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## THE HALLOWEEN PARADE: AN EMMAUS TRADITION

### JOIN US FOR THE EMMAUS HALLOWEEN PARADE - OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup>

*It will be a Spooktacular event!*



The Emmaus Halloween Parade is scheduled for Saturday, October 21st, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, October 22nd at 6:30 p.m. All entrants must be registered for the parade. Registration forms are available on the Borough website ([www.emmauspa.gov](http://www.emmauspa.gov)) or the parade website ([www.emmausparade.com](http://www.emmausparade.com)). The deadline for registration is October 9th, 2023.

**Additional Parade Information:** Participants will be notified the week of the parade about assigned divisions and reporting locations. **MAKE SURE EVERYONE IN YOUR GROUP KNOWS WHERE AND WHEN TO REPORT!** Division captains in orange vests will guide you to your assigned location.

**PRIZES** – Entrants must complete the parade route to be eligible for prizes. Group prizes are awarded to groups of eight or more. Prize money must be picked up immediately following the parade at the Williams Street ball field located at the intersection of Williams and Ridge Streets.



The Halloween Parade Committee needs more volunteers so traditions like the Parade can continue to grow!

#### Volunteer positions needed:

**Division Captain** – Formats the division and walks with the parade to keep it secure and orderly. 5:30 p.m. until the parade ends. The parade needs eight to ten Division Captains.

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

**Float Formation Area** – Lines up all the floats according to the parade format. 5:00 p.m. until the parade starts. The parade needs four to six volunteers for the Float Formation Area.

#### Rules and Regulations:

The following rules and regulations will provide safety to all participants and spectators.

1. No drilling or exhibition of any type is permitted.
2. No bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, scooters, or motorcycles,



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## Borough of Emmaus

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### Borough Contact Information



28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049

Town Hall (Main #)	610-965-9292
Borough Manager	610-966-6357
Assistant Borough Manager	610-421-6950
Borough Managers Admin. Asst.	610-965-0701
Moving Permits	610-965-0702
Pavilion Rentals	610-965-0702
Public Works	610-965-9288
Refuse/Recycling	610-965-0702
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
Mayor	610-965-9255
Police Non-Emergency	610-967-3113
Public Works Director	610-965-0723
Emergency	911

[www.emmauspa.gov](http://www.emmauspa.gov)

### Other Important Phone Numbers

Berkheimer (per capita tax)	610-599-3139
PA One Call	1-800-242-1776
Street Lights – Repair and Maintenance, PPL	1-800-342-5775
Trash/Recycling – Whitetail Disposal	610-936-9967
<a href="mailto:emmaus@whitetaildisposal.com">emmaus@whitetaildisposal.com</a>	

unless on a float. 3 or 4 wheelers are allowed ONLY if pulling a float.

3. No licensed vehicles unless fully decorated in a Halloween theme or pulling a float.

4. No open fires, fireworks, or alcoholic beverages.

5. Throwing or projecting anything, including candy, silly string, or coins, will not be tolerated.

The handing out of candy is permitted but PLEASE DO NOT throw the candy from floats or vehicles!

6. No business or political advertising.

7. A concession permit is required for anyone selling anything along the parade route, including outside sales by stores at fixed locations.

Halloween Parade Committee Meetings are held every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., starting September 13th. (The last meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19th at 6:30 p.m.) Meetings will be held in the Community Room at Town Hall, 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus.

For MORE INFORMATION or volunteering opportunities, please email [EmmausParade@aol.com](mailto:EmmausParade@aol.com). For other parade information, please visit the Emmaus Halloween Parade Committee website at [www.emmausparade.com](http://www.emmausparade.com).



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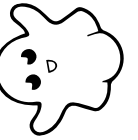


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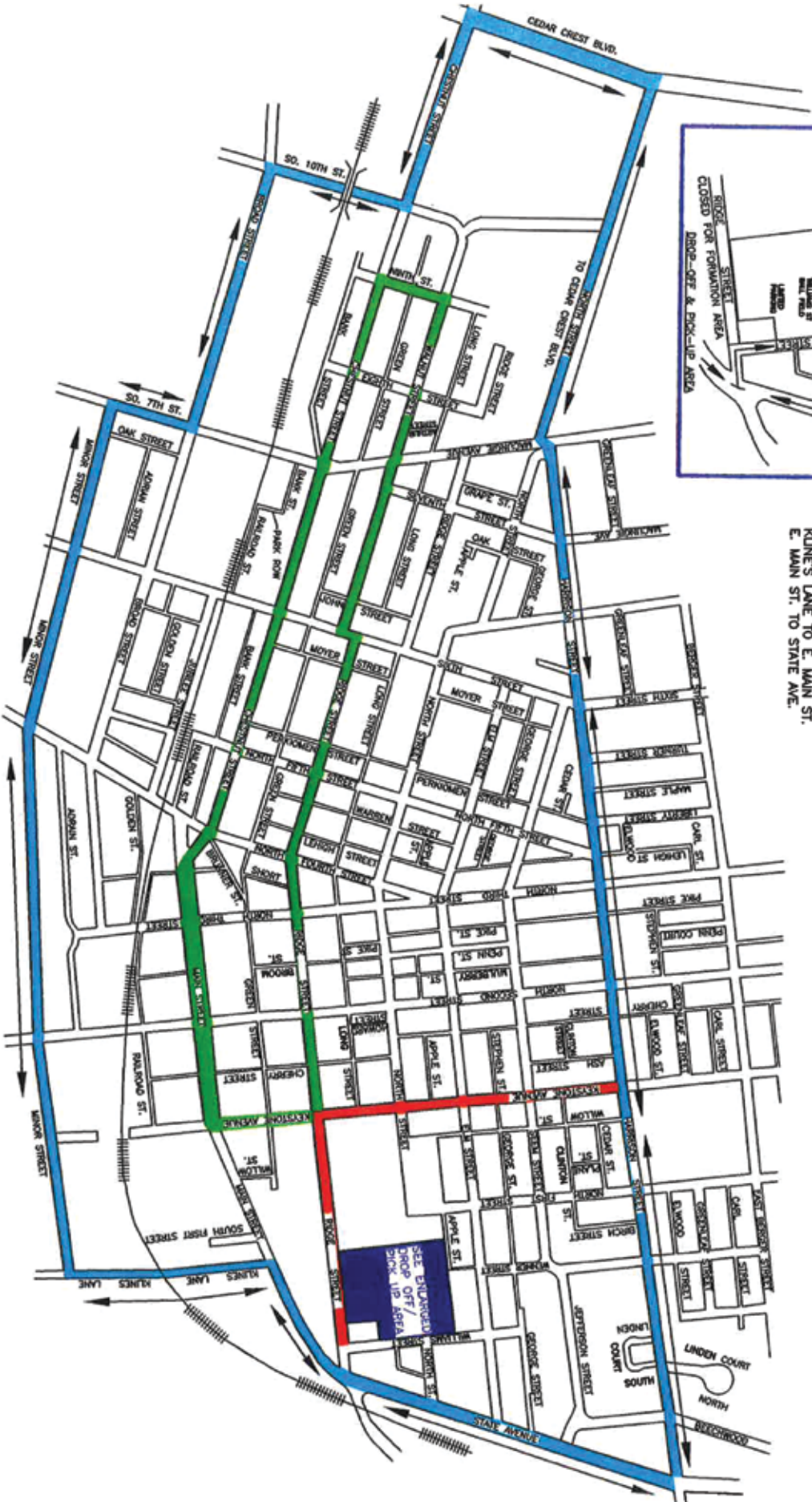
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The Entertainment and Recreation Commission would like to give a huge thank you to our sponsors for this summer's events. Our concerts and movie nights would not have been possible without their generous support. If you are interested in sponsoring our 2024 summer events, please email us at [emmausrec@gmail.com](mailto:emmausrec@gmail.com). All donations are tax deductible.

### 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 to [emmausrec@gmail.com](mailto:emmausrec@gmail.com), or attend one of our monthly meetings. The meeting dates/times can be found on the borough's website at [emmauspa.gov](http://emmauspa.gov)

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

The Recreation and Entertainment Commission needs more volunteers to assist us in making these events happen. Visit our website, at <https://www.emmausent.com>, for more information on how to become a member. And if you'd like to volunteer without joining the commission, send us an email at [emmausrec@gmail.com](mailto:emmausrec@gmail.com) to explore volunteer options.

## Emmaus Community Garden Completing Another Successful Season



The 2023 growing season will soon come to an end at the Emmaus Community Garden. Once again, all 56 plots were busy producing fresh, organic vegetables and fruit for area gardeners. Community Garden Commission members and volunteers continued maintaining a plot with tomatoes, peppers, squash, and other vegetables for the Plant-a-Row program, benefiting Lehigh County food banks. After a late and surprising frost, other gardeners raised everything from plump pumpkins to bouquets of basil, pounds of potatoes to bountiful beans within their 15' x 30' plots.



