative Assistant to the Director of Public Safety at the Upper Darby School District from 2014 to 2021. Mrs. Vanaman is originally from Delaware County and has recently relocated to Barto. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her 3 sons, her 2 grandsons, and her dog. Next time you stop into the Police Department, be sure to welcome Mrs. Vanaman to Emmaus Borough.

Welcome Officer Kline and Joanna!



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 \$1,300.00, and the money was donated to children in need in the East Penn School District. 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.

Emmaus Community Garden - Community gardening is happening right in your neighborhood!



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? The Emmaus Community Garden is located off East Main Street, between the Knauss Homestead and the Borough Compost Site. The Community Garden is an environmentally friendly initiative which offers Borough residents, as well as non-residents, the opportunity to plant their own garden and reap the benefits of growing their own produce. The Garden is completely

enclosed with a chain link fence, to discourage wildlife from destroying crops. The Garden boasts a total of 55 15' x 30' plots to rent each year. Each gardener is assigned a plot that they are responsible for maintaining. The cost to join this gardening community is \$20.00 for Borough residents and \$35.00 for nonresidents. For more information, please visit <https://boroughofemmaus.recdesk.com/community/membership>.



Welcome Assistant EMS Chief Adam Priest



At the September 6, 2022, meeting of the Emmaus Borough Council, Mayor Gilbert swore in Adam Priest to serve as the Assistant EMS Chief for the Borough of Emmaus. Assistant Chief Priest spent most of his career working as a paramedic with Crozer Chester Medical Center. In April of 2022, the Borough hired Adam Priest to serve as a paramedic within our department and in August of 2022 promoted him to the role of Assistant EMS Chief. He has a long career of emergency medical experience and dedicated public service. In addition to his role with the Borough, he is working on completing a bachelor's

degree in EMS Management. Assistant Chief Priest is a long-time resident of the Emmaus area and a graduate of Emmaus High School. In his spare time, he enjoys the outdoors and is an avid hunter. We are proud to welcome Assistant Chief Priest to our leadership team and excited to see what the future brings for the Ambulance department. Next time you see Assistant Chief Priest around the Borough, be sure to stop and say hello!



Beloved Police K-9 Retiring

The Police Departments beloved K-9, Ronnie, will be retiring this year, after a fantastic career with our Police Department. He will enjoy retirement by spending the rest of his days with his current handler, Sergeant Murante.

Our K-9 was acquired in 2016, in thanks to a \$12,200 donation from the Emmaus Lions Club. The Lions Club has purchased each of our K-9 dogs for the past several decades. Their generosity has helped our Borough Police Department solve many crimes over the years, including sniffing out drugs, finding and locating a bank robber hiding in the woods, and many others. The Borough is currently going through the process of researching and acquiring a new K-9 later this year.





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RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION - PLANNING 2023

The Emmaus Recreation and Entertainment Commission, in partnership with the Emmaus Main Street Partners and the Emmaus Arts Commission, are currently planning the 2023 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>, or on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/EmmausENT. The schedule will be posted in early spring. A detailed calendar of events will also go out in the Borough's summer newsletter and will be available on the Borough's website.

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, 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.

Would you like to help plan our events?

The Recreation and Entertainment Commission needs more volunteers to assist us in making these events happen. Please visit our website at 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 to explore volunteer opportunities.



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Curbside Yard Waste Pick-up - Changes to collection*

The Borough's waste hauler, Whitetail Disposal, does not collect yard waste. Yard waste pick-up is available through the Emmaus Public Works Department.

From Monday, April 3rd, 2023 through Monday, October 3rd, 2023, yard waste will be collected by Public Works personnel on ***Mondays*** except holidays (Monday, May 29th and Monday, September 4th - Curbside yard waste will be picked up on Tuesday).



There is a ***5-bag limit*** and yard waste must be placed at the curb in approved yard waste bags. **More than 5 bags will be left at the curb.** The Borough encourages anyone with large quantities of bags to utilize our Compost Site located on Klines Lane.

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 two 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.

Please be sure to leave your address and the number of bags. Bags will only be collected for those residents that either call or email. Contact must be made by 11:00 a.m. on the day of pick-up.

Compost Site Hours of Operation

Closed in observance of Holidays:

Friday, April 7th

Monday, May 29th

Monday, September 4th

Friday, November 10th

Friday, November 24th

Compost Site Hours March 22nd to December 2nd

Monday and Friday:

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

Wednesday:

7:30 a.m. to dusk

(No Loading)

Saturdays:

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Loading until 3:30 p.m.)

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 hand loading or a loading fee of \$25.00 per scoop or partial scoop. Only pick-ups or small trailers will be loaded.

Happy Spring from the Emmaus Main Street Partners

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Happy Spring from the Emmaus Main Street Partners! Are you hungry for more? First off, we want to thank everyone that participated in our annual East Penn Area Restaurant Week in March and share our gratitude to our partners and businesses that sponsored the event and restaurants that participated in serving up delicious deals!

As we have kicked off the New Year, we look forward to continuing to serve our local business community and members through events and initiatives that bring attention, exposure, and foot traffic to the Emmaus Borough! We do this to ensure that we are meeting our mission: to improve the quality of life and the economic vitality of a vibrant and active Emmaus Community through collaborative efforts among business owners, residents, volunteers, and other partners. We look forward to continuing to bring our community together in 2023!

We have lined up some fun events for the New Year that will make you fall in love even more with our community and all that it has to offer!

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 2023 EVENTS!

Summer Concert Series* – 2nd & 4th Fridays of June, July & August (6/9, 6/23, 7/7, 7/21, 8/11, & 8/25) from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Farewell to Summer Festival* – Saturday, September 16th from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Small Business Saturday – Saturday November 25th

Old Fashioned Christmas** – Saturday December 2nd from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

**These events will require the Main St 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, and 2022*

Are you a new or existing business in the area that is interested in learning more about the Chamber and Emmaus Main Street Partners? 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 ways to get involved - we have something for everyone! Contact us today for more information.

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, follow Emmaus Main Street Partners on Facebook, @EmmausMSP, and follow the East Penn Chamber of Commerce on Facebook as well, @EastPennChamber.

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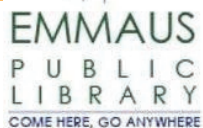
Belong at the Emmaus Public Library!

Emmaus Public Library - 11 E. Main Street, Emmaus, PA 18049

www.emmauspl.org 610-965-9284

Hours Monday -Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday & Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed May 27-29 for the Memorial Day holiday



SPRING 2023

Reading is our Past, Present, and Future

All Events are FREE and open to the public.

Upcoming Events:

3rd Annual Tee Time Mini Golf Fundraiser March 24th & 25th
visit www.emmauspl.org/tee-time

Friends of the Library Annual Used Book Sale at Lower Macungie Middle School - April 22nd from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Save the Date:

Summer Reading Club Kickoff - June 17th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. "All Together Now!"

Monthly Adult Events:

Libby Lessons** - RSVP to Lauri for help with Libby by OverDrive for eBooks and other digital collections. Remember to bring your charged device and your library card to your 30-minute appointment. Days & times vary.

Daytime Book Group** - 1st Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. There are some copies available to borrow at the front desk.

- March 7th - *Circe* by Madeline Miller
- April 4th - *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean
- May 2nd - *Such a Fun Age* by Kiley Reid

Pinterest Party - 1st Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. All supplies for the first 30 people are provided. First come, first served.

- March 6th - Rainbow Shamrocks
- April 3rd - Bicycle Wheel Spring Wreath

Crochet Club - Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Drop in for our weekly crocheting club! All skill levels are encouraged to join in. Bring your current crochet project or get started with advice from more experienced crocheters.

Notary Public Service** - Most Thursdays, 4:00-6:00 p.m. The library is now offering notary services, free of charge, by appointment only for the residents of Emmaus Borough, Macungie Borough, or Upper Milford Township. Please call the library at 610-965-9284 to make an appointment, indicating the type of notarization requested.

