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The Halloween Parade: An Emmaus Tradition – Presented by Xfinity Join us for the Emmaus Halloween Parade - October 18th It will be a Spooktacular event!



Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 18th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. for the much-awaited Emmaus Halloween Parade. In case of rain, the parade will be held on Sunday, October 19th, at 6:30 p.m. All participants must be registered, and registration forms are available on the Borough website, www.emmauspa.gov, or the parade website, www.emmausparade.com. The deadline for registration is October 11th, 2025.

We are happy to announce that Xfinity will be the presenting sponsor for the 2025 parade! Xfinity and Comcast Business are bringing their reliable, high-speed Internet network to Emmaus (residents and businesses can visit www.xfinity.com/mytown and enter their addresses for additional details on construction timing and upcoming service availability).

We would love to see more businesses and groups join the fun in 2025!

Participation Criteria for businesses and groups:

- 1. Business/Group Floats:** Your business name can be displayed on the vehicle pulling the float. Decorate both the vehicle and float with a Halloween theme.
- 2. Marchers/Participants:** Participants can wear shirts with the business name, but they should also be in Halloween costumes that match the float's theme.
- 3. Float Banners:** The back or side of your float can have a banner with a message like "Happy Halloween from [Your Company]". The business name should not dominate the banner.
- 4. No Branded Giveaways:** You can hand out store-bought candy, but please avoid giving out items like toothbrushes or pens with your company logo.

Please remember, we reserve the right to refuse participation to those who do not meet these criteria. Stick to the guidelines to help make the parade an even bigger and more fun event for everyone!

Rules and Regulations:

To ensure the safety of all participants and spectators, please adhere to the following rules:

1. No drilling or exhibitions of any type.
2. No bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, scooters, or motorcycles unless they are part of a float. Three- or four-wheelers are allowed only if pulling a float.
3. Licensed vehicles must be fully decorated in a Halloween theme or pulling a float.
4. No open fires, fireworks, or alcoholic beverages.
5. Do not throw or project anything, including candy, silly string, or coins. Handing out candy is permitted, but it should not be thrown from floats or vehicles. This is for safety reasons. It can be very difficult for float drivers to see the children during the parade.
6. No excessive business advertising and **NO** political advertising.

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Borough of Emmaus

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Borough Contact Information

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Borough Manager's Admin. Asst.	610-965-0701
Moving Permits	610-965-0702
Pavilion Rentals	610-965-0702
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Fire Inspector	610-965-0719
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Police non-emergency	610-967-3113
Public Works Director	610-965-0723
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Other Important Phone Numbers

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

The Halloween Parade: An Emmaus Tradition *continued from cover*

7. A concession permit is required for anyone selling items along the parade route, including outside sales by stores at fixed locations. We will also have food trucks located on the Emmaus Borough parking lot on Main Street.

Volunteer Opportunities:

The Halloween Parade Committee needs more volunteers to help our traditions grow! We could really use some more help on the night of the parade. Consider volunteering for one of the following positions:

- **Division Captains:** Format the division and walk with the parade to keep it secure and orderly. (5:30 p.m. until the parade ends) Eight to ten Division Captains are needed.
- **Float Formation Area:** Line up all the floats according to the parade format. (5:00 p.m. until the parade starts) Four to six volunteers are needed.
- **Parade Walkers:** Walk with a parade division to help ensure everyone's safety. You would be needed by 6:30 PM until the parade ends. We could use 8 to 10 more volunteers.

Meetings:

Halloween Parade Committee Meetings are held every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. starting September 18th, with the final meeting on Thursday, October 16th, at 7:00 p.m. Meetings will be held in the Community Room at Borough Hall, 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus.

For more information or volunteering opportunities, please email EmmausParade@aol.com.

Let's make this Halloween a memorable and magical event for the whole community! We would like to thank Xfinity for their support of this year's parade.