Interested in joining the Garden for the 2024 growing season? Check out the Borough's website at [www.emmauspa.gov](http://www.emmauspa.gov) for additional information. New gardeners can let the Commission know they are interested in a plot by filling out the Membership for New Gardeners form on the website. Plot rentals cost \$20 for Emmaus residents and \$35 for non-residents per growing season (March through October). Please email the Commission at [emmausgarden18049@gmail.com](mailto:emmausgarden18049@gmail.com) with questions.

Attention returning Community Gardeners! Register at the beginning of the year to ensure your plot is ready for spring greens, asparagus, and peas! Invoice notifications will be distributed earlier for next season; look for an email in January 2024.



## EARTH DAY CLEAN UP – 2023

On April 23, 2023, the Joint Environmental Advisory Council of the Borough of Emmaus and Upper Milford Township hosted its annual Earth Day cleanup. There were an estimated 97 volunteers who helped clear debris and litter in areas of Emmaus and Upper Milford Township.

The Borough of Emmaus and Upper Milford Township both provided Public Works employees who helped to set up the event, collect, and dispose of materials that were gathered. The total volume of debris and litter collected was: 67 (30 Gallon bags) of trash, 19 (30 Gallon bags) of recyclables, 10,885 lbs. of electronic waste, 2,011 lbs. of paper, a picnic table, and a hub cap.



The following organizations provided donations, materials, and/or assistance for the event: The Borough of Emmaus, Upper Milford Township, the PA Department of Transportation, The East Penn Press, Weis Market, Emmaus Rotary, Emmaus High School, EHS Key Club, Boy Scout Troop 80, Girl Scouts, Cub Pack 31, LMMS Builders Club, UMYA, Trip Tees Running Club, Grace Lutheran Church, The Fields at Indian Creek HOA, Ai Orthodontics, Responsible Recycling Services, Lehigh County, New Tripoli Bank, Representative Milou Mackenzie, and Senator Jarrett Coleman. The help and support from the community organizations and sponsors make this event possible.

The Environmental Advisory Council and everyone involved is very proud of this annual event. It was a huge success and continues to be a great tribute to community involvement and environmental awareness.



## Volunteer Opportunities

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

**Emmaus Arts Commission** – 5 vacancies: This Commission explores different artistic opportunities in the community and sponsors many of our wonderful community events. Some of the recent projects include the gnome project, painting the picnic tables at the Triangle, the fire hydrant paint project, the Student Film Festival, and the SnowBlast event in February.

**Joint Environmental Advisory Commission** – 2 vacancies: This Advisory Council is a joint board with Upper Milford Township and the Borough of Emmaus. The Council oversees several events and projects throughout the year, including Earth Day, public education events, and different environmental projects such as stream bank restoration work along our creeks. Preferred Experience / Qualifications: environmentalist, knowledge of environmental concerns and issues, event planning.

**Time Commitment:** One meeting per month in either Emmaus Borough or Upper Milford Township.

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

**Preferred Experience / Qualifications:** event planning, parks and recreational professional, attends community events, fundraising experience.

**Time Commitment:** minimum of one 1-hour meeting per month. During spring, summer, and early fall, time commitment will be more.

To apply to volunteer, simply download the form at this link, fill it out and send it and we will be in touch - [www.emmauspa.gov/forms-Application](http://www.emmauspa.gov/forms-Application)



## Volunteers of the Year Announced for 2021 and 2022

Each year Borough Council honors our volunteers. The Emmaus Borough Volunteer of the Year Award was created to recognize an outstanding community volunteer whose unselfish and dedicated service to Emmaus has made a significant difference in our community. During National Volunteer Month in April, we honored our 2021 and 2022 Volunteer of the Year Awards with a brick to be installed at the Emmaus Remembrance Garden.

Our Emmaus 2021 Volunteer of the Year, Dr. Anne Zayaitz, was recognized for her outstanding and dedicated work as a founding member and long-standing President of East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Dr. Zayaitz was part of the early conversations in 2013, when the participants in the Emmaus Ecumenical Ministerium agreed to rent an apartment in Emmaus to support one housing insecure family in our school district. This pilot program led to the successful transitioning of multiple families from housing insecurity to sustainability. As the number of families in need grew, there was a desire to invite others to partner in the good work of helping our homeless. A decision was made in 2014 to transition to the East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors Board of Directors and create a new non-religious charitable non-profit 501 (c)3, which was officially approved in 2015. The organization has served at least 10 homeless families since 2014 and we thank Anne for her leadership and support of so many vulnerable families in our community.



Our Emmaus 2022 Volunteer of the Year recently retired as chair of the Emmaus Shade Tree Commission for many years. For his tireless commitment to Emmaus and our healthy tree environment we have been fortunate to have Reds Bailey, a certified arborist as a vocal advocate for trees in our community.



Over the years Reds saw value in all trees and would seek ways to protect and preserve trees in Emmaus. He coordinated efforts with the Borough and made tree recommendations, personally made the selections; he advised property owners on selecting a new tree or, more often, troubleshooting a tree that was storm-damaged or suffering from disease. For years Reds has been the “go-to guy” when it came to diagnosing problems or assessing the structural integrity of older trees. Reds also conducted tree-planting demonstrations for Earth Day and held events at the Emmaus Farmers Market to educate residents on maintaining healthy trees. Between 2012 and 2020 he chose outstanding trees in residential landscapes to receive “tree awards,” marked with a temporary sign.

Please join us in celebrating these special individuals and all Borough volunteers who generously give their time and talent to serve our community. To learn more about volunteer opportunities with our Borough Commissions, please call Borough Hall at 610-965-9292.

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@emmauspa.gov](mailto:emschief@emmauspa.gov) or visit our website at [www.emmauspa.gov](http://www.emmauspa.gov).



## Emmaus Emergency Services

Over the past 2.5 years Emmaus Ambulance has responded to 671 fall emergencies. That is approximately 10% of our emergency call volume. According to the American Trauma Society, every 11 seconds, an older adult is treated in the Emergency

Department for a fall.

Here are a few tips to assist in fall proofing your home:

- Remove throw rugs or use a rug that has a non-slip backing.
- Keep objects off the floor.
- Make sure any cords or wires are up against the wall.

- Increase the lighting in your home, including night lights.
- Place non-slip rubber mats or strips on the floor of your tub or shower
- Install grab bars in frequently used areas of your home.
- Keep your stairway clear and make sure the carpet is firmly attached on each step and handrails are placed on either side of the stairs that extend the length of the stairway.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to our department for additional fall prevention literature.



## NEW BOROUGH WEBSITE - [www.emmauspa.gov](http://www.emmauspa.gov)

The Borough's new and improved website launched in April! We appreciate all of your patience with us while we have transitioned to our new site! The new website was created in collaboration with CivicPlus, a municipal website company, and will be hosted by them to help maintain security. Users will now be able to create an account and receive notifications for new content like events, agendas, and news. Additionally, the website features forms for residents to fill out online for concerns that will automatically be directed to the proper department. Pavilion rentals and online bill pay are still available and

easy to access! Finally, our website address has changed! Formerly, our website address was long and hard to remember, we have since updated it to [emmauspa.gov](http://emmauspa.gov)! Don't worry, should you forget and use our old website address, [borough.emmaus.pa.us](http://borough.emmaus.pa.us), it will still take you to the new website! We hope that everything you are looking for is easy to find and clearly understood. Should you have any suggestions to improve the new website or if something you hoped to find is not there, reach out to [sjarrett@emmauspa.gov](mailto:sjarrett@emmauspa.gov).

## Emmaus Youth Association (EYA) News



Since 1957, The Emmaus Youth Association has brought the joy of competitive play to thousands of area children through a growing number of recreational activities.

Our goal is to promote the ideals of good sportsmanship, social interaction and community involvement for our children. EYA youths learn basic athletic skills and the merits of teamwork while cultivating close bonds with others.

We encourage our children to take on the challenges of athletic

competition so that they may tackle future responsibilities with enthusiasm and cooperation.

The Emmaus Youth Association is in need of volunteers for all sports! There are open Board positions and open coaching positions. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please attend a Board Meeting or email [vp@eyasports.org](mailto:vp@eyasports.org) for more details.

**Upcoming Sports Programs** - Winter Basketball Registration open on September 4, 2023, and Spring Baseball & Softball Registration open on January 1, 2024.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on EYA events!

## Curb and Sidewalk Update

The Borough is required to replace its curb ramps with ramps that contain updated federal requirements. Replacement of a single curb ramp is \$5,000; therefore, an entire intersection generally costs approximately \$20,000. The Borough continues to apply for CDBG grant money through Lehigh County to work on these projects. In 2023, the Borough received \$35,000 in CDBG money to do improvements. We have been informed by the county that we should anticipate receiving \$157,550 for 2024. These funds will be used to replace handicap ramps along Main, Chestnut, and some adjacent streets. As Penn Dot informed us that they plan to repave Chestnut and Main Street in 2025, we will be required to replace the ramps on our section of the cross streets during this time. This grant in 2024 will be a great help towards accomplishing this goal.