Representative Wild's Mobile Office - 2nd Thursday of the month from 2:00-5:00 p.m. A representative from Susan Wild's office will be available for in person constituent services.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group** - 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Presented by Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter and hosted by Devon House Senior Living, and facilitated by Laura Crossan, CDP. Register at 610-967-1100 or email lcrossan@devonhouseseniorliving.com. Visit www.alz.org/delval to learn more about caregiver programs and resources.

Creative Writing Group** - 3rd Tuesday of the month 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 those who want to write creatively for fun and/or publication. All are welcome.

Find Your Ancestors** - 3rd Wednesday of the month 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.

Memoir Writing Group** - 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Join author Jerry Waxler and others on a ZOOM videoconference to write about your life.

Classic Film Matinees - 2nd Saturday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

- March 11th - The Women
- April 8th - A Raisin in the Sun
- May 13th - The Thin Man



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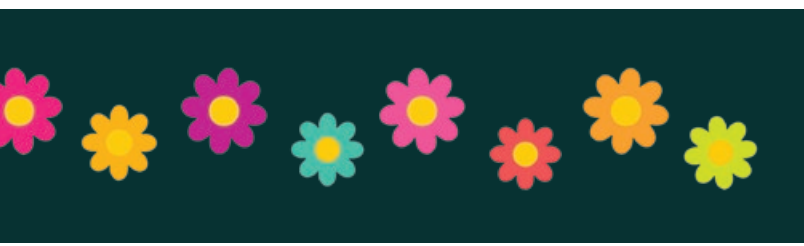
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Special Adult Events:

Show & Tell, Grownup Edition - Monday, March 20th at 6:00 p.m. Show and tell isn't just for small children. Share those small objects with big meaning, whether it's a collectible figurine, hobby item, souvenir from a trip, or a favorite book. If there's an item that is too big to bring, then bring a photograph. Light refreshments will be available. No reservations required.

Computer Classes - 1st & 3rd Mondays in April and May at 11:00 a.m.

- 4/3 Computer Basics
- 4/17 Working with Apps
- 5/1 Facebook Basics
- 5/15 Excel Basics

Mini Library Kit - Did you know that National Library Week is April 23rd – 29th? Celebrate by creating your own mini library at home. These kits contain tiny books, accessories, wallpaper, shelves, and stickers. You only need glue and scissors. You can keep your creation at home, but we really hope you let us display your mini library at the library through the end of the month. Limit 2 per family. Ask for a Mini Library kit at the front desk starting Monday, April 17th and while supplies last.

Monthly Family, Kid & Teen Events:

Storytime! - January through May weekly on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Toddlers and preschoolers are invited to join us with their adults for stories, singing, crafts, and fun!

Special Storytime - on April 19th - Miss Laura from LC Conservation District presents Buckets Full of Nature!

Facebook Writing Prompts - 1st Thursday of the month 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.

First Friday Movie Matinee - 1st Friday of the month at noon.

Block Party - 1st Saturday of the month 11:00 a.m. from October through December. 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.

Teen Writers Group** - 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. Join Miss Sue to write from new prompts and talk about the process of writing – reading aloud not required!

Books 'n' Barks* - 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Read to the Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs. No registration needed. Bring your own books or choose one from the library.

****Please send Adult Event RSVPs to Lauri by email to eplcollection@cliu.org or call 610-965- 9284 x210, and send Kids & Teens Event RSVPs to Miss Sue by email to eplkids@cliu.org.**

Fun Events!





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



EARTH DAY 2023 – COMMUNITY CLEANUP Saturday, April 22nd from: 8:30 a.m. to Noon • 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) **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 22nd. If you need Gloves, safety vests or bags please let us know! info@uppermilford.net or call 610-966-3223. Please post pictures to our event page at @emmausuppermilforddeac 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 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 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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New Tripoli Bank

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Refuse and Recycling Information

Dumpster Day

Looking to clean out the basement or get rid of the pile of junk in your garage? You're in luck! The Borough of Emmaus will once again be sponsoring a dumpster day for residents to get rid of their unwanted junk and bulky items! Bring your items to the Fire Training Grounds located on Klines Lane on Saturday, September 16th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please come prepared with proof of address, as this event is available for our residents only. Stay tuned to the Borough Facebook page, website, and autodials for more information closer to the event!

Household Hazardous Waste Day

Do you have old chemical, paint, or other "hazardous waste" taking up space in your garage? The Borough of Emmaus will once again be offering a Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day for residents to properly and safely dispose of hazardous items. Items will be collected on Saturday, October 21st from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Community Park. Please come prepared with proof of address, as this event is available for our residents only. Stay tuned to the Borough Facebook page, website, and autodials for more information closer to the event!



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.”



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 Borough 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.

Single Stream Recycling

• No sorting needed! Everything goes into one container, but please **don't bag your recyclables**. Recycling must be clean and should be loose in your can.

• 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 #1-7

Whitetail does not accept demolition or construction material including drywall, bricks, lumber, or shingles, hazardous waste including radioactive, reactive, toxic, ignitable, corrosive, pathological, or acidic, and tires.

Refuse/Recycling Holiday Schedule 2023

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 23rd - Whitetail Disposal will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. 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. **

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



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 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 can drop off three electronic devices at no charge, with a maximum of 2 TV's per resident. 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 2023 E-Waste Recycling Dates

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

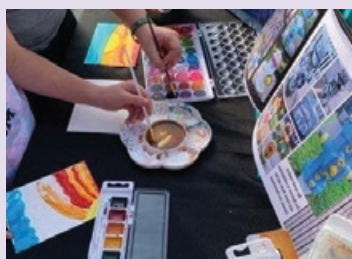
Bulk Items – You must contact Whitetail Disposal for all bulk item pick-ups.

- Please call Whitetail Disposal at 610-936-9967 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.**
- **Mattresses and box springs must be wrapped in plastic. Toilets must be bagged.**
- Construction materials will **NOT** be collected.
- Appliances containing Freon will **NOT** be collected.



The Emmaus Arts Commission

Paint-A-Hydrant Program

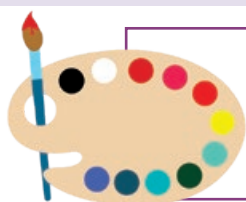


The Emmaus Arts Commission Paint-A-Hydrant program is an ongoing project that is happening throughout the community. Currently local artists and community members have completed almost 70 hydrants throughout the Borough, with another round being planned for Spring 2023! Do you have a fire hydrant in 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

Hydrant Artists Top: 2nd & Berger- Beth Strickland, Chestnut & 11th- Lauren Kuhn

Bottom: N. 6th St- Bernadette Patterson, 527 Broad St- Christopher Elwert



The EAC is excited to be partnering with the **Emmaus Farmers Market** for the 2023 season to provide an arts related activity on the first Sunday of each month beginning in May! Be sure to stop by and get creative with us!



The Emmaus Arts Commission volunteered to create photo op boards for the Emmaus Main Street Partners Old-Fashioned Christmas Festival that was held in December! If you snapped a fun picture, please share it with us at info.emmausarts@gmail.com



Sculpture Garden and Small Children's Garden

The Borough has approved the continued efforts of the sculpture garden and small children's garden. We will start on our main sculpture later this year. The Whole Kids Foundation grant that we received requires us to break ground by the end of summer/beginning of fall. We look forward to celebrating the creative works of the EAC as we feature community-made projects that correlate to our previous auctions. Donation for our sculpture and children's garden can be made on our website 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 Commission, please send donations to:

Emmaus Arts Commission c/o Emmaus Borough 420 S 10th St Emmaus PA 18049

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



News from the Emmaus Youth Association

EYA Spring softball and baseball seasons are about to begin! Be sure to come and watch some games and cheer on the EYA!

- Summer basketball registration will open in Mid-March.
- Fall Softball and Baseball registration opens on July 1st.
- EYA is looking for volunteers. There are currently 3 open board member positions and are always looking for volunteer coaches. Please email info@eyasports.org if you are interested in volunteering.

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 2023, 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 2022 we were privileged to install 20 bricks for our veterans in a rain drenched ceremony that didn't dampen anyone's spirit for remembering those who served our county.

The 2023 Memorial Day weekend veterans' bricks ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Emmaus Remembrance Garden. The deadline to order your 2023 veterans' bricks is Friday, March 31st. The cost for a 4x8 veteran brick is \$75.00 (a \$10.00 discount). 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. 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 \$110.00 - 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 18th 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.