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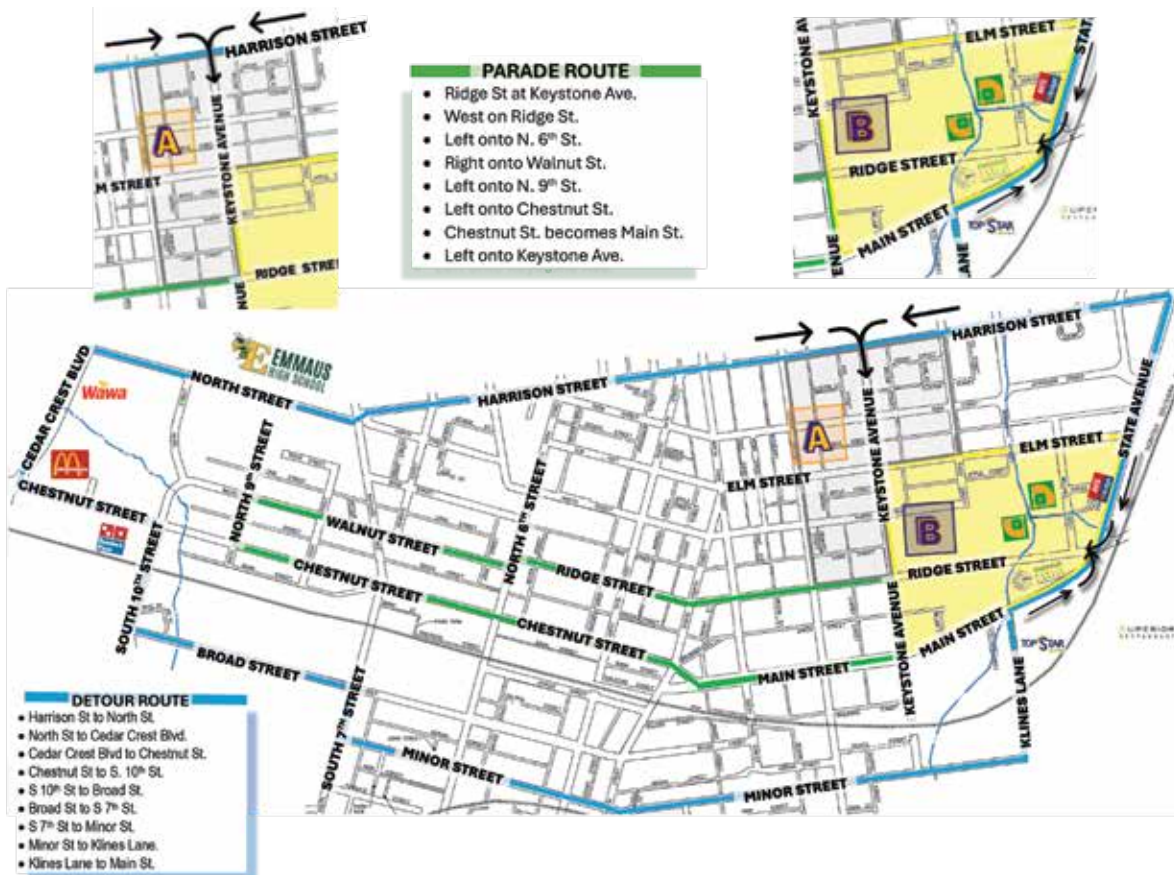
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Hours: Monday-Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday & Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Fall 2025



**Our virtual library is open 24/7
at www.emmauspl.org**

Closed at 5:00 p.m. November 26-27 for Thanksgiving, Closed December 24, 25 & 31 for the Winter holidays

Note about Donations

The library is accepting donations of gently used materials to be sold by the Friends group at the Book Nook in the library. Donations are accepted anytime the library is open. Please bring items into the library to be assessed by our staff and volunteers. Do not put them in the outdoor Better World Books bin. Thanks!

The Sound of Music with Patrick Kerssen

Come on out to the Emmaus Public Library and enjoy the music of the iconic 1965 movie musical in this concert/lecture event! Hear live music from pianist Patrick Kerssen, sing along with jazz renditions of beloved songs from the film, and learn all the behind-the-scenes details of the movie, song by song.