# Emmaus Fire Department



As the crisp autumn air sets in, it's essential to keep fire safety in your mind! Be fire safe this fall with the following tips:

- Check your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure they are functioning.
- Maintain your heating systems, this includes fireplaces and heaters. Let the professionals check them for you annually.

- Stay vigilant in the kitchen. Don't leave items unattended on the stove.
- Be mindful of space heaters, maintain at least 3-foot clearance from flammable items.
- Practice safe electric habits, check and inspect all cords for damage, avoid overloading outlets and use surge protectors where appropriate.
- Create and refresh a fire escape plan for you and your family. Designate a meeting place outside the home.

Remember, fire safety is a responsibility that we all share. Let's make this fall season a safe and enjoyable one for everyone! Stay alert, stay Safe!

If you have any specific questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to our fire safety experts.

This year's open house at the fire department will occur on October 14, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*The Emmaus Fire Department is now hiring Part-time Fire Police Officers. Anyone with interest should reach out to the Fire Chief at [firechief@emmauspa.gov](mailto:firechief@emmauspa.gov)*



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

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



## Fall 2023



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

Signup for a library card online at <https://emmaus.sparkpa.org/eg/opac/register>

Try our free apps: Libby for e-books, Hoopla for e-books, music and media, and Kanopy for streaming movies

### 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.  
**September 5th - And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie**  
**October 3rd - The Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Marie Benedict**  
**November 7th - The Round House by Louise Erdrich**  
**December 5th - Anxious People by Fredrik Bachman**
- **Pinterest Party** - 1st Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. This is first come, first served with all supplies for first 30 people provided.  
**September 11th - Yarn Wall Hanging**
- **Career Coaching** - 2nd Monday of the month 6:00 p.m. via video conferencing appointment - One-on-one with Bill Miner of Careerlink.
- **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, from 4:00 p.m. to 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 Susan Wild's Mobile Office** - 2nd Thursday of the month from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Drop in to meet with a representative from Susan Wild's office for in person constituent services.
- **Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group\*\*** - 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. This group is presented by Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter, hosted by South Mountain Memory Care, and facilitated by Careen Steel, CDP. Please RSVP to Register at 610-965-7662 or email [careensteele@gmail.com](mailto:careensteele@gmail.com)
- **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.
- **Game Night** - 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Board games for all ages!
- **Memoir Writing Group\*\*** - 4th Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. Join author Jerry Waxler and others on a ZOOM videoconference to write about your life.

### Special Adult Events

- **A Matter of Balance Fall Prevention Program.** Eight weekly sessions held on Thursdays - September 7th through October 26th from 10:00 a.m. -noon. Hosted by the Allentown Health Bureau.
- **Historical Lehigh in Pictures** - Monday, October 9th at 6:30 p.m. Join Gary Heller, a photographer with a mission, to document old



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buildings, for a fascinating look at local historic structures. He will have photos and stories of his photo shoots around Lehigh County and beyond. There will be time for questions at the end.

- **Haunted Transportation** - Monday, October 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Join Laura Hladik Hoffman from the New Jersey Ghost Hunters Society to hear about the ghostly sightings on air, land and sea.

## Monthly Family, Kid & Teen Events

- **Storytime!** Weekly on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., October through December. Toddlers and preschoolers are invited to join us with their adults for stories, singing, crafts, and fun!
- **Facebook Writing Prompts** - 1st Thursday of the month at 7 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 at 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 6:00 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.

## Special Youth Events

- **Yippee Puppet Show** - Don't Be a Bully, You Chicken – Saturday, Sept 9th at 2:00 p.m. All ages. RSVP encouraged.
- **Afternoon Adventure Storytime** - Friday, September 22nd at 3:30 p.m. All ages, drop in.
- **Annual Solar Eclipse Event** - Saturday, October 14th from 11:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.




- **Buckets Full of Nature: Owls** – Saturday, October 21st at 2:00 p.m. for elementary school aged children. Lehigh County Conservation District visits to discuss all things owls.
- **Family Place Library Parent Child Workshops** - October 24th-November 21st 10am-noon. Please RSVP for children under 6 years and their caregivers.

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



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## Police News:

### Trick or Treat Safety Tips from the Emmaus Police Department

# TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

**Friday, October 27, 2023 • 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Rain or Shine)**

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

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

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

#### Get clever with costumes!

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

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

#### Trick or treat with care!

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

- Get in on the fun. Accompany trick or treaters younger than age 12. Pin a piece of paper with your child's name, address and phone number inside your child's pocket in case you get separated. Encourage older kids to trick or treat with a group of friends, parents or older siblings. Make sure someone in the group has a flashlight with fresh batteries.
- Set ground rules. If your child will be trick or treating without you, plan and discuss a familiar route and set a curfew. Review safety rules, including staying with the group, walking only on the sidewalk, approaching only clearly lit homes, and never going inside a home or car for a treat. Have your child carry a cellphone for the evening so that he or she can contact you.
- Inspect treats before indulging. Don't let your child snack while he or she is trick or treating. Feed your child an early meal

before heading out, and inspect the treats before allowing your child to dive in. Discard anything that is not sealed, has torn packaging or looks questionable. If you have young children, weed out gum, peanuts, hard candies and other choking hazards.



If your child has food allergies, check candy labels carefully. Even hard candies may be manufactured in facilities that process nuts, milk, soy, wheat, egg or other allergens.

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

#### Stay safe and sweet on the home front!

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

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

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

#### Carve safely!

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

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

*Credit: The Mayo Clinic*



## Citizen Police Academy



The Emmaus Police Department will begin accepting applications for the first Emmaus Citizen Police Academy (ECPA). The course will begin in February of 2024. The Emmaus Citizen Police Academy is an eight-week course designed to educate the Borough of Emmaus citizens in the philosophy, policies, operations, practices, and functions of their Emmaus Police Department while enhancing and developing police/community relations. This course is not intended to train or certify citizens to perform law enforcement services.

Participants will receive instruction by Emmaus Police personnel including presentations and demonstrations on various topics:

Department Overview | Background Investigations | Criminal Investigations | PA Crimes Code, Vehicle Code and Emmaus Borough Ordinance Overview | K9 Function/Demonstration | Traffic Stops | Patrol Function | School Resource Officer/Juvenile Detective | Lehigh County Drug Task Force | Accidents and Accident Reconstruction | Lehigh County Municipal Emergency Response Team (MERT) | Use of Force | Firearm Safety | Role Playing/Scenario Training

The Emmaus Citizen Police Academy (ECPA) is an eight-week course consisting of 2-hour blocks of instruction from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. The first ECPA class will be held on Tuesday, 2/6/2024, at the Emmaus Police Department.

\*\*\* Schedule is tentative and subject to change due to weather and/or other circumstances. \*\*\*

### Participant Requirements:

- Applicants must be at least 21 years of age.
- Applicants can not have any felony or misdemeanor convictions.
- Applicants can not have any open/pending court cases involving felony or misdemeanor crimes.
- Applicants must pass a background check conducted by the Emmaus Police Department.
- Applicants must be residents of the Borough of Emmaus.
- Applicants must be able to attend at least 7 of the 8 scheduled classes.

Applications can be picked up in person at the Emmaus Police Department Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Applications will be available starting on Monday October 2nd, 2023. Applications are to be returned to the Emmaus Police Department by Friday December 1st, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Notification of acceptance will be mailed to participants in the first week of January 2024.

**Graduation:** Upon successful completion of the Emmaus Citizen Police Academy, participants will be awarded a participation certificate and patch.

Any questions regarding the Emmaus Citizen Police Academy can be directed to Sergeant Jeremy Schilling. 610-967-3113

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## Crossing Guards Needed

The Emmaus Police Department and the East Penn School District are seeking additional volunteers to serve as Crossing Guards for the 2023-2024 school year. Can you spare a small fraction of your time? Are you interested in serving among the ranks of our existing staff of dedicated crossing guards? The Emmaus Police Department will provide you with the necessary equipment and training. There are additional incentives as well!



Over the years, the Emmaus Crossing Guards have contributed to the safety of our children traveling to and from school each day. It is critical that we ensure their safety in the future. Will you help us? **If you are interested, or you can help, please call the Emmaus Police Department at 610-965-0722.**



## The Emmaus Arts Commission



### Student Film Festival

This year marks the Emmaus Arts Commission's 19th Annual Student Film Festival. The Student Film Festival is open to all middle school-high school aged individuals within the greater Lehigh Valley area. All contact information and registration will take place through the official EAC website. This year our event will take place earlier in October. Stay tuned!



### Emmaus Farmers Market

In celebration of the 20th Anniversary, we have partnered with the Emmaus Farmers Market to provide free art activities on the first Sunday of each month from May-November. The EAC is providing easily accessible activities with materials everyone has at home. We have made gardens out of old mugs, painted rocks and wooden pieces, and will be making small hand kites and designing canvas bags for patrons to bring to the market. Available for all ages and stages.