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

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



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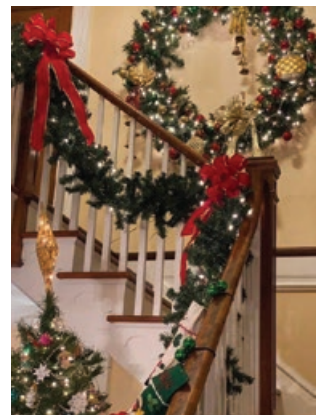
Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every Saturday as well as extended hours during special events.



The last few months of 2022 were the Historical Society's busiest months yet as our activities, special events and programs all seemed to return to normal after almost three years. A member only Wine and Cheese event was held and was well attended. It was great to have so many visitors to the Historical Society on the evening of December 2nd and December 3rd during the Old-Fashioned Christmas event. On December 10th, special guests, Santa and Mrs. Claus visited, to delight the children with their presents of an orange and a box of chocolates. On December 14th, the Historical

Society's festivities ended with our annual Christmas potluck with lots of amazing food and entertainment provided by Woodside Avenue. Fun times were had by everyone at all these events. Our guests loved all the Christmas displays of old ornaments, toys, baking items, jewelry, and assorted linens as well as our train putz for those young and old. We received so many compliments that the museum has never been decorated so beautifully on the exterior as it was this year and are so grateful for all the hard work of our volunteers. We were able to collect scarves, hats, gloves, and socks for families in need at all these events and were able to deliver two large bags of these items to the Emmaus Police.

The Historical Society is looking forward to all the programs that are planned for 2023! For the first time since 2020, all our programs are scheduled for the entire year. We have intermingled some of the programs that were scheduled for 2020 along with some new and exciting topics as well. As in the past, our programs will be held at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Emmaus and are open to the public. On February 15th, we were happy to welcome Dean Bortz, on-site Curator of the Shelter House in Emmaus, to share with us some history of the structure and inhabitants of the Shelter House over the years since it was built in 1734. We also celebrated our 31st anniversary since our founding in 1992 with cake and treats.



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Colonial Educational Project at the Shelter House

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To enhance the latest colonial exhibition display at The Shelter House, we are introducing our most recent project, the “jamb stove.”



A jamb stove is described as a rectangular box made up of five iron plates to form a cube with an open back. A jamb stove was a source of heat in the early colonial log structures which had little or no insulation. The jamb stove was used

from the early 1700's to around 1780's. There is evidence in the fireplace at Shelter House that a jamb stove had been used at one time.

According to Ken Biles, master of this project, “On average it would measure 22”x20”x20”. It was located on the opposite side of the kitchen fireplace wall with a hole in the back wall of the fireplace

to allow hot coals from the fireplace to be shoveled into the rear opening of the jamb stove. It vented through the fireplace chimney.”

What is so fascinating about the colonial jamb stove is that iron masters would create their own designs for the jamb stoves that they crafted. Designs might be the early Germanic motif, such as the well-known thistle finch, tulip or stylized floral motifs, or individual designs created by the iron master. Sometimes the homeowner who commissioned the jamb stove would insist on his own design or signature. Ken Biles will design the motif for the Shelter House jamb stove.

Examples of this beautiful iron work may be seen at the Mercer Museum in Doylestown, PA, The Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Barnes Collection, and many other museums all over the country.

Watch for news of the unveiling of the jamb stove at Shelter House.

The Emmaus Garden Club – Over the Backyard Fence

Welcome Spring! The Emmaus Garden Club is happy to offer two exciting programs for the spring. In April, the program “Get to Know Rodale Institute presented by Maria Pop, Director of Education” will be presented and in May, join us for “Gardening for Butterflies with Consuelo Almodovar, Lehigh Valley Master Gardener”. The Emmaus Garden Club does more than just green your thumb. We connect you with people, plants, and programs that provide inspiration, information, and valuable resources.

There is a lot of advice offered about planting for success. Location is just as important to plants as it is to real estate. Read those labels and pay attention to seed packet information. For success in growing from seed, read ALL the packet information. Some seeds need to be started many weeks before the plants go into the ground. A cozy place to start seeds is on top of your refrigerator.



A shrub purchased when it is 12 inches could easily turn into a 12 foot monster. Put that in your sunny border and before you know it, you could have a shade garden. Prior to planting anything in your yard, check out your neighbor's yard. A young tree could shade out your vegetable garden in a few short years.



Tired of those teeny ants that show up every spring? Sprinkle talcum powder around the baseboards where you notice them. They will NOT cross that powder. Tried and true!!

The Emmaus Garden Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month, March through November, unless noted otherwise, at Faith Presbyterian Church, 3002 North 2nd Street, Emmaus 18049. Doors open at noon with light refreshments, followed by a program. For more information, please visit www.emmausgardenclub.com or call Ellen at 610-928-3713.

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"Now here we build a village small; toward its mission we give all; Here too, our hearts within shall flame-Emmaus shall be its name."

The picture at right is of the 1803 house constructed by Jacob Ehrenhardt, Jr. It shows the condition of the house after it was vacated and before it completely deteriorated. The house was constructed on land owned by his parents. His father, Jacob Ehrenhardt, Sr., constructed the home on Lot 1 of the Moravian Village which is now known as 150 Main Street. Jacob Ehrenhardt Senior was one of the founders of the village and this is why we as Friends of the 1803 House are enthusiastic to learn about the development of this historic site.

Jacob Ehrenhardt, Jr was born in the year 1760, the same year that his father died. The village helped raise Jacob Ehrenhardt's, as his mother died when he was 17. Jacob became a shoemaker, farmer, soldier, and entrepreneur. He married and he and his wife raised 4 daughters. The Ehrenhardt's built a beautiful Pennsylvania Farmhouse using local fieldstone, bricks, and wood. The house is facing the West so that he could see the house that he was born in.

The Friends of the 1803 House was formed in 1975 after the Borough purchased the property from Rodale. With the generosity of the community and Rodale, the 1803 House has been restored. The Friends of the 1803 House restore, maintain, and occupy the house for the purpose of telling the story of Emmaus, Pennsylvania. It is a perfect place to share the history of Emmaus, Pennsylvania. There is a lot more work to do on the house and a lot of financial support and volunteers are needed to accomplish this. The Friends of the 1803 House have been restoring this historic structure for 48 years. We thank the Borough, the financial contributors, and volunteers for supporting the restoration efforts. Over \$200,000 has been donated or received from special events over the years.

There is no better way to tell the story of Emmaus, PA "our village small". The Borough owns two other historic properties, the Shelter House and the Knauss Homestead. They have the same mission, to tell the story of Emmaus, Pennsylvania. Be sure to visit all three historic properties in 2023 and learn more about the history of Emmaus. Please visit the 1803 House website at www.1803house.org for more information about visiting, volunteering, or becoming a member.



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As with all things in life there is a beginning and an end and so it is when seeking direction.

All map applications will ask for a starting and ending location for your destination. Your history, your beginning is just as important as your place now. Who came before you? What trials and tribulations did they endure, as well as those that followed in their footsteps, that has played a role in shaping who you are?

The Knauss Homestead, long one of the best kept secrets in Emmaus, is endeavoring to provide that information to all the descendants that have followed in the footsteps of Ludwig Knauss, ancestor of the Knauss family who arrived on these shores 300 years ago this year with his family including sons, Sebastian, one of the founding fathers of Emmaus and brother Johannes. Their arrival here in the valley created the foundation for the village of your hometown, Emmaus.



The Knauss Homestead is developing a comprehensive genealogy link on its website that will allow visitors a glimpse of their past. Currently a "history blog" is up and running which takes the visitor on a short journey through all the occupants on the Knauss Homestead, starting in 1777 with Heinrich Knauss, son of Sebastian and continuing for 158 consecutive years of Knauss occupancy. The story does not simply start and stop there, for Emmaus in its early years was a unique village, closed to all but those of the Moravian faith and the Emmaus

Moravian Church. As such, marriages were only allowed between those of the congregation resulting in most members of the village being related to the founding fathers. The Knauss Homestead will also share a large collection of old photos recently received of early Knauss family members. The Knauss Homestead invites you to share in this unique experience and share with us any pictures that depict the early years of Emmaus, or the homestead, so that we may take everyone on a journey through time of our precious little village.