Community Heroes Day – October 2nd, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Come and meet our first responders, Community Heroes, in the Emmaus Public Library parking lot! We welcome everyone to join us in celebrating the Vera Cruz fire company, Emmaus Fire company, Emmaus Police, and Emmaus Ambulance Corps in this evening, outdoor, drop in event. Try on the firefighter gear, climb up behind the steering wheel of a fire truck or ambulance, and meet our local heroes. Rain date: October 16th.

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Monthly Events:

The Emmaus Public Library hosts a variety of events and classes for all ages every month. Please visit our website www.emmauspl.org for the most current schedule and to see all of our special event offerings. Register online using our event calendar.

- **Daytime Book Group:** 1st Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Some copies are available to borrow at the front desk.
 - **Pinterest Party:** 1st Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. All supplies for the first 24 people are provided. Register online at <https://emmauspl.org/calendar/events/>
 - **Crochet Club:** Weekly on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Drop in for our 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 4-6:00 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.
 - **Memoir Writing Group:** 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Join author Jerry Waxler and others on a ZOOM videoconference to write about your life.
 - **Storytime:** Weekly on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Toddlers and preschoolers are invited to join us with their adults for stories, singing, crafts, and fun!
 - **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 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 There is no registration needed. Bring your own books or choose one from the library.
- ** Please send Adult Event RSVPs to Christine by email to cweider@emmauspl.org, and send Kids & Teens Event RSVPs to Miss Sue by email to sm Monroe@emmauspl.org*

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Knauss Homestead Preservation Society

The Knauss Homestead: A Future Grounded in History

As we approach America's 250th anniversary, the Knauss Homestead stands at a powerful crossroads—honoring our colonial past while investing in a vibrant, meaningful future for generations to come. Once the thriving heart of a working farmstead at the center of early Emmaus, the homestead is embracing its next chapter with a series of carefully planned initiatives that preserve, protect, and illuminate its remarkable story.

Investing in Structural Safety and Stability

One of our foremost priorities is the restoration and fortification of our historic barn, a structure that has long stood as a symbol of the region's agricultural roots. Thanks to community support and forward-looking stewardship, we are addressing critical structural and safety concerns. These investments ensure the barn can continue to serve as a gathering place, educational space, and centerpiece of our America250 celebrations and beyond. Every beam we strengthen and every foundation we secure is an act of preservation—and promise.

Bringing the Past to Life Through Antiques

To authentically represent the daily life and industrious spirit of the early Knauss family, we are actively acquiring period-appropriate antiques and artifacts that reflect the homestead's heritage as a colonial farmstead. These items sourced locally and with care, help tell the story of the homestead not just as a structure, but as a living, breathing part of Pennsylvania's early settlement history. From tools and furnishings to agricultural implements and kitchenware, each acquisition helps us paint a richer, more accurate picture of life in 18th-century Emmaus.

Enhancing Our Historical Research Resources

History is not static—it's a conversation between past and present. That's why we are working to expand and enhance our historical research resources for the local community. Our aim is to build a welcoming, accessible archive that supports students, historians, genealogists, and curious visitors alike. Through improved documentation, digitization, and interpretive programming, the Knauss Homestead will continue to serve as a vital link to the past while supporting scholarship, discovery, and civic pride.

Help Us Grow: Become a Member

The best way to support our mission as we grow is by becoming a member of the Knauss Homestead Preservation Society. Membership helps fund critical restoration efforts, educational programs, and community outreach—ensuring this historic treasure remains a vibrant part of our shared future. Membership options and benefits are available at KnaussHomestead.org/membership.

As we prepare for 2026, we invite you to join us—not only to celebrate history but to help shape it. With your continued support, the Knauss Homestead will remain a beacon of colonial heritage, a center for education and engagement, and a proud cornerstone of the Emmaus community.

Let's build the future by honoring the roots that made it possible.