<https://emmausmarket.com/>

### Paint-A-Hydrant Program

The Emmaus Arts Commission Paint-A-Hydrant program is an ongoing project that is happening throughout the community. There are currently close to 90 hydrants completed! Learn more about this program on our website where you can also find applications for completing your own hydrant! [emmausarts.org](http://emmausarts.org)

#### Hydrant by Melissa Way



This year we will be reintroducing our locally designed garden gnomes as part of our annual fundraiser! Watch out for our '80s-inspired gnomes who might be sweating to aerobic tunes, cutting through clouds, or one may be painting happy little trees. You might even see an iconic duo of BabyRuth lovers who are fighting to save their beloved town from country club developers. We are happy to announce our next community mural will be located at the Emmaus Pool.

Stay tuned for early spring painting days in preparation for the pool's 2024 season. We are offering volunteer hours through many of our artistic initiatives throughout the community. We have been partnering with many local groups including the EPL, EFM, EHS, JuxtaHub, and the Knauss Homestead. Look for us at one of their events. If you or a high school student you know are looking to give some time and talent to the Borough, we are always looking for new friendly faces for our events and programs. [info.emmausarts@gmail.com](mailto:info.emmausarts@gmail.com)



The EAC 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 or by visiting [emmausarts.org](http://emmausarts.org). If you are interested in supporting the EAC, make a donation or contact us about volunteering! We accept applicants of all ages and stages to assist with our events and initiatives, it is a great experience for students.

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# A Way to Remember

The 16th annual Veterans' Bricks Installation Ceremony was held on May 27, 2023, where six bricks were installed to remember our veterans' service to our country. It was a beautiful time to reflect on so many people in our community whose remembrances are now part of the Emmaus Remembrance Garden.

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

Bricks offered are 4x8 and 8x8, symbols available for an additional charge. Cedar benches are also available for purchase, this is a unique way to enhance the beauty at the Remembrance Garden while honoring a loved one. Ordering available online.

Come Visit!

The Emmaus Remembrance Garden is located at 164 E. Main Street. A sign to the garden is at the driveway of Cintas and the Garden entrance is on the right side of the parking lot next to Knauss Homestead. We have a beautiful space set aside in a unique place of reflection. The Garden offers an area to honor those we love, those we have lost, or to pay homage to a person, a time or a place.

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# EMMAUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## A Message from the President

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It is hard to believe how fast time flies when you're having fun and that is the way I feel as the summer almost passed in a flash and the school year has already begun. It was a very busy summer at the Emmaus Historical Society, with many activities and events. Elections were held at the annual membership picnic on June 21st. Andrew Kerstetter was elected for a term as a director and Michael Henry was elected for another term as a director. At the July 6th Board meeting, an additional director was appointed due to a vacancy on the Board. Michelle Capehart accepted a director position. We would like to thank all three directors for offering to share their talents on the Board. A warm welcome to Michelle, a welcome back to Andrew, and a thanks to Michael for continuing!

The annual Passport to History weekend was held on July 21st, 22nd, and 23rd where not only was the Emmaus Historical Society open but also the 1803 House, the Knauss Homestead, the Lower Macungie Township Historical Society, the Coopersburg Historical Society, the Whitehall Historical Preservation Society as well as several other local historical organizations that participated with us. There was a wine and cheese event on Friday night and events and activities for both children and adults on Saturday and Sunday at the Museum.



We are looking forward to a busy fall beginning with the Emmaus Heritage Festival in the back yard of the Emmaus Historical Society on Saturday, September 16th from 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will once again be weavers, blacksmiths, candle makers, animals, and so many other activities for both young and old to enjoy. The Heritage Alliance members will have tables to visit as well as the 1803 House, the Shelter House, the Emmaus Moravian Church and the Emmaus Public Library. The Lower Macungie Township Historical Society will also be joining the festival this year. The festival is held in conjunction with The Emmaus Main Street Partners Farewell to Summer Celebration.



Wednesday, September 20th, will be the first program of the fall, The Emmaus 125th Homecoming Parade of 1984. For those who remember the parade, it will be a walk down memory lane with a video taken from the second-floor porch of the Emmaus Historical Society. The program will be presented by Past President Bill Barto and held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Emmaus at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for the October program on Wednesday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m. Board member Andrew Kerstetter will present "Vintage Postcards from Emaus, Cards Before Hallmark". All postcards shown during this program are part of the Emmaus Historical Society collection and include those with photos of local landmarks, business establishments, and citizens of Emaus. Most of the postcards will be from the first 30 years of the 20th century.

The November program will be presented by a guest speaker, Carla J.S. Messinger, who is the Director of the Native American Heritage Programs. The program will be an in-depth look at the cordial relations with the Lenape, Quakers, and Moravians during the early settlement of Pennsylvania as well as at the later conflicts arising with other Euro cultures. It will perhaps be "new" history to some of us and promises to be a fascinating program.



We look forward to seeing you at the museum this fall so you can experience and enjoy the new and refreshed displays. We are an all-volunteer organization and depend on many people with many different talents to keep everything running smoothly. We are always looking for new visitors and new volunteers. Please visit the Historical Society's website at [www.emmaushistoricalsociety.org](http://www.emmaushistoricalsociety.org) for more information on visiting or volunteering.



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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.



## Over the Backyard Fence – News from the Emmaus Garden Club

The Emmaus Garden Club is excited about its upcoming programs in October and November. In October, Lori Metz, the owner of Carriage House Landscape Designs, will present “Water Gardening Basics.” In November, Janel Vibbert, a floral designer employed by Longwood Gardens, will teach everyone in attendance how to create armatures. The Garden Club looks forward to both events.

The Emmaus Garden Club meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month from March to December at Faith Presbyterian Church, 3002 N. 2nd Street, Emmaus, PA 18049. The doors open at noon for light refreshments followed by the program.

PBS recently aired a special that included an aerial view of an island of plastic waste in the ocean. It will never biodegrade!! You may wonder what you can do to help? Instead of using liquid hand soap, switch to bar soap. When there are slivers left, place them in a jar, covered with water to melt into liquid soap. Instead of buying liquid laundry detergent in large plastic containers, use washer sheets. Clothes can be washed in cold water. In the grand scheme of everything, these are small acts, but they are small acts that can be done while looking for other solutions.

Visit the Emmaus Garden Club at [www.emmausgardenclub.com](http://www.emmausgardenclub.com) for more information or call Ellen at 610-928-3717 with questions. Be sure to like our Facebook Page.

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**Q: What payment choices do I have using Xpress Bill Pay?**

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**Q: What other information is available?**

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**Q: Do I need to pay my bills from my computer?**

**A:** Not at all. You can continue to pay or bill via mail or in person.

**Q: How do I know my payment went through?**

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**Q: Is my information safe?**

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Knauss Homestead Preservation Society

For some of us the coming of the Fall season, only a week or two away, conjures up memories of the Great Allentown Fair, the return to school, the smell of burning leaves, or even a trip or two to the local cider mill for fresh pressed cider.

For those of us at the Knauss Homestead, we ponder life as it was more than 200 years ago. The fall season was an exceptionally busy time of the year for everyone who lived at the homestead. Homestead residents, like all others throughout the countryside, were not only blacksmiths, weavers, wheelwrights, and tinsmiths, but they were farmers as well. Crops not only had to be harvested, but immediately afterward, the fields needed to be tilled and replanted to prepare for next year's crops. Wheat and corn were not harvested by modern machinery, they were harvested by hand. Beans and peas had to be dried and stored in sacks for use in winter soups. Fruits would be sliced and dried for the baking of pies. Herbs and flowers were harvested and dried for medicinal purposes, seasonings, and the dying of wool.

Wool would have to be spun into yarn, which would keep women and children busy knitting and crocheting garments to keep them warm. There was the splitting and stacking of wood for cooking and warmth, and the harvesting of apples for cider making (a staple along with beer since water was considered unsafe). Every man, woman, and child consumed these beverages from breakfast through all the meals of the day. During the fall, hunting would yield meat and fowl to be preserved for winter meals, and fat from the butchered animals would then be boiled, cleansed, and rendered for use in making candles and soap. The process of candle making itself was a multi-day process since the average family would use 700 to 1500 candles a year. The wick of each hand-dipped candle had to be dipped 25 to 30 times to yield a candle of acceptable size.

These are but a few of the many tasks that the fall season brought about, and it required the entire family from the very young to the very old to participate for survival. There certainly was no time for complaining, no sick time, and no idle time for fun. Everyone in the family had a job and every job was necessary for the family to survive.

Through all the hard work there were few, if any, complaints for it was just "Another day on the Farm" There were little snippets of time here and there when thoughts of the upcoming Holiday season found adults thinking about the celebrations to come. The Knauss Homestead has several exciting events coming up, including the September Harvest Festival (being held in conjunction with the Heritage Festival), and of course the traditional Old Fashioned Christmas gatherings.

Please visit the Knauss Homestead website, [www.knausshomestead.org](http://www.knausshomestead.org) for details on how you can participate in these events, or even inquire about holding your own private event at the Knauss Homestead.