Be sure to check out our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@knaushomestead> and our history blog at <https://knaushomestead.org/project/who-lived-at-the-knauss-homestead/>

There are ways that you can help support the Knauss Homestead. Become a member, donate, volunteer, or visit our events. For more information, please visit our website at www.knaushomestead.org.



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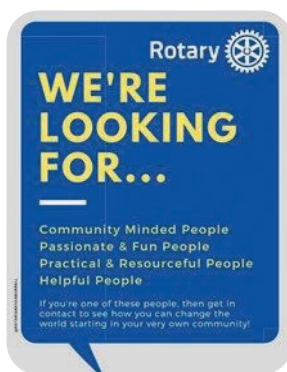
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So, how do you want to get involved in Rotary?

Emmaus Rotary is an active and vibrant Club. We invite you to join us to learn more! We meet at Superior Restaurant Thursday mornings at 7:30 a.m. (Offering an evening meeting opportunity starting in the Spring.) **You can learn more at EmmausRotary.org & Follow us on Facebook at Emmaus Rotary: Non-Profit Organization.**

Ways to get involved Spring/Summer Contact EmmausRotary@gmail.com

- Helping with Flags Subscription Program: A patriotic way to Fundraise with Emmaus Rotary. Flags.EmmausRotary.org
- Day of Environmental Service - Wildlands Conservancy Black River Sanctuary Project. - Planting native plant/tree species. - April 29th.
- Emmaus Rotary Scholarship Fund "Wilmer Schultz Service Above Self" Scholarship Award - June Date TBA

- Camp Neidig Youth Leadership Camp. June 16th - 19th. www.campneidig.com
- Annual Flag Day Program Sponsored by Emmaus Rotary. June 14th, 6:00 PM at Community Park in the Arts Pavilion
- Emmaus Rotary Bags & Beef Cornhole Tournament - Fundraiser to support the Feed East Penn Students Program. - Sunday, May 7, 2023
- Many other communities service/volunteer opportunities TBA
- The East Penn Food Coalition: Feed East Penn Students Program: Through collaborative efforts with other local service clubs, over 12,000 bags of food have been provided to East Penn Families in need since 2019. We have distributed Over 1,000 bags so far this school year and currently serve roughly 80 families a week. Food packing takes place weekly at Faith Presbyterian by Food Coalition Volunteers. Distribution continues Wednesdays at Emmaus High School and Lower Macungie Middle School along with additional delivery help coordinated by the Angel Network. We expect this program to continue if the community needs the support. We are thankful for individual donations and are seeking community leaders to aid in the long-term sustainability of this program through sponsorships or helpful food supply connections.



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Emmaus Kiwanis Club

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The Emmaus Kiwanis Club has been serving the East Penn community for 71 years and continues to be actively involved. We fundraise – our annual rose sale and sale of Wawa coupons enable the club to support our community endeavors. We work - our year ending highlights of 2022 include assisting in the Lehigh Valley Down Syndrome Buddy Walk, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, and participating in Miracle League Halloween along with Emmaus Old-Fashioned Christmas, and sponsoring the club's 56th annual Special Needs Holiday Party. A Little Library has recently been installed at the Emmaus Fire Company #1 (on the 6th St side) with books for youth to take and enjoy!

The club welcomes new members and always looks forward to welcoming those who believe in our mission of “serving the children of the world”. Emmaus Kiwanis meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Superior Restaurant, 102 State Road, Emmaus.

The Emmaus Kiwanis Club is proud to bring our mission to life. We are a service organization. **We ACT, We HELP, and We CONTRIBUTE**, participating in and sponsoring service projects that benefit children in our community and throughout the world.

As we move toward Spring, mark these dates:

- **COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT – Saturday, April 8, 2023, 1:00 p.m.** (rain or shine).
Emmaus Community Park, Free for ages 1 to 10. Come and meet the Easter Bunny.



- **PANCAKE FESTIVAL – Sunday, June 4, 2023, 8:00 a.m. to Noon**
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Kiwanis also contributes to the community and our children in the following ways:

- Key Clubs-Emmaus and Parkland High Schools
- Builder's Clubs-Lower Macungie and Orefield Middle Schools
- Scholarships (6) to Emmaus High Seniors graduating seniors
- Childhood Reading and Literacy Programs
- Special Needs Holiday Party
- Emmaus Old-Fashioned Christmas
- Participation in Miracle League Activities
- Remembrance Garden Cleanup
- Buckeye Road Cleanup
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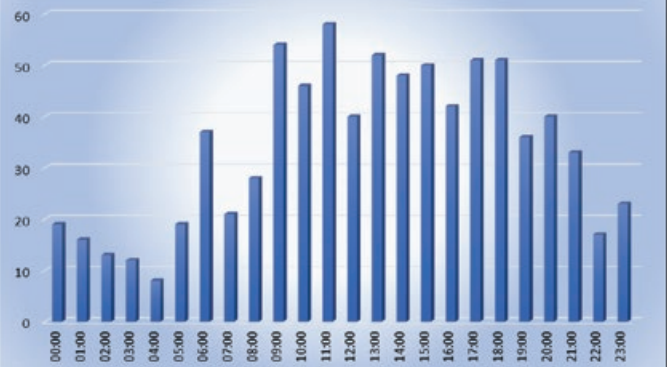
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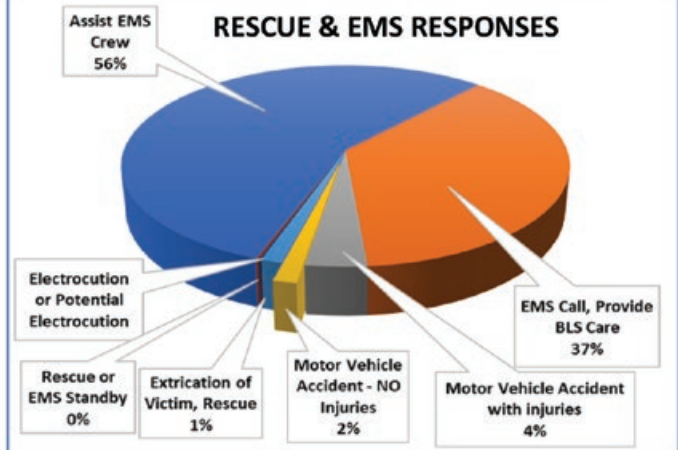
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400	Hazardous Condition	48
500	Service Call	122
600	Good Intent Call	100
700	False Alarm / Call	132
800	Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
900	Special Incident Type	0

TOTAL: 1131

Responses by Hour of Day



RESCUE & EMS RESPONSES






Temporary Website/ New Website - Coming Soon

Borough Council recently voted to contract a company, CivicPlus, to design a new Borough website. CivicPlus is a well-known company that specializes in municipal websites. With the new website, there will be several new features that will be helpful. The site will have online forms for

individuals to fill out, which will eliminate the current process of trying to locate the PDF file, printing it, and mailing it to Borough Hall. The website will also have a new calendar and a unique resident notification feature, where you can enter your email address and / or phone number and receive different updates through the notification system. The site will be hosted by a 3rd party company, who will also monitor the security of the site which will eliminate the hacking issues that we had previously. The website will also have an ADA accessibility feature, where individuals with different disabilities will be able to click on different features to access the site according to their needs. It will also have a link where you can report a concern such as a pothole or other issue to the Borough right through the website. You will be able to continue to rent pavilions and pay bills online. It is estimated that the launch of the new website with CivicPlus will occur in April. We are very excited to have a new website for our residents to use and enjoy and appreciate your patience on the bumpy road to get there!

As many of you know, the Borough had a challenging few months with our previous website and have recently begun operating under a temporary site. With the development of a new website in progress, the Borough has established a basic site to function in the meantime. The temporary website is accessible by the previous url, www.borough.emmaus.pa.us, but appears as <https://sjarrett29.wixsite.com/borough-of-emmaus> once on the page. Additionally, content is available on our Facebook page and council meeting recordings can be viewed on our YouTube page. We hope that we have captured the information that you are looking for, but should the site be missing something that is important to you- please reach out to sjarrett@borough.emmaus.pa.us or 610-965-9292.