The Emmaus Remembrance Garden - A Way to Remember - Honoring Our Memories, One Brick at a Time

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The 18th annual Veterans' Bricks Installation Ceremony was held on May 24, 2025, where eleven 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. A presentation of a "Friend of the Garden" brick was given to the Emmaus Veterans Honor Guard; this special group has been with us every year with their Rifle Salute and Taps and we appreciate their support and friendship. Thanks also go to the Emmaus Commemorative Gardens Foundation Board of Directors, Emmaus Veterans Committee, Borough of Emmaus Public Works, Emmaus Lions Club, Emmaus Rotary Club, Emmaus Kiwanis Club and Knauss Homestead Preservation Society.

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! We have a beautiful space set aside in the Borough that is 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.

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.

Are you a Veteran, Emmaus Church or Emmaus Emergency Services (Community Hero)? Contact us for a special discount.

EMMAUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

218 Main St., Emmaus, PA 18049, 610-966-6591, www.emmaushistoricalsociety.org

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



Emmaus Historical Society Banner Art

Summer has always been a celebratory time in the Borough of Emmaus. Starting in 1909 with the Golden Jubilee, which commemorated 50 years since the Borough was incorporated in the summer of 1859. This was followed by the 1934 Diamond Jubilee, the 1959 Centennial Celebration, the 1984 Homecoming (125 years), and the 2009 Anniversary for the Sesquicentennial (150 years) and 250 years since our founding. Of course, we didn't let America's 1976 Bicentennial go by without a celebration.

Let's not forget the celebrations held by the Fire Departments. 1925 was a Four County Firemen's Convention held in the Borough of Emmaus. In 1949 and 1952 new trucks were paraded as part of the housing of the new equipment. In 1971 the Firemen's Centennial celebrated 100 years since the founding of the Fire Department.

The Society and Borough enjoy many events throughout the year, and these events include the involvement, cooperation and support of the Emmaus Historical sites, area Historical Societies and participation in community events. Working together benefits us all!

Mark Your Calendar - our upcoming programs are not to be missed! Programs are held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 501 Chestnut Street and are free to the public and members and non-members are welcome:

September 17: The Silk Mills of Emmaus, Their History and Heritage, presented by Jeanne Harakal.

October 15: Hess's Department Store: An Icon From the Past, presented by the Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum.

November 19: The Story of the First PA German Thanksgiving, presented by Jason Searock.

Saturday, September 20th: Join us on the grounds of the Emmaus Historical Society for the annual Emmaus Heritage Festival. Partners of the Emmaus Heritage Alliance and Emmaus Historic Commission and neighboring Historical Societies will be on site for your enjoyment and will highlight demonstrations of quilting, weaving, blacksmithing, basket weaving, pottery making, chair caning and gun smithing. This is also in conjunction with Emmaus Main Street Partners Farewell to Summer event to be held at Emmaus Triangle Park.

The Society's Museum committee appreciates all donations of memorabilia that came from, was used or enjoyed by those in Emaus/Emmaus. Currently, the Society is looking for Emmaus High School Graduation/Commencement Announcements from the following years: 1917, 1920, 1921, 1923, 1931, 1950, 1979, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1991, 2000, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2025. Call the office at 610-966-6591 to inquire whether what you have is what they want. Also, don't throw out those old photos if the people or places are from Emaus/Emmaus.

The Emmaus Historical Society appreciates you, our community members. Please consider becoming a member and a volunteer. Our work continues the legacy of our town. Visit the website at www.emmaushistoricalsociety.org to complete an online membership form or call 610-966-6591 to learn more.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram.



Borough Employees Volunteer at Hydromania



On May 8, 2025, four Borough employees volunteered at Hydromania, held on the campus of Cedar Crest College. Now in its 22nd year, Hydromania is put on by the Lehigh Valley Water Suppliers Group and is all about "water." One Borough employee has volunteered since the inception of the event, while for others this was their first year. Hundreds of 3rd and 4th graders from schools across the Lehigh Valley spend their day at Hydromania

learning about water and why it's so important to the world around us. Students participated in a variety of interactive exhibits and learning stations, each of which answered different water-themed questions. They learned about water treatment plants, created bracelets, book bag charms, and met the event's famous mascot, Dewy, the drop. The event aims to generate curiosity, excitement, and understanding about all things water, while developing a new generation of water stewards.