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## Swing into Action: Emmaus Rotary Club Announces 16th Annual Golf Tournament

Emmaus, Pennsylvania - Get ready to tee off for a day of golf, fun, and community support at the highly anticipated 16th Annual Golf Tournament hosted by the Emmaus Rotary Club. This thrilling event is scheduled to take place on Monday, September 11, 2023, at the scenic Twin Lakes Golf Club located at 3625 Shankweiler Road in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

The Emmaus Rotary Club's Golf Tournament promises a day filled with camaraderie and excitement, all in support of the club's essential Community Service Projects. By participating, golfers will directly contribute to initiatives such as the East Penn food program, community renovations, equipment, and scholarships, which make a lasting impact on our community.

With a registration fee of only \$225 per golfer, participants will enjoy an unbeatable package that includes access to the driving range, chipping and putting greens, and a delicious lunch. Prepare to showcase your skills as you tackle the course, compete in exhilarating games, and take part in various activities designed to add an extra element of fun to the tournament.

After an exciting day on the greens, players will be treated to a delightful picnic and have the chance to win fabulous prizes generously provided by our sponsors. From thrilling challenges to fantastic giveaways, the Emmaus Rotary Club's Golf Tournament is an event that promises entertainment and enjoyment for all participants.

To secure your spot or to learn more about this must-attend event, visit our official website at [emmausrotary.org](http://emmausrotary.org). Register now to join fellow golf enthusiasts, community leaders, and philanthropists for a day that combines a passion for the game with a commitment to making a difference.

Don't miss your chance to be part of the Emmaus Rotary Club's 16th Annual Golf Tournament. Mark your calendars for September 11, 2023, and join us at Twin Lakes Golf Club in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Together, we can drive change, support vital community projects, and create a better future for all.

**For media inquiries or sponsorship opportunities, please contact:**

Sue Wenner

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### About Emmaus Rotary Club:

Emmaus Rotary Club is a dedicated group of professionals and community leaders committed to making a positive impact in Emmaus and the surrounding areas. Through various community service projects, mentorship programs, and networking opportunities, the club strives to create lasting change and foster goodwill within the community.

## Come One! Come All!

### You're cordially invited to join the "Lunch Bunch."

The Community Room at Ridge Manor 1 (333 Ridge St.) serves hot and cold nutritious meals Monday through Friday at 11:30. Please consider joining us to enjoy a delicious lunch and to socialize with other seniors. A variety of activities are offered, including: a craft and a movie once a month entertainment by various musical artists, exercises, games, interesting & informative speakers & lots of laughter and friendship! Lehigh County Aging and Adult Services encourages you to join the "Lunch Bunch". This program is available to all those who live in the community and are 60 and over. Feel free to contact center manager, Rachel Cubellis, at 610-965-2171 for questions or to make a reservation. We hope to see you soon!



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# Emmaus Kiwanis Club

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

The Emmaus Kiwanis Club, serving the East Penn community for over 70 years, was very pleased once again to host our community Easter Egg Hunt and annual Pancake Festival this spring; both events were very well attended and enjoyed by all. The club awarded scholarships to 6 members of the Emmaus High School Class of 2023, hosting and recognizing the recipients and family members at a club picnic.



The Kiwanis Club has inducted new members and continuously looks forward to welcoming those who believe in our mission. A business meeting is held on the 1st Wednesday of each month, a program meeting on the 3rd Wednesday, and service or social activities at other scheduled times during the month. New officers will be inducted in October. Club meetings are held at The Superior Restaurant.

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

## Upcoming Events:

- Buckeye Road Clean-Up
- Emmaus Halloween Parade
- Emmaus Old Fashioned Christmas
- Special Needs Holiday Party

## Kiwanis 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

- Childhood Reading and Literacy Programs
- Little Free Library at Emaus Fire Co 1
- Participation in Miracle League Activities
- Participation in The Kindness Project Activities
- Participation in Emmaus Library Activities
- Emmaus National Night Out
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Remembrance Garden Clean-Up
- Little Lehigh Stream Clean-Up
- Founding Member of East Penn Food Alliance

**We invite YOU to join the Emmaus Kiwanis Club!** The rewards in fellowship, service, and personal satisfaction are great. We would love to have you join us in our dedication to serving children and our community.

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



This fall, the Emmaus Farmers' Market continues to celebrate its 20th Anniversary! We are outdoors at the beautiful Emmaus 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, kombucha, fresh tea, pasture raised meats and eggs, and so much more. Catch local live music every week through the last Sunday in November, rain or shine, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. In December, we kick off our Winter Market, the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 10:00 a.m. - Noon. Musicians closing out the season from September-December include Emmaus Public Singing Society, Kenzie Lynn, Elizabeth Gillen, Seth Witcher, Tom & Betty Druckenmiller, McJax, Tavern Tan, Just So, Jim Steager, and Kristen Morgenstern on Christmas Eve. Stop by the market Merchandise and Information tent to check out some 20th Anniversary merchandise and grab a loyalty card, our #RoosterRewards, and get rewarded for supporting our producer-only farmers' market.

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](mailto:info@emmausmarket.com). Is there something you'd love to see at our market? Drop us a line at our email address. Be sure to follow us on Facebook & Instagram for any new updates and visit our website [www.emmausmarket.com](http://www.emmausmarket.com) for more information and documents. Don't forget to stop by the market tent to get your #RoosterRewards card punched and represent your favorite farmers' market!



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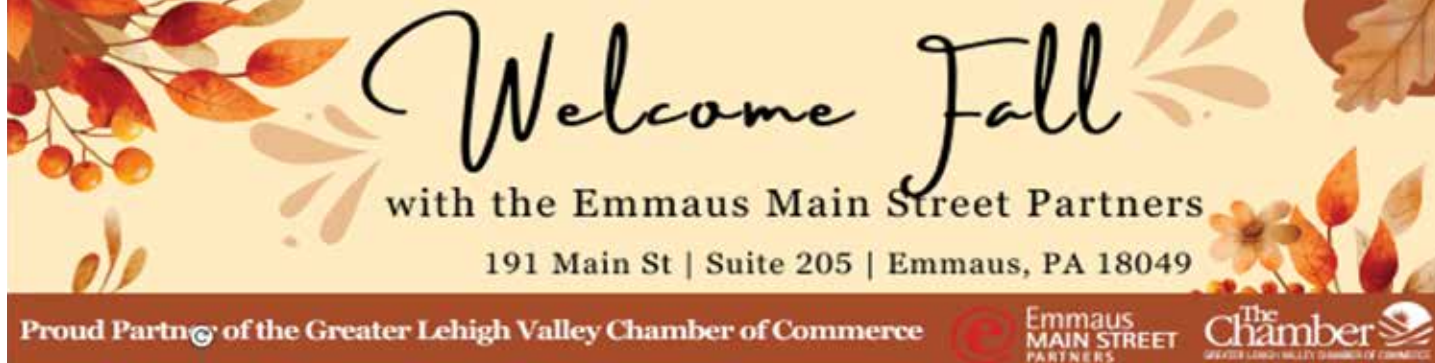
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Happy Fall from the Emmaus Main Street Partners! It's been a wonderful and productive 2023, and we look forward to finishing the year off strong with our community! Thanks to the Main Street Grant Program new tables are in place in the triangle. Take a stroll downtown and enjoy these tables! Please take a moment to rest or share a meal from one of our local restaurants - your Emmaus Main Street Partner Liaisons are sure enjoying them! We look forward to the busyness and bustle of the Fall & Winter Holiday Seasons as we continue to bring attention, exposure, and foot traffic to the Emmaus Borough! We do this to ensure we meet 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 through this season and well after.

Check out what we've been up to and mark your calendars for the fun that's yet to come!



**Plant Something Day** – Together with our community, volunteers, and supporting local businesses, we gathered to plant flowers and foliage in the planters you see along our main streets. Thank you to all who supported this initiative and participated in “Plant Something Day” 2023!

### Save the Date for our Upcoming Events!

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

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

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

*\*\*For this event, there is a potential that South 4th Street will be closed in addition to the Main portion of the Triangle.*





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## PFAS Water Quality Update

While we wish our PFAS issue was completely resolved, as we previously wrote, the Borough was required to conduct a full feasibility study to present to PA DEP regarding all of the different possible mitigation options to free our drinking water from PFAS. This study was completed by Gannett Fleming, an engineering firm that specializes in environmental sciences and has extensive experience dealing with PFAS in drinking water systems. The study examined the possibilities of outsourcing our drinking water to the City of Allentown's system, treating our current wells, digging new wells, as well as a hybrid of different options.

Upon the completion of the study, the engineers conducted two public meetings, whereby over 200 of our residents attended both in-person and virtually. Gannett Fleming presented their findings, as well as the cost estimates with each finding. It was evident in the public meetings that the members of our community were overwhelmingly in favor of the Borough finding an adequate treatment solution for the wells, rather than outsourcing our water supply. Our residents maintained that it was important to the community that we have control of our drinking water supply and quality. Borough Council voted in favor of this option after hearing all feedback from members in attendance.