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Explaining Recent Rate Increases

If you didn't already read about it, we're sure you've seen that some of your bills from the Borough have increased this year. While the decisions weren't easy for Borough Council during budget discussions, the purposes for the increases were necessary. An explanation of the increases can be found below.

Water Rates Increased to Address PFAS and Holding Tanks

As you are aware, the Borough is currently pursuing a DEP-approved remedy to mitigate the PFAS in our drinking water in Wells #1 and #2. As we are wrapping up the mandated feasibility study, we are finding that costs could range anywhere from approximately \$2 million to \$6 million depending on the option that is selected.

In addition to the PFAS mitigation issue, the Borough is also in need of repairing our water holding tanks, including several significant repairs to our large holding tanks on S. 5th Street as well as one of our smaller holding tanks in the Borough. The projected cost to repair the tanks is \$1.9 million. If we do not repair the tanks, the cost to replace them is \$4 million for a smaller tank and \$10 million for each of the large holding tanks. By repairing the tanks in their current state, we will be able to preserve the tanks for approximately an additional 50 years. However, by continuing to allow them to weather and deteriorate, we would be eventually forced to completely replace the tanks, per a recent inspection conducted by Utility Service Company, Inc. We have applied for a grant for the tank rehabilitation, and we will be applying for grants for the PFAS mitigation, however, we cannot be certain that we will receive grant funding, as several hundred municipalities are applying for the same pot of funding.

Due to these very significant issues and the associated costs, Borough Council was forced to reexamine water and sewer rates. The Borough instituted a Water Infrastructure Account and increased usage rates for all users to assist with funding the capital costs of the projects and ongoing associated costs. It is estimated that a household of 4 in the Borough will incur additional water usage costs, on average, of about \$41.60 per year as well as a \$60.00 infrastructure fee.

Sewer Rate Increases to Address Ongoing Stormwater Issues

Much like water, the Borough has significant sewer issues that must be addressed. As has been discussed many times in previous newsletters, the Borough is mandated by PA DEP to separate stormwater out of the sewer system. While we have been working very diligently on this project, we still have a lot of work to do. Sewer Rates are increasing because of the continued effort to remove storm water from the sewer system. We are under a mandate to do this, and with the upcoming assessment of the entire system, if the Borough does not improve the percentage of water hitting the sewer during a storm, we are going to be required to pay a greater percentage to the upgrades at the Allentown Klines Island Sewer Plant. We have been informed that our system, based on percentage, puts the rawest water into the sewer system during a storm event. The Borough is preparing to borrow \$4 million to continue to address improving sewer mains and manholes to reduce the amount of water entering the system. This is a federal and state mandate.

In addition to this, the Lehigh County Authority (LCA), has been working to conduct a full study of the current capacity of the sewer plant and the capital infrastructure that is needed to bring the plant into full compliance, allowing for the proper amount of capacity without dumping water into the Lehigh River. There are several major upgrades that are most likely going to occur at the sewer plant at Klines Island. The first set of projects are estimated to cost about \$32.5 million, and will include a boiler replacement, substation upgrades, pump station

improvements, and other major infrastructure improvements. The Borough of Emmaus will be responsible for about 3.5% of the costs of the project, or about \$1.2 million. If we were to finance the costs through 2055, our total cost for these upgrades would reach about \$2.4 million. In addition to this, we are working collaboratively with LCA, Allentown, and all the other municipalities that send sewage to the Allentown Sewer Plant. There is a much larger, more robust project that could be a result of the ongoing need to address the infrastructure. It is currently being proposed that our percentage of payment to this project would be based on a raw percentage of additional flow sent to the sewer plant during rainstorm events. Based on our current averages, our portion could increase from 3.5% to nearly 11%. The overall project could cost over \$200 million to improve the sewer plant. This is why we continue to work diligently to remove the stormwater out of the sewer.

Rates per 1,000 gallons will be increasing from \$2.80 per 1,000 gallons to \$3.75 per 1,000 gallons. A typical household of 4 uses 16,000 gallons per quarter. The increase will be, on average, \$15.20 per quarter, or \$60.80 per year for a family of 4.

Property Taxes – New Taxes Added to Improve Streets

The Borough is not increasing the General Fund Property Tax, or the Fire Fund Property Tax for 2023, however, we have created two new taxes to address the significant street issues that we have.

The biggest complaint the Borough has heard for many years is regarding the condition of our streets and lack of repairs. The Borough has spent the past several years formulating a long-term plan to improve Borough streets. As part of that plan, we need to fund the much-needed improvements. To do that, the Borough created two taxes. The first is a street light tax. While this may not seem like it has anything to do with roads, we currently pay for streetlighting out of our Liquid Fuels Fund money. That fund is specifically designed for expenses relating to roads. By creating the tax and paying for streetlights out of the fund which they should be paid, this will free up \$120,000 per year for road work.

In addition to this, the Borough created a Special Road Project Tax, which is a specific tax for nothing but road work. The tax will generate approximately \$250,000 per year specifically for street work in the Borough. This means that the Borough will have about \$300,000 - \$400,000 per year for dedicated street improvement work moving forward. Historically, we have only been able to budget about \$100,000 per year. Because of this, it would take multiple years to save to complete a sizable project. For the sake of discussing costs, the Borough received a \$575,000 grant to reconstruct a ½ mile section of S. 2nd Street next year. The project cost is estimated to cost about \$850,000 for a half mile of road (about the equivalent of 6 – 7 blocks of street). By formulating a long-term plan and having a dedicated funding source, the Borough can now begin to be more proactive in different types of road maintenance efforts, such as micro-surfacing some roads, while reconstructing others, chip and sealing some, and crack sealing others, all in the same year, rather than saving for years to do one single road and continuing to allow others to fall into more disrepair. This does not mean that the streets will be fixed overnight, however, it puts us on a more progressive path to address the issues we have. We will discuss some of our major projects for 2023 in another article in the newsletter.

Based on a house assessed at \$200,000, the new Street Lighting Tax of 0.15 mills will cost \$29.93 per year. The new Special Roads Fund Tax of 0.32 mills will cost \$64.00 per year. The total tax bill for a house assessed at \$200,000 will be \$1,606.92 at face value and \$1,512.99 if paid in the discount period.

We continue to write in the newsletter regarding our status with PFAS and the “forever chemicals”. If you’ve been paying attention to the news lately, there are more and more articles hitting the newsstands relating to PFAS. Most recently, scientists at the Environmental Working Group (EWG) released findings regarding data collected from 2013 – 2015 from the US EPA on more than 500 freshwater fish across the nation. They found an average of 9.5 points per billion (ppb) PFAS in fish from US rivers and streams and 11.9 parts per billion in fish from the Great Lakes. Remember, they are measuring in parts per billion, while our water is measuring in parts per trillion. Articles are saying that we should only eat one or two fresh water (non-commercial) fish per year now. While we can’t confirm this, we recommend you read up on this, especially if you are a fisherman. There are other recent articles relating to PFAS being found in undergarments and levels found in rainwater across the world. On January 16, 2023, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania released the newest “acceptable” levels of PFAS in drinking water. They lowered the acceptable level of PFOS to 14 parts per trillion (ppt) and PFOA at 18 parts per trillion. This is much lower than the previous level of a combined 70 ppt.

How does this reduction in the “acceptable” PFAS level affect what we are doing to mitigate our current issues? The answer is that it doesn’t affect our current efforts at all regarding Well #1 and Well #2. By the time this newsletter reaches your doorstep, our feasibility study with DEP will be completed and we should be on our way to selecting the most feasible mitigation option to reduce our levels. Throughout the entire process working with potential vendors, we have required all mitigation models to be built to reduce PFAS levels down to an undetectable level. Considering we need to reach that point while pumping water out of two wells at a combined rate of 1,100 gallons per minute, this has been quite a task for perspective treatment options. In fact, at least one potential vendor has informed us that their model cannot reach that level given the amount of water. However, several other potential treatment options can reach an undetectable level. Treatment options are estimated to cost between \$2 million and \$3 million in upfront capital costs, with yearly maintenance costs.