EMMAUS HERITAGE FESTIVAL

On Saturday Sept. 20th the Emmaus Heritage Alliance will hold their annual Heritage Festival on the grounds of the Emmaus Historical Society at 218 Main St, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Alliance is celebrating 33 years as a forum for historic issues within the Borough. It was created in 1992 at the urging of 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 for 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 demonstrators such as weaving, pottery making, blacksmithing, PA long rifle lore, as well as animals and hands-on children's activities by the Wildlands Conservancy.

We are partnering on that same day with the Emmaus Main Street Partners' "Farewell to Summer" event held in the 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.

The Emmaus
Heritage Alliance



Building Momentum for Emmaus—Together

The Emmaus Community Foundation (ECF) continues its mission to preserve the charm and strengthen the future of our Borough through impactful projects and community partnerships.

Thanks to the generosity of Wingstop Charities, ECF recently secured funding to repair one of the footbridges at Emmaus Community Park. This structure will soon be restored to provide safe, scenic access for generations to come.

We're also excited to announce that ECF received a Main Street Grant from the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce Foundation, which will fund the installation of new benches in Emmaus's downtown area. These additions will provide inviting spots to rest, connect, and enjoy the heart of our town.

In other exciting news, ECF is now the new home of the Emmaus 4 Mile Classic! We've proudly taken over this cherished community event from the Lehigh Valley Road Runners and are already planning for the next race on April 12, 2026. Mark your calendars!

These projects build on our current focus areas, including improvements to Emmaus Community Park, Lions Park, Furnace Dam Park, and Boro Line Park, as well as initiatives supporting historic preservation and public art. Every step we take is rooted in our belief that Emmaus's best days are ahead and that we get there faster together.



To learn more, volunteer, or make a donation, visit emmauscommunityfoundation.org or scan the QR code.

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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, or attend one of our monthly meetings. The meeting dates/times can be found on the borough's website at www.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 to explore volunteer options.

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THE EMMAUS VETERANS COMMITTEE

The Emmaus Veterans Committee Thanks YOU!

The Emmaus Veterans Committee (EVC) would like to recognize our own members, Ben Brown and John Eyer, for their dedication and commitment in bringing about the transformation of Emmaus Veterans Memorial Triangle Park.

The past Emmaus Memorial Day program was held at the newly dedicated and beautifully landscaped park. Thank you to Still Waters Ground Maintenance of Emmaus who designed and completed the project along with Borough of Emmaus Public Works employees. EVC is grateful to all who donated towards our Veterans Memorial Park. If you haven't seen the changes, please stop by the park and be pleasantly surprised.

The EVC is still accepting donations to cover maintenance costs of the Veterans Memorial Triangle Park.

Checks should be made payable and mailed to:

EMMAUS VETERANS COMMITTEE

PO Box 161

Emmaus, PA 18049

The Emmaus Veterans Committee seeks honorably discharged veterans for membership and participation in the Honor Guard. The Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesdays in January, March, May, September, November & December at 1:00 p.m. at Citizen's Fire Co.#2, 1017 Pennsylvania Avenue, Emmaus, PA 18049. For more information, please contact Joe Kavchok at Kavchok@gmail.com



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Saying Goodbye

We said one last goodbye to our beloved firefighter April Lubenetski on Saturday May 31st. April received a hero's goodbye from the members of our community, the members of the Lehigh Township Community, and members of our emergency services community from around the Lehigh Valley and the entire state, as Lehigh County did one final dispatch, and April took one last ride across the county. April impacted so many lives through her life's commitment to emergency services, working in the healthcare field, and as a volunteer on the county animal rescue team. She will be missed by all of us. She and her husband Shawn, a Captain in our Fire Department, have dedicated their lives to serving others. We will never forget the impact that April has had on our world. May you rest in peace April.



April Rae (Bond) Lubenetski obituary

51 years of age and resident of Lehigh Township, passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends on Monday evening May 19, 2025 while receiving excellent care at the Saint Lukes Brian D. Perin Hospice House in Lower Saucon Township. She is a Master Firefighter for the Emmaus Fire Department and a Firefighter/EMT for Lehigh Township Volunteer Fire Company #1.