### So, what are the next steps?

Gannett Fleming explained in the meetings that this could take up to two years unfortunately, as extensive engineering needs to be conducted for every one of the Borough's wells. In addition, there is a long lead-time on permitting from PA DEP. Moreover, with the shipping and construction of the system, it will take time, as we will need to re-plumb most wells, construct buildings, and ensure that the water's chemical make-up is not affected by the additional treatment systems.

The estimated cost to construct this system is \$16 million! Why? While the Borough is only required to treat wells # 1 and # 2, which are located near the fire training grounds, we have found low levels of PFAS in nearly all of the wells in the Borough. These low levels, while still considered acceptable levels according to PA DEP, EPA is proposing to lower those levels. Rather than waiting to see what happens, the Borough's intention is to completely eliminate all levels of PFAS from

every well in our system.

### Why is there PFAS in the rest of the system?

It is NOT from firefighting foam. Rather, numerous studies across Pennsylvania and across the nation are discovering PFAS in all forms of water. A worldwide study recently discovered PFAS in rain water / snow as far south as Antarctica. A Bucks County study showed PFAS levels in deer, and a nationwide study showed elevated PFAS levels in freshwater fish and salmon in our rivers, streams, and the Great Lakes. Most recently, a U.S. Geological Survey study recently discovered that is estimated that PFAS is detected in over 50% of all drinking water in Pennsylvania! We believe that number may be higher, as nearly ½ of PA drinking water systems haven't even been tested for PFAS yet. In Emmaus, several of our wells are near the creeks, as the well at Community Park is located along the creek, as is the well at the very north part of the community. Both wells draw water from the creek and underlying ground water. They are the sole sources of the water supply in those areas, and there are no industries, firefighting facilities, or other significant contributor in the immediate vicinity that could be a source of the slightly elevated PFAS levels. Instead, the likely source is that the creek water and groundwater contain PFAS compounds that are affecting the levels.

### What are the Dangers and What are We Doing?

As we have previously written, there is a potential danger from PFAS to people. The consequences of PFAS exposure are long-lasting — the compounds can stay in the environment, and the human bloodstream, for years. The chemicals have been linked to some cancers, thyroid disease, ulcerative colitis, developmental delays in children, and other health conditions. The problem is that nobody truly knows how long we have all been exposed to PFAS over the years, as it is a chemical compound that has only recently been tested. This is why we want to treat ALL of our wells, rather than just the ones that we are currently mandated to treat. So, what should you do in the next two years while waiting? Technically, you don't have to do anything, per PA DEP. However, we would recommend that you might consider a water





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filtration system at your house. If that is an option you are exploring, please note that there are only a few types of filters that can remove PFAS levels. They should either be carbon-based filters or reverse-osmosis filter systems. If the proposed system is different than either option, we recommend getting written confirmation that it removes PFAS chemicals out of water, as most systems are not capable of doing this. In addition, we have been asked by numerous individuals if the Borough would pay for you to purchase a system. The simple answer is no. It is important to understand that you would ultimately be paying for the system anyway, as all Borough expenses are obtained through fees passed along to our residents.

#### **What is this Infrastructure Fee I see in my bill?**

The Borough instituted the infrastructure fee for several reasons this year, all dealing with treatment and improvements to the water system. First, the feasibility study cost approximately \$30,000 to complete. Secondly, the engineering for the treatment system is estimated to cost upwards of \$100,000. Moreover, the Borough is in need of serious maintenance on our holding tanks. This is estimated to cost over \$1 million, but it will increase the life of our tanks by more than 50 years. A single holding tank costs over \$4 million to purchase, so it is imperative to make repairs and improvements while the tanks are in good enough shape to do this work. Lastly, with the impending \$16 million PFAS treatment costs, this fee is going to be vital to be able to pay for financing that we will most likely need. With all of this said, we have applied for and are in the process of applying for numerous grants to hopefully offset the bulk of these very large costs. We cannot depend on grants to pay for this though, as we have to prepare to pay for it without financial assistance.

#### **What is going on with the Lawsuit?**

The Borough filed a lawsuit against over 1 dozen fire foam manufacturers. Several of the manufacturers have tried to settle the class action lawsuits recently. Our attorneys have advised us to opt out of the settlements, as the Borough would not benefit nearly as much as the harm in which we've incurred. Additionally, the terms of the proposed settlements are not favorable to any public water

supplier, therefore, most water suppliers across the nation will most likely refuse to settle. We will continue to pursue the companies that were guilty of knowingly providing foam with PFAS chemicals in, yet refused to inform us of the same.

#### **What are the Current Levels?**

We are required to test the two wells every quarter. Rather than just testing those wells, we are testing all of our wells. We provide press releases with the results of the two wells; however, we are continuing to monitor the others.

Testing results that were received on May 12, 2023, show that our system exceeds EPA Lifetime Health Advisory Level for PFOS / PFOA. The Lifetime Advisory Level for PFOS 14 parts per trillion (14 ng/L) and 18 parts per trillion (18 ng/L) for PFOA. PFOS / PFOA levels exceeding this level were found at both Well #1 and Well # 2 within the Borough. Both wells share the same aquifer. Well # 1 tested at an elevated level of 224.1 ng/L per tests conducted by the Borough. Well # 2 tested at 1084.8 ng/L per tests conducted per tests conducted by the Borough. While both levels are less than previous reports, they remain above acceptable standards. Well # 2 has been disconnected and deactivated since initial test results were received in October 2021. Well #1 remains operations, however, a mandatory detailed feasibility study was recently completed to select a proper treatment option of the water system.

Although we are not required to report the other readings, it is our goal to be transparent with our community. Therefore, it is vital for us to share our latest readings with you. At well # 4 located at Boroline Park, PFOS read at 3.44 ng/L and 5.82 ng/L for PFOA. For well # 7 located at the end of Macungie Ave, PFOS read at 4.59 ng/L and PFOA read at 14.6 ng/L. Lastly, at well # 6 located at Community Park, PFOS read at 9.30 ng/L and PFOA at 5.21 ng/L.

We are continuing to work as quickly as possible to mitigate this chemical intrusion. While we are relieved that we have a path to move forward, the work is just beginning. We will continue to keep our community members informed and updated as this process progresses.



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# Building Construction Update



By the time this newsletter reaches your front door, it is our hope that Borough Hall will have already moved back into our building located at 28 S. 4th Street. Borough Hall and the Central Fire and Ambulance Station have undergone significant construction improvements to update our facilities over the past two years. We are projected to move into both buildings by September 1st. Improvements to the Police Department building, although much smaller in scope, are scheduled to be completed by mid-September.

Although this project has been a very large undertaking, it was a much-needed project. In Borough Hall, the building contained old fuse boxes with mixed knob and tube wiring as well as modern wiring. The plumbing did not properly function, and the sole source of heating for the building became space heaters in individual's offices, as well as wall air conditioning units. Safety was a major concern in the building, and there was a big need for upgraded utilities. In addition, there was a great amount of water infiltration in the basement area and asbestos throughout the building. Therefore,

any cut into the floors, or replacement of plumbing, needed complete asbestos mitigation. Additionally, there were leaks into the building due to the need to repoint the block and the need to make significant repairs to the roof drainage system, which was originally designed to flow down through a pipe that was actually inside the walls of the building. Moreover, additional meeting space was needed for public meetings. The codes department has its own section of the building, rather than being crammed into the same room with the copy machine and the Public Works Director. We also improved ADA access, as members of the community can now use the elevator from street level to access the building.


In central station, the building was originally constructed for volunteer ambulance and fire departments. It did not have proper amenities to meet modern day requirements, and especially to meet the requirements for two full-time departments. Medicine and medical supplies were locked in an old wooden cabinet, rather than being stored in a properly secured room. Report writing was in the same location as the day room for ambulance employees. The training

room also served as the kitchen, as well as the voting location during elections, which required people to

walk past our offices, interrupting the flow of business each day. There was not a secured area just for people to vote. The project included a 3,600 sq. ft. addition to the building, a new training facility where the public can separately enter, and secured offices and spaces that will allow the departments to properly meet federal requirements for report-writing, keeping medicine secure, and meeting all other state and federal requirements. In the police station, there was a need to expand the evidence room, as there is a great deal of evidence that must be kept for up to 99 years. Because of this, the building did not have adequate storage. We made a few other small improvements to help the work area be more efficient for the department as well and added a new garage onto the back of Borough Hall for storage of some of the vehicles that have been stored outside.

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## Parking Kiosk

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## Road Projects and S. 2nd St. Updates


The S. 2nd Street reconstruction project from Main Street to the Borough line has been awarded to Barker and Barker Paving for \$586,143.65. A large portion of the project cost is covered by a grant obtained by the Borough. We are extremely happy that the lowest bid came in much less than the anticipated cost. The project has been delayed because UGI will be upgrading their gas lines in the area. Therefore, our portion of the project will not begin until after the new service and main lines are installed. We anticipate having the project completed by the end of October.