We have previously discussed some of the different options we have been exploring in our feasibility study. We have explored the feasibility of digging a new well somewhere in the Borough. Test digging will cost several hundred thousand dollars. Our hydrologists fear the possibility that the well could pull from the same plume of water that is already contaminated. They do not recommend this option. Moreover, construction of a new well and holding tanks could reach around \$5 million. We have also examined the possibility of tapping into the City of Allentown’s water system and contracting the City to either fully purchase our water from them or purchase enough to supplement our system. Although we don’t have the exact amount, this cost could reach between \$5 million and \$10 million depending on the entry point into the borough, as our hydrologists are telling us that our piping is not sized to bring in water from the City. Therefore, we would have to reconstruct somewhere between 5,000 lf and 10,000 lf of water pipe, would need to build a pump station, and would need other significant infrastructure to be able to do this. There are both advantages and disadvantages to

exploring this option. As we previously stated, we are not allowed to shut down both wells without the addition of another water source, as we cannot produce enough water to supply the community, therefore, the option of simply shutting off the second well is not a feasible option. The last set of options include different treatment methods. We have received the last set of calculations from different perspective treatment vendors and our hydrologists have analyzed the results. Any treatment option that could be selected will cost no less than \$2 million and probably closer to \$3 million in installation and infrastructure costs. The costs continue to increase, as the system needs to be designed to mitigate the PFAS levels down to undetectable levels, and added infrastructure is needed to maintain water pressure and to treat current chemicals that are already being treated. One of the concerns that we must take into consideration, however, is any residual chemicals that might be produced, how the treatment affects the rest of the chemical equation, and if there is any discharge into the sewer system, as there is a potential that the waste could be considered hazardous waste, which could be costly itself. There are chemical equations and calculations that are ongoing that will be included in the feasibility study to address these concerns. With a treatment system in place, there would be ongoing maintenance costs of up to approximately \$100,000 per year, as resin beds or carbon beds would need to be changed periodically to continue the assurance that PFAS levels remain undetectable. Because of the amount of water pushing through the wells, this could occur several times per year, pushing the maintenance costs higher.

Our latest PFAS testing results from November 16, 2022 showed that both Well #1 and Well #2 experienced reductions in combined PFAS levels. Well #1 tested at 18 ppt for PFOA and 110 ppt for PFOS, for a combined 118 ppt. Well #2 tested at 92 ppt for PFOS and 970 ppt for PFOA, for a combined 1,062 parts per trillion. In August, the levels were 232 ppt in Well #1 and 1,560 ppt in Well #2. While both readings are an improvement, both are unacceptable and much higher than the “acceptable” standards.

We truly do appreciate the community’s patience regarding this, as we are working every day to try to expedite remediation. Unfortunately, it’s not as easy as simply applying a filter to our system, otherwise, we would have done this already. Once the study is submitted and approved by PA DEP, we will apply for a permit through DEP and will either order the treatment system or move forward with one of the other alternatives as quickly as possible. We will also be applying for grant funding through PENNVEST and other opportunities to try to offset the costs of this very serious and important endeavor. We will continue to update you as more information is available. Our plan, once the feasibility is completed (which will be prior to this newsletter release) is to have a public meeting with our consultant to present each of the different options in the study. We will ask for community feedback prior to Council deciding. The process will occur fairly quickly, as there are a lot of moving parts, a long lead-time for delivery, construction, and installation, and a need to expedite as quickly as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Borough Manager.

Continuing and Preparing for More Progress

While we have always considered our wonderful Borough a progressive community, we never truly had a long-term plan for the community. Through an initiative by the Emmaus Planning Commission, Emmaus Borough Council, Borough staff, and several committees of volunteers throughout the community, the Borough has teamed with consultants to formulate a series of studies and plans for different operations over the past several years. Several years ago, the Borough participated in a multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan. From that comprehensive plan, the Emmaus Planning Commission was challenged with the task of creating a viable visioning plan to assist the Borough in implementing. The Commission created a committee of volunteer stakeholders from different sectors throughout the Borough. The committee spent nearly two years creating the Visioning Plan for the Borough, attempting to tackle many of the different areas of focus and needs for the community. Moreover, the Borough received several grants to fund several parks and recreation plans, including a Master Parks and Recreation Plan, a comprehensive trail and greenway plan, and Master Site Plans for Boroline Park and Lions Playground. The Borough also conducted a feasibility study and master plan for the Community Park swimming pool. Lastly, the Borough is in the process of completing the overhaul of our Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, and Official Map in hopes of bringing our regulations into current times and helping to plan for the future of the community.

In conjunction with all the plans, Borough Council and our various departments have worked on a 5-year operations and capital plan to begin the execution of our long-term visions and goals that were laid out in the plans. We are excited to share some of the upcoming projects with you, although this certainly is not a comprehensive list.

New Ambulance Coming Soon and Specs for New Fire Apparatus to Begin

The Borough has 3 ambulances. We rotate 1 ambulance out every 4 years, meaning the lifespan of an ambulance is about 12 years in the Borough. We ordered our newest ambulance at the end of the Summer in 2021. We are finally scheduled to receive the new ambulance in July 2023. The backlog on orders is two years! Because of this backlog of two or more years on emergency vehicles, our Fire Department will soon begin working on specifications to replace our Rescue Truck.



Parking Kiosk Coming Soon

The Borough recently entered into a lease agreement to rent the parking lot adjacent to Buss Paints and Armetta's (the old Wells Fargo parking lot). The Borough will be installing a pay to park kiosk in the lot by early Spring. We will release more details as they are made available, as we have not finalized them as of the writing of this article. It is anticipated that there will be hourly parking available, and a limited number of monthly parking permits available at the lot. The kiosk will be a touch screen, where you can pay by coin or with credit card, through text and through an App.

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A Renewed Focus on Street Work

We hear you! The #1 complaint we receive in the Borough is regarding the condition of our streets. The Borough has taken a much more proactive approach to repairing our streets. We recently conducted a street conditions study through a 3rd party vendor. The study rated each street and helped lay out an improvement plan for each street with projected possible budgets. We understand that there are many streets in bad condition, however, we do not have unlimited funds and resources. Therefore, we are trying to lay out a plan to reconstruct the worst streets and try to lengthen the lifespan of others before they get to the point of needing to be reconstructed. This includes a blended method of reconstruction of some streets, milling and paving on others, and oil and chip on those that still have some lifespan left that could be extended. In addition, the department has increased its efforts for fog sealing and crack sealing streets as well.

Our Public Works Director, Lawrence Carl, recently submitted a 10-year highway plan based on the assessments to Borough Council. For the next two years, there are plans to address several immediate needs in the community. We are certain that your street may not be on "the list", however, we are working to address the most immediate needs as quickly as possible in the plan.

In future years, the Borough plans to notify residents that need to repair their curbs and sidewalks adjacent to roads that will be reconstructed, as per Ordinance. We will notify residents no less than 1 year out. Our goal will be to notify individuals two years in advance of the project.

Please note that the current projects may change depending on actual costs, resources, and schedule changes.

2023 Projects:

- S. 2nd Street. The Borough received a \$575,000 grant to complete this project. It is a ½ mile stretch from Main Street to the Borough line. The projected cost of the project is \$850,000. We have been saving Liquid Fuels funds for 3 years to cover the remainder of the project cost. UGI work is also projected to occur on this section of street. As of now, UGI is projected to complete their work in late Spring and early Summer. The Borough projects to work on our project in the Fall. The project also includes addressing some stormwater issues, ADA curb ramps, and creating a walking connection under the railroad overpass.
- Banner Street – about 176 lf – reconstruction – cost \$29,000.
- Fernwood Street (Alpine to Mountain) reconstruction – cost \$169,000.