Born in Allentown, she was a daughter of Ronald and Sue Ellen (Nothstein) Bond, and the loving wife of Shawn Michael Lubenetski since 2000.

April was a member of the Emmaus Fire Department for over 24 years and volunteer with the Lehigh Valley County Animal Rescue Team. She was a Firefighter/EMT, and previous member of Han-Le-Co and Catasauqua Fire Departments. April was a Rescue & HAZMAT Specialist with Lehigh County Special Operations and PA USAR Co #3. April has over 26 years in the Emergency Services.

"April has dedicated more than two decades of her life serving the citizens of Emmaus & surrounding areas of Lehigh and Northampton Counties" "During her tenure, April served with steadfast courage, unwavering determination, and honor. Her character, compassion, and dedication to her fellow firefighters shall never be forgotten."

Lehigh Township Fire Company announced that April served with the Fire Company starting in 2008. Despite her diagnosis, she was still seen at the fire company's events that she could physically go to. "Her commitment and dedication to public safety will never be forgotten," the post reads. "Our hearts go out to all who served by her side."

April was a Lead Customer Service Representative for United HealthCare. She attained her Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Northampton Community College, with specialized training in Alcohol and Chemical Dependency Counseling.

April loved to travel to Disney World, the Outer Banks 4x4 beach house, the Finger Lakes, Maine, Yellowstone National Park, and just about anywhere with her friends. But her ultimate pleasure was spending time with Godchildren, nieces and nephews. April was a very selfless person and would make sacrifices so others could succeed.

Surviving beside her husband and parents are Godchildren Hunter Bond, Gavin and Corban Underwood, Thomas Andrews, Vera Rose and Cullen Krische; brothers Andrew Bond, Freddie Solivan, Wilson Solivan with Olga and brother-in-law Christopher Lubenetski; sisters Aida Solivan and sister-in-law Heather Defiore.

Services will begin at 9:00 a.m. Saturday May 31, 2025 with Prayers and Last Call at Emmaus Fire Department 100 North Sixth Street in Emmaus. Her procession will travel to Bethany Wesleyan Church 675 Blue Mountain Drive Cherryville, PA 18035 for Services at 11:00 am. Her Last Call will be bestowed after the Services, followed by a procession through the Township, ending at Lehigh Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 with a Celebration of Life luncheon.

A Firefighters Scholarship Fund is being established in April's name. Please make checks payable to Shawn M. Lubenetski and mail to 444 Pershing Blvd. Whitehall, PA 18052-6411.

Council Promotes Adam Priest to Deputy Director of Emergency Services



We are excited to announce the promotion of Ambulance Chief Adam Priest as our new Deputy Director of Emergency Services / Ambulance Chief. Chief Priest will continue to serve as Ambulance Chief and will take on a greater role in helping to lead our Fire Department with Chief Miller and our entire team of emergency services employees.

Chief Priest has been employed in our Ambulance Department since early 2022 as a paramedic, when he was quickly promoted to Assistant Ambulance Chief. He was promoted to Ambulance Chief in March 2024 and has worked very hard with his team to improve our services and reputation in being a leader in ambulance services in the Lehigh Valley.

Prior to working in our EMS Department, Chief Priest served 21 years as a lead paramedic for Crozer Health and several years with Keystone Quality Assist. With that said, Adam returned home to Emmaus to serve on our team, as he first began his career in 1996 as a part-time firefighter in the Emmaus Fire Department, and served as an EMT from 1997 – 2002 in our Ambulance Department.

We look forward to Chief Priest's expanded leadership role in helping lead our emergency services departments for many years to come. Congratulations Chief Priest!

Council Hires Keith Miller as Director of Emergency Services

We are excited to announce the appointment of Keith Miller as our new Director of Emergency Services. Keith has served as our Deputy Director since 2019. Upon Chief Price's retirement in late 2024, Chief Miller served as Acting Director and Fire Chief. Per Ordinance, the Borough conducted a hiring search and interviewed numerous candidates. We are proud to announce that Chief Miller stood out and was formerly hired as our new Director and Fire Chief.