Asphalt Maintenance Solutions won the bituminous bid in the amount of \$23,650 to do sealcoating improvements in different sections of the community. This work is slated to begin in August. Additionally, the Borough is preparing to award a contract for street reclamation on Fernwood Street between Mountain Boulevard and Alpine Street, and part of Banner Street. This work includes full depth reclamation and a super pave of the area. The Borough

anticipates doing more projects like this in the future, as they are more budget friendly and often just as effective as milling and paving project. This project is slated to begin in September.

The Franklin Street sewer reconstruction project has recently been awarded to Ankiewicz Enterprises, Inc. for \$182,715. The project will be the final leg of improvements on Franklin Street that previously included installation of new water lines. We anticipate permanently repaving this area next year.

The Borough continues to plan for street improvements throughout the community, as we continue to build out our long-term street improvement plan. In addition, as UGI continues to install new lines in the street, we continue to work with them to repave sections of our streets for the entire width of the lane that was affected by trenching. We will continue to update you as we plan new projects.



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# Household Hazardous Waste / Dumpster Day

It's back! In keeping with our promise of providing Dumpster Day and a Household Hazardous Waste collection day every two years, the events are back this year! The Borough has scheduled **Dumpster Day for Saturday, September 16th. The event, once again, will be held at the Fire Training Grounds on Klines Lane. The Household Hazardous Waste collection day will be held on Saturday, October 21st at Emmaus Community Park.**

## **WHAT: Dumpster Day**

**WHEN: Saturday, September 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**WHERE: Fire Training Grounds – Klines Lane**

This event is designed for you to clean out some of the junk in your basement and house that you have been meaning to clean up. We will **NOT** accept building materials such as shingles, bricks, concrete, or other construction material. We will accept furniture, white goods, and other items laying around your house. We will **NOT** accept food waste at this event. We will **NOT** accept items such as paint or other chemicals. Save those items for our Household Hazardous Waste event. The event will allow for any household waste that is not food waste or regular trash. The event will allow for you to dispose of old tires, batteries and other household hazardous waste, and other items like your old couch, air conditioner, or other bulk items.

The event is designed for our residents (**Borough Residents Only** – ID's will be checked at the gate – **NO BUSINESSES**) to bring items to the Borough that are difficult to dispose of. It's an opportunity for you to do some fall housecleaning and get rid of some of those items that you just don't know what to do with.

We will also accept Electronic Recycling items at the event as well. **This drop off event will be in lieu of the regularly schedule E-Waste Drop Off in September.**

We will also accept tires and items containing freon.

## Charges for items will be as follows:

- **Household Items: No charge**
- **Electronics: No charge**
- **White goods (washer / dryer): No charge**
- **Tires: \$5 each**
- **Batteries (such as car batteries): \$5 each**
- **tems containing freon (such as dehumidifiers, air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, etc): \$30 each.**

## **WHAT: Household Hazardous Waste Day**

**WHEN: Saturday, October 21st from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**WHERE: Emmaus Community Park**

This is the event where you will be able to get rid of some of your household chemicals, oil, and paint. (We will not accept latex-based paint, as you can dry that out at home and throw it in the garbage. However, oil-based paint and other types of paint will be accepted). There are certain items that we will not accept, including mercury and several other items that will be outlined on our Facebook Page and / or Borough website.

## Generally Accepted Items:

- Automotive Products, such as antifreeze, brake fluid, motor oil and filters, fuels, etc.
- Garden Chemicals, such as fertilizers, insect sprays, herbicides, pesticides, and weed killer.

- Paint Products, such as chalk, glue, paint, stain, stripper, thinner, wood preservative.
- Household Chemicals, such as ammonia, heavy-duty cleansers, naval jelly, tile remover, and strippers.
- Universal Materials, such as batteries, compact fluorescent lamps (CFL), non-mercury thermometers, fluorescent tubes.

## What is NOT Accepted:

- Ammunition, explosives, asbestos, or any material that is not in a labeled container or is leaking.
- Latex Paint – please do NOT put this in with your other chemicals, as it is not considered a hazardous waste item, and will only add cost to the event. We will take latex paint, only because we are looking for an outlet to donate it to, however, please separate this from the other paint or chemicals you may have.
- Mercury or other highly volatile substances that are extremely uncommon (at the discretion of the collection team)

The Police Department will also be on location with the medicine drop-off box for anyone that wants to drop off any of their old medicine as well. More details will follow for this event as well.

We will also distribute some educational material at the event regarding refuse, recycling, and hazardous waste reduction.

This event is open to **BOROUGH RESIDENTS ONLY!** This event is NOT designed for businesses.

## How Do These Events Work?

A team of Borough employees, volunteers, Whitetail Disposal, and several contracted hazardous waste haulers will be at the Emmaus Community Park ready to help you dispose of your items. There will be multiple dumpsters on site. Each person will be directed to show their identification. If there is not a Borough resident in the vehicle, the vehicle will be turned away. Payment for different items, such as tires or freon items will be paid at this point, as a log and inventory of the general type of vehicles will be taken. Vehicles will be directed to dumpsters that are lined up, based on what is in the vehicle. We will have a dumpster for electronic waste, metal, multiple dumpsters for general waste, a dumpster for tires, and dumpsters for the hazardous waste. You might be required to assist in unloading your vehicle, however, our employees and volunteers will do their best to assist you as well. After you have unloaded your vehicle, you will be directed out the road. You are permitted to come back to the site as many times as you need to.

We encourage you to take advantage of the event and use it for some fall cleaning and to part ways with some of that paint or different chemicals that you haven't found a home for, as well as parting ways with that old couch or other stuff that's been sitting in storage for a long time. Please don't wait until the last minute to show up. We expect there to be lines and it will take time to get everyone through. We look forward to seeing you!





## THE EMMAUS VETERANS COMMITTEE

The Emmaus Veterans Committee consists of honorably discharged veterans who have served in any branch of the U.S. military. Most are also members of the Emmaus American Legion Post 191, the Emmaus Catholic War Veterans Post 1069, and the Marine Corps League Detachment 296. The organization is involved in the following services:



**1. Provide the Honor Guard which renders military honors at veteran's funeral services.**

Any family of a veteran can request our Honor Guard service through the funeral director. There is no charge for the funeral service, but a donation will be accepted and appreciated since this is our major source of funds. In 2022 we honored 68 Veterans.

**2. The annual Memorial Day Parade and ceremony at the Emmaus Memorial Triangle.**

This event was organized, funded, and presented by us with the assistance of Borough employee's and council members.

**3. Flag ceremonies for schools and other community events.**

The Honor Guard presents the Colors at the Borough of Emmaus Annual Flag Day Ceremony.

**4. Honor Guard service as requested from community organizations.**

We recently were asked to perform our services at a golf benefit which raised funds to provide a service dog for a veteran.

**5. Place flag at gravesite of veterans at local cemeteries prior to Memorial Day each year.**

Also Reflag worn and torn flags at cemeteries as necessary.

**6. Make monetary donations to veterans and to organizations that help veterans.**

During the past year donations were made to the Allentown Rescue Mission, Catholic War Veterans Ladies Auxiliary, Support the Troops, and Folds of Honor whose mission is to provide educational scholarships to family members of fallen or disabled veterans.

The Emmaus Veterans Committee is currently seeking new members to continue the work of the Committee. The Committee meets on the second Wednesday of every other month at 2:00 p.m. at the Citizen's Fire Company #2, Pennsylvania Ave. in Emmaus. If you are interested in joining, there are no dues and uniforms are provided, please contact Joe Kavchok by phone at 484-951-3290 or email kavchok@gmail.com.

## EMMAUS HERITAGE FESTIVAL

On Saturday September 16, 2023, the Emmaus Heritage Alliance will hold their annual Heritage Festival on the grounds of the Emmaus Historical Society from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at 218 Main Street, Emmaus. The Alliance is celebrating 31 years as a forum for historic issues within the Borough. It was created in 1992 by former Borough Council Member Rick Zayaitz as a way for local historic groups to meet and discuss common goals. It has since become a valuable tool for planning events and promoting the heritage of Emmaus.

History really can be fun! The festival will include inside and outside displays of its member groups, good food, entertainment, and children's activities. It will also include demonstrations such as weaving, blacksmithing, candle making, PA long rifle lore, animals, and hands-on children's activities presented by the Wildlands Conservancy.

We are partnering on that same day with the Emmaus Main Street Partners' "Farewell to Summer" event downtown. Heritage Alliance members include the Emmaus Historical Society, Shelter House Society, Knauss Homestead Preservation Society, the Friends of the 1803 House, the Emmaus Public Library, Emmaus Moravian Church, and the Emmaus Main Street Partners. Please join us for a day filled with interesting history and fun for the whole family.



## Emmaus Woman's Club Celebrates 70 Years of Honoring Young Women

The 70th Anniversary of the Woman's Club of Emmaus, "Girls of the Month" celebration took place on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of Emmaus High School.