Oil / Chip Projects in 2023:

- Mountain Blvd: \$36,000
- Camp Street: \$15,000
- Dell Street: \$19,000
- Eagle Street: \$24,500
- Fox Street: \$31,000

2024 Reconstruction Projects:

- Weiders Lane – reconstruction: \$146,000
- E. Main Street – 540lf – reconstruction: \$93,000

2024 Oil / Chip:

- Glenwood Street \$51,000
- Fernwood Street (Mountain St. east to Borough line): \$47,000
- Buttonwood St.: \$18,000



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Much-Needed Updates to Borough Buildings

The Borough Hall, Central Station, and Police Station construction projects are ongoing. The contractor, Skepton Construction, projects that the completion of construction will be in July. Borough Hall had significant utility issues, including poor electric, no heating system, asbestos abatement, mold removal in the basement, a leaking roof, ADA issues, basement flooding, and major plumbing issues. These mitigation efforts were required prior to any efficiency or other safety improvements being made. The remodeled building will include new offices and a conference room in the basement of the building for the Codes Department, elevator access from the entrance door to the building, a singular main entrance from Jubilee Street, remodeled Council Chambers, the tax collector's office being moved to the main floor, and other efficiency improvements. The old garage is also being remodeled to include a new public conference room and additional police storage in the rear. A new garage was added to the back of the building for police cars and the codes vehicles.

Central Station is receiving a major overhaul, including a 3,600 sq. ft addition. The inside of the building is being completely remodeled to bring the building up to code for 24/7 paid emergency services. When the building was first built in 1980, it was designed for a volunteer ambulance and fire department that wasn't staffed around the clock. The building does not meet ADA requirements, nor does it meet HIPAA requirements for record keeping, report making, and other legally required actions associated with patient care, such as proper storage areas for medicines. While the Ambulance Department certainly did a very good job in keeping all of these items secure, the building itself wasn't suited for us to be able to be in complete compliance. For example, the station was an election poll site. To come into the building, individuals needed to pass by 2 offices just inside the front door that really should have been secured. If an individual needed to use the restroom, they passed by the medicine area, the records keeping area, and the report-writing area. All these concerns have been addressed in the new layout of the building.

At the Police Station, there is a serious need to expand the evidence room area. This is because in certain cases, we must keep the evidence for up to 99 years, as required by law. We must keep confiscated weapons and drugs until a judge can sign off on a court order to destroy them. This can take years to do depending on the case and the amount of evidence that is stored. The continuous compilation of evidence has clogged the current evidence room to the point that we need to expand the area. To accomplish this, there are some other efficiency changes that will need to be made to the building, as well as expanding some HVAC piping to ensure proper ventilation of the new evidence area.

In addition to the improvements of these three buildings, the Borough is working to continue to work on other facilities in the Borough. The relatively new Public Works Garage is in line to receive a few upgrades, including insulation and door openers. In the near future, the Borough will be working to consider redesigning one of the public works garages, as it is facing the need to replace the entire roof and is in need of other major repairs. We will examine the cost and efficiency feasibility of replacing the building instead.



We are also in the process of making site improvements at the Compost Site to make the area more secure and more efficient. We are relocating some areas to make the drop-off and pick-up processes smoother for our citizens. In addition, we will also be installing surveillance cameras around all our public work's buildings and in the compost area, as there continues to be illegal dumping and other activity at the sites.



Park Improvements on the Horizon!

As we completed our Park Studies, it was evident that most members of our community are heavy users of our recreational offerings. It was also evident in our surveys that our residents want to see our facilities updated and improved. In the past, parks were among the first thing that were cut when budgets were tight. However, Borough Council has clearly heard our citizens and have recognized that we need to make sure that our park and recreation systems continue to be among the best in the area. We have made a concerted effort to ensure that development recreation fees are dedicated to the park closest to the development. That has assisted in allowing the Borough to dedicate funds to parks and projects that were previously were unable to fund. In addition, we have received a \$318,000 grant for the reconstruction of Lions Playground, based on the Master Site Plan that the community assisted in designing. Moreover, Council has dedicated more funding to our recreational offerings over the past few years as well, including new amenities at the pool, and the installation of some new equipment. Here is what we are planning to do in 2023.

- Arch Street Park – the Borough received \$23,000 for improvements to the Arch Street Park. This included a donation from Valley Builders as well as some other development fees. Improvements will include the installation of a small playset system and repairs to the park.
- Furnace Dam Park – the Borough received approximately \$128,000 from Phoebe in fees for their independent living facility. The Borough is going to complete Phase 2 of the dam engineering assessment. In addition, the Borough will be installing a bocce ball court and a pickleball court at the park this year.
- Snack Stand Improvements – the snack stand continues to offer more and more to our park patrons. To keep the stand up to code, improvements such as a new hood system, sink, and ADA compliance issues need to be addressed this year. We are also exploring an option to allow parents to put credit on their child's season pass to allow them to use for food purchases in the future.
- Swimming Pool Improvements – if you visited the pool in 2022, you noticed significant amenity improvements, including a climbing wall, sliding board, zip line, and basketball hoops. We will continue to improve the pool this year with some repairs to our bath houses. Additionally, we are excited that our new pool manager, Tiffany Reed, will be leading the way in brand new, exciting programming this year. More to come regarding the pool this year!
- Pavilion Tables and Trash Receptacles – we are beginning a replacement program of picnic tables and trash receptacles in our parks. This year, we will address at least, upgrading the tables as well as the receptacles at one pavilion.
- Triangle Park Tables – we love the artistic tables that the Arts Commission placed in the park. We recently received a grant from the Lehigh Valley Chamber Foundation for several permanent tables, including at least one ADA table in the park in 2023.
- S. 4th Street Drainage – the back baseball field at the park floods every time it rains because the swale has filled in over the years. The borough will be digging the swale out in hopes that we can make the field more usable for organizations in the future.
- Lions Playground – the most exciting project that we have going this year is the parks and recreation world is at Lions Playground. We received a \$318,000 grant for the park. There is a 50/50 match for the project. Some of the match is from recreation fees from a nearby development project. The project is going to include reconstructing the baseball field, installing a new playground, installing bathrooms, installing a walking path and landscaping, and possibly, in the future, installing a splash pad at the park. The project will be done in phases, however, planning and some construction will occur later this year. The construction project will be based on the master site plan that was conducted for the park.



LIONS FIELD MASTER PLAN

Legend

---	Lions Field Park Boundary	11	Relocated Ballfield, 60' Base Path, w/ Relocated Bleachers and New Benches
1	New Crosswalks and Expanded Sidewalk	12	Tree-Lined Parking Buffer w/ Permeable Pavement
2	Tiered Seatwalls and Entry Walkway	⊙	Parking Spaces
3	Restroom	♿	ADA Parking
4	Zero-Depth Splash Pad	---	Backstop / Fence
5	Perimeter Path, 8' wide	---	Outfield, 150'
6	Existing Storage Building	—	Park Bench
7	Pavilion	—	Sports Bench
8	Playground	—	Bicycle Rack
9	Relocated Gaga Pit	●	Proposed Ornamental Tree
10	Flag Seating Area w/ Planting Bed	●	Proposed Deciduous Shade Tree

NEW ZONING ORDINANCE, SALDO, and OFFICIAL MAP NEARLY COMPLETED

The Borough has spent the last year working with Michael Baker, International (MBI) to update our outdated Zoning and SALDO Ordinances, and to establish an Official Map for the Borough.

New Zoning Ordinance

30 years ago, in 1993, the Borough adopted its most recent Zoning Ordinance. Since then, Emmaus has changed. In 2017 the Borough cooperated with its neighbors in Alburtis, Lower Macungie, Macungie, and Upper and Lower Milford to adopt a coordinated multi-municipal comprehensive plan. Also, the Emmaus Planning Commission and the Community Relations, Planning and Development Committee completed the Emmaus Visioning Plan. The new Zoning Ordinance will reflect these plans.

Form-Based Zoning

With the adoption of this new Zoning Ordinance, Emmaus will be the first community in the Lehigh Valley to adopt a form-based Zoning Ordinance for its entire municipality. A form-based Zoning Ordinance ensures that new development and redevelopment blends into the look and feel of each existing neighborhood.

How Will the Zoning Ordinance Change?