Previous to Chief Miller's appointment in 2019, he previously served as the Battalion Chief of Warrington Township for 5 years, and as the Volunteer Battalion Chief of Montgomery Township prior to that. He previously served as the volunteer Fire Chief of Elkins Park Fire Company and was a Lieutenant and EMT at Second Alarmer's Rescue Squad, dating back to 2003.

Chief Miller recently completed his master's degree in Fire Executive Leadership / Emergency Services Management and holds a bachelor's degree in public safety administration. He has numerous certifications as well as numerous civil recognitions, including honors such as the Good Citizenship Award, EMT of the Year, Legislative Acknowledgement, and numerous Service Recognition awards. He is currently the President of the Lehigh County Fire Chief's Association and serves in numerous other professional associations. He has worked very hard with the entire emergency services team to make our fire and ambulance departments among the best in the region.

Congratulations Chief Miller, as we are proud of your accomplishment and look forward to you leading our Fire and EMS Departments for years to come!



A Message from U.S. Congressman Ryan Mackenzie

Dear Neighbors,

As your representative in the US Congress here in Greater Lehigh Valley, I want to keep you updated on the work I'm doing on your behalf in Washington.

Throughout the next two years, I'll be leading efforts and voting on bills with the goal of making our region safer and more prosperous. And while we have a busy term ahead of us in Congress, my top priority is always the same: ensuring that you have access to the resources and assistance you need. Whether it's navigating Social Security and Medicare, securing veterans' benefits, assistance getting a passport, or addressing concerns with a federal agency, my team and I are here to help. Every day, we are working to ensure that the government works for you, not against you, and that you receive the services and support you deserve.

To better serve you, we have established district offices throughout the area. Our District Headquarters is located at 1125 S Cedar Crest Blvd, Suite 109 (bottom floor), in Allentown, and can be reached at 484-781-6000. Additionally, we have opened a Downtown Allentown Office at 840 W Hamilton St, Suite 200, which offers services in both English and Spanish; you can contact this office at 484-781-6932. Carbon County residents will be able to visit our office at 1163 Interchange Rd, Suite C, in Lehigh, PA 18235; our team there can be reached at 570-807-0333. For residents in Northampton County, we have an office at 2151 Emrick Blvd, Suite 204, Bethlehem, PA 18020, which can be reached at 610-333-1170. Each of these offices is staffed with knowledgeable team members ready to assist you from Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

As a former Pennsylvania State Representative, I know how important our district office services can be for residents trying to navigate the bureaucracy or address issues. That's why providing excellent constituent services is one of my top priorities. Regardless of the question or issue you may have; my office is here to help. If we can't directly assist, we'll do our best to connect you with someone who can.

I also invite you to keep up with what's happening in Congress and how it affects our community by subscribing to my newsletter. You'll receive updates on my work to secure our border, deliver for working families, and unleash economic prosperity. You can sign up by visiting <https://mackenzie.house.gov/contact/newsletter-subscribe>.

It is an honor to represent you, and I'm looking forward to fighting for you here in the Greater Lehigh Valley and in Washington. Should you have any questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of our offices.

Sincerely,
U.S. Congressman Ryan Mackenzie

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Ongoing Sewer Rehab Work

We have previously announced that the Borough is part of the shared responsibility to make significant upgrades to the Allentown Sewer Plant at Klines Island. This project is going to cost the region somewhere around \$300 million, with each municipality being required to pay its share. Along with that, it is expected that each municipality will continue to remove rainwater, groundwater, and runoff water from the sewer system. Over the past decade, the Borough has worked hard to accomplish this, however, we have a lot of work to continue to do. The Borough Manager recently obtained a \$425,000 Small Water & Sewer Grant to continue to work on removing inflow and infiltration of water from the sewer system. This project was awarded for construction during the Summer. The contractor will be making repairs to upwards of 100 manholes throughout the Borough. It will include rebuilding the manhole chimneys, replacing lids with water-tight lids, and making the manhole