Since 1953, the Woman's Club of Emmaus has sponsored a program entitled Girl of the Month. At the beginning of each school year, Department Heads within Emmaus High School are contacted with a request that the Music, Journalism, Art, Family and Consumer Science, Business/Computer, Drama, Science, and Mathematics Departments select an outstanding senior girl in the department.

In the past, the Woman's Club have honored a girl each month. A few years ago, the Woman's Club decided to honor all eight girls on the same day in the Month of March, National Woman's History Month. During the month of March, the country recognizes and celebrates the diverse and significant historical contributions of women. Today, we are celebrating the accomplishments of these Emmaus High School Senior girls and anticipate that they will continue to meet with success.

### **Congratulations to the 2023 Woman's Club of Emmaus "Girls of the Month" winners:**

**Art** – Taylor Hiestand, Zionsville

**Business/Computer Application** – Cheyenne Fenstermaker, Macungie

**Drama** – Maeve Yanes, Macungie

**Family/Consumer Science** – Autumn Feldmann, Zionsville

**Journalism** – Elizabeth Duerholz, Lower Macungie

**Mathematics** – Julia McDonnell, Macungie

**Music** – Sophia Isom, Lower Macungie

**Science** – Maryn Schellenberg, Emmaus

**Congratulations!**

## Welcome Brent and Eric!

Perhaps you have noticed two new faces within the Zoning and Codes Department! The Borough welcomed Brent Reed to the department in March. Mr. Reed is a familiar face within the Borough, as he served within the Public Works Department and was the leader of the Parks division. Mr. Reed is a highly skilled craftsman. He received his Building Code Official Certification in June and is working on his training within the Department. Mr. Reed is a long-time resident of Emmaus. He raised two sons and was a fixture with youth sports while they were growing up. Next time you see Brent Reed out and about, stop and say hello!

The Borough welcomed Eric Fuhrmann to the department in June where he serves as the Department Manager. Mr. Fuhrmann comes to the Borough from a third-party inspection agency. He holds his Master Codes Official Certification, which is only held by 900 individuals in the United States. Mr. Fuhrmann brings to the Borough years of experience and a helpful spirit! Mr. Fuhrmann resides in Berks County with his wife and two sons. Please help us in welcoming Eric Fuhrmann to the Borough of Emmaus!

*Welcome!*



## Permits are Required

Do you need a building or zoning permit? Applications are available online! Download applications for permits right off of our website at: [www.emmauspa.gov](http://www.emmauspa.gov)

On the website home page, under the Services drop down menu, click on "Forms/Applications" and choose which application you need. Simply fill it out and return the completed application to Borough Hall at 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus so we can begin processing your permit. If you have any questions about permits, please call the Zoning Department at 610-967-1322 or email [efuhrmann@emmauspa.gov](mailto:efuhrmann@emmauspa.gov) or [breed@emmauspa.gov](mailto:breed@emmauspa.gov).

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

## Moving Permits

A moving permit is required for any individual or family moving in, out, or within the Borough. The permit application can be obtained by visiting the Borough website at: [www.emmauspa.gov](http://www.emmauspa.gov) or in person at the Cashier's office, located at 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus. The permit and the \$1.00 fee are filed with the Cashier at Town Hall. If you have any questions, please call Yashira at 610-965-0702.



## Health & Safety Corner for FALL – A Message from the Board of Health

### PREVENTING INFLUENZA

Flu viruses are constantly changing. The composition of U.S. flu vaccines is reviewed annually by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee and updated as needed to best match the flu viruses research indicates will be most common during the upcoming season. The 2023-2024 season U.S. flu vaccines will contain an updated influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 component:

- A/Victoria/4897/2022 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus for egg-based vaccines and
- A/Wisconsin/67/2022 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus for cell-based or recombinant vaccines.

The main change in the flu vaccine recommendations is related to giving flu vaccine to people with egg allergies. Most flu vaccines today continue to be produced using an egg-based manufacturing process and therefore contain a small amount of egg proteins, such as ovalbumin. While ACIP has previously recommended that all people 6 months and older with egg allergy should be vaccinated for flu, in the past there have been additional safety measures recommended for administration of egg-based flu vaccine to people who have had severe allergic reactions to egg. The ACIP voted that people with egg-allergy may receive any flu vaccine (egg-based or non-egg based) that is otherwise appropriate for their age and health status. Additional safety measures are no longer recommended for flu vaccination beyond those recommended for receipt of any vaccine.

How well flu vaccine works can depend in part on the match between the vaccine viruses and circulating viruses. Preliminary



estimates show that last season, people who were vaccinated against flu were about 40% to 70% less likely to be hospitalized because of flu illness or related complications.

The recommended timing of flu vaccination has not changed. September and October are the best times for most people to get vaccinated. Flu vaccination in July and August is not recommended for most people, but there are several considerations regarding vaccination in July and August for specific groups of people:

- For adults (especially those 65 years old and older) and pregnant people in the first and second trimester, vaccination in July and August should be avoided unless it won't be possible to vaccinate in September or October.
- Pregnant people who are in their third trimester can get a flu vaccine in July or August in order to ensure their babies are protected from flu after birth, when they are too young to get vaccinated.
- Children who need two doses of flu vaccine should get their first dose of vaccine as soon as vaccine becomes available. The second dose should be given at least four weeks after the first.
- Vaccination in July or August can be considered for children who have health care visits during these months, if there might not be another opportunity to vaccinate them. For example, some children might have medical visits in the late summer before school starts and might not return to see a health care provider in September or October.

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## Curbside Leaf Collection

Barring any complications with weather, equipment or emergencies, the Borough of Emmaus will begin its 2023 Curbside Leaf Collection Program on Monday, October 23, 2023, continuing through Friday, December 8, 2023. **The Borough is unable to set specific pick-up dates for leaf pick-up for individual streets.** We recommend that you have them raked out at the beginning of each week. Once the Public Works Department has made a pass through your street, they will not return until the following week. The Public Works Department will collect 2x a week for 6 weeks during the fall season. Please be advised that if the Borough encounters winter weather and must plow, any leaves in the road will be plowed. Every attempt will be made to clean the roads prior to winter. For FINAL COLLECTION the week of December 4th through December 8th, please have your leaves out on Monday morning (December 4th) of the final week. Once we have made our final pass on your street, we will not return.

- If there are low hanging branches overhanging the roadway, the Borough's leaf truck may not be able to pick up the leaves. Please make sure that all overhanging branches are trimmed prior to winter.
- Please rake all leaves to the curb into long narrow rows not more than 18" into the road. Leaves placed on the sidewalk will not be collected. The Public Works Department will not empty bags or other containers; this is the responsibility of the resident. Branches, shrubbery, grass, garbage, dog waste, and other building materials will not be picked up.
- Leaves will not be collected on private property. If leaves are not in place when the crews go by, they will be picked up on the following round through the Borough. No "return trips" will be made to pick them up.
- Residents who have areas designated as "No Parking" (yellow painted curbs) are encouraged to pile leaves at these locations for easier pick up.
- Piles with anything other than leaves **will not** be picked up. These objects will cause damage to the leaf pickup units and put them

out of service at a great expense of time and money to the Borough and its residents.

- Do not place tarps over your leaves. The Public Works Department will bypass them, and they will not be collected.
- To help facilitate the picking up of the leaves, please keep all vehicles away from the area where the leaves are piled. The Public Works Department will not rake piles of leaves out from between parked cars or from under them.
- Do not pile leaves on or around storm drains as this will cause flooding issues and create unsafe driving conditions.

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

### COMPOST SITE HOURS OF OPERATION

**Closed in observance of Holidays: Monday, September 4th, Friday, November 10th, and Friday, November 24th**

**Open: 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.)

The Compost Site will close for the season on Saturday, December 2nd, but will reopen on Monday, December 11th through Friday, December 15th from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for additional leaf and yard waste drop-off.

**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.



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The 1803 House was constructed by Jacob Ehrenhardt, Jr., son of one of the original founders of Emmaus. It is constructed of local fieldstone and natural materials in the Federal Style with a Georgian influence. Jacob constructed his house using local natural materials (fieldstone, wood, millwork and sawn wood shingles). One of the prominent features of this house is the fieldstone cornerstones. To construct a fieldstone house, you need to accurately layout the four corners and square them up. The cornerstones are carefully dressed fieldstone of various shapes and sizes. On a sunny day you will notice that each stone is a unique color.



The other feature of the stonework is how accurately they are placed. The stones are set using a plumb line (a weighted string) and level. The stones are woven course by course and supported with smaller stones course by course and is a great example of superior colonial workmanship. The house was built like a fortress with many windows, and the interior is filled with light.

Our community is filled with cornerstones of a different type. The community is filled with cornerstones of history, including the Shelter House, Knauss Homestead, 1803 House, Emmaus Historical Society, Emmaus Moravian Church, God's Acre, and others. They all have the same mission - telling the story of Emmaus, Pennsylvania. Take the time to visit these special places and walk on the footsteps of history.



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