All the zoning districts will change, and the draft zoning map shown below depicts the possible boundaries of the new zoning districts. Borough staff and community volunteers have worked for over a year with a consultant to ensure that the district boundaries and the regulations for each district match the existing character of each neighborhood. Additionally, the public contributed many suggestions on the Borough website and at community events held in 2022. Before Borough Council adopts the new Zoning Ordinance, the Borough will hold a public comment period to ensure that all property owners can see what the new provisions will mean for them. Existing, lawful structures and uses already in place will be allowed to continue unchanged. However, new development will conform to the new Zoning Ordinance.

The Zoning Hearing Board

Property owners who would like to request a variance, or a waiver, from a zoning ordinance provision must appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board. The Zoning Hearing Board forms a quasi-judicial body which handles these legally intricate situations. The Borough incurs significant costs when an applicant appeals to the Zoning Hearing Board, so, in 2023, the fees to appear before the Board increased. The good news is that most zoning permits do not require an appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board. The Zoning Officer routinely reviews permit applications for fences, decks, sheds, garages, driveways, pools, signs, home occupations, property uses, and other forms of development to confirm that a proposed change complies with the provisions allowed by the Borough's Zoning Ordinance. Ordinary zoning permit fees have not changed, and these remain very low. Many residents find it helpful to meet with the Zoning Officer the first time they fill out a zoning permit application for many reasons. For instance, many first-time applicants learn from the Zoning Officer which zoning district their property sits in and the regulations for their zoning district. To

schedule a meeting, please call the Zoning Department at 610-965-9288, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SALDO Ordinance

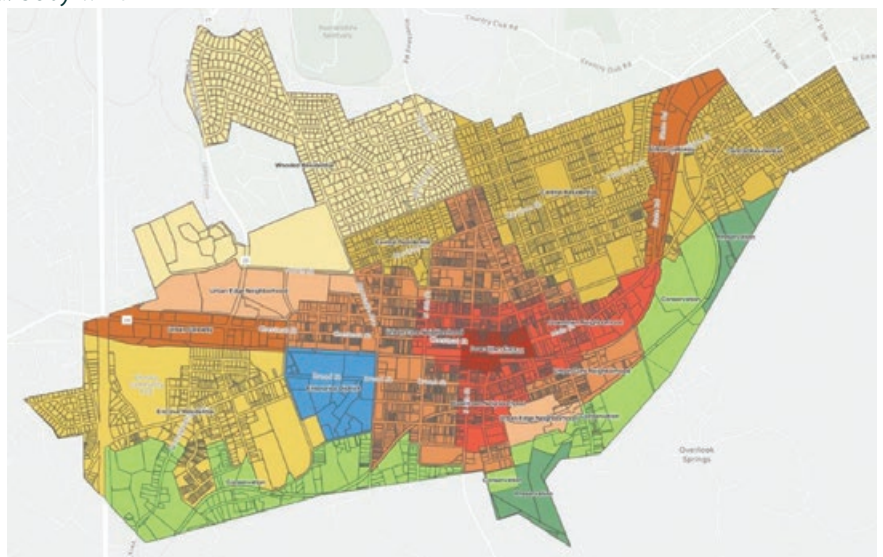
The Borough's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) was first written in 1976 and has been amended periodically since. The Ordinance governs the development of property within the Borough, establishing regulations for subdivisions, new construction, and larger additions to properties. The Ordinance in its current form has provided challenges for meeting current standards and trends in today's society, as well as the wants and needs of families and developers trying to build to outdated standards. The new Ordinance will bring those standards up to date.

Official Map

An Official Map is a land-use planning tool authorized by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. It is a way for the Borough to comprehensively examine the municipality and identify properties that could be beneficial for future public use and a way to preserve current properties in the future. The map is a means for the Borough's intentions to be clearly stated so that property owners are fully aware if there is a potential future interest in their parcel, as well as to clearly establish the future use intentions of publicly owned parcels.

What are the Next Steps in the Process?

The Borough's consultant, MBI, has been working with Borough staff as well as a committee of volunteers within the community to create proposed drafts. They have based the Ordinances and Official Map off the Comprehensive Plan, as well as the recently completed Visioning Plan that a volunteer committee completed over a three-year span. Over the next several months, the documents will be completed and will be ready for public review. Public Meetings and a Public Hearing will be held regarding each of the Ordinances as well as the Official Map. Public input on the proposed Ordinances will be encouraged, as the intention is for these Ordinances to help govern future development and redevelopment in the Borough for the next several decades. Be on the lookout for the upcoming public meetings and proposed documents.



Shade Tree Commission in Urgent Need of Volunteers



What We Do: We collaborate with the Public Works Department and Borough Managers to ensure aging and declining street trees are removed and replaced with suitable species.

The Shade Tree Commission drafted a comprehensive street tree plan (covering Main and Chestnut Streets downtown), which Borough Council approved in 2019. Our job now is to implement that plan. Each year we create a priority list of trees to replace, order trees from a local supplier, and coordinate removal and planting with Borough employees. We also issue permits to residents seeking to prune or remove trees located on private property within the public right-of-way (12 feet of the curb).

Who We are Looking For: Anyone who loves trees, wants to ensure our downtown streets remain beautifully tree-lined, and can spare 1 hour per month for meetings.

When & Where We Meet: The third Tuesday of each month, 5:00-6:00 p.m. at Borough Hall (temporarily located at 420 S. 10th St.).

If you're not available on Tuesdays, apply anyway! We are flexible and would be willing to find a time that accommodates all members' schedules.

How to join: Visit the Borough's website (borough.emmaus.pa.us) and fill out a volunteer application (select "About" and then "Important Forms" in the navigation bar).

Contact us: Send us an email if you have questions or want to chat before submitting an application: emmaustrees@gmail.com.

Pruning or Removing a Tree? Call Before You Cut!

The Emmaus Shade Tree Ordinance requires you to get a permit before planting, pruning, or removing any tree within 12 feet of the curb. For questions about street trees or the Emmaus Shade Tree Ordinance, please contact any Shade Tree Commission member: Dalton Link, 207-289-4231; Beverly Springer, 610-965-6671, or Rebecca Straus, 610-741-7193.

Meet Your Main Street Trees: 'Ivory Silk' Tree Lilac

You can find me, the 'Ivory Silk' Tree Lilac, planted along the 100-300 blocks of Main Street.

I may start out looking small compared to my more mature neighbors, but when I'm fully grown, I'll be over 20 feet tall. Even at my youngest, my fragrant, cream-colored flower clusters make passersby stop and stare. Pests, disease, and even occasional droughts don't bother me too much, making me a low-maintenance choice for the community. I've even been honored with the Gold Medal Award from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society because I'm easy to cultivate, beautiful every season of the year, and widely available from commercial growers. *Pleased to meet you!*



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Did you know the Emmaus Farmers' Market runs all winter long into spring? That's right, you'll find 20+ vendors, January-April from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Triangle on the 2nd & 4th Sunday. Thank you to all our customers who venture out during the cold months and keep us running all year long, RAIN, SNOW or SHINE!

This spring we celebrate our 20th Anniversary! We have some exciting events happening so be sure to follow us on social media and subscribe to our newsletter. Regular season kicks off on May 7th! 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 & CBD products, pasture raised meats & eggs, and stay tuned for FIVE new vendors joining us this year! Once our regular season begins, we bring you LIVE MUSIC every Sunday from local bands and musicians such as Emmaus Public Singing Society, Seth Witcher, Golden Twine, and Tom & Betty Druckenmiller to name a few! You will also find many local non-profits to support such as 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 & Events Coordinator, Jen Schuster at 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 for more information and documents. Don't forget to stop by the market tent to get your #RoosterRewards card punched and represent your favorite farmers' market!



Emmaus High School Class of 1973 – 50th Reunion

Please join the Emmaus High School Class of 1973 at it's 50th Reunion on Saturday, September 23, 2023. The reunion will be held at Lehigh Country Club, 2319 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA 18103. Reconnect with old friends and reminisce about days gone by. Please call Russ at 610-904-8080 or visit www.emmaushs73.org for more information.



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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 3, 2023 with a rain date of Sunday, June 4, 2023, and Saturday, September 9, 2023, with a rain date of Sunday, September 10, 2023.

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 1, 2023. 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!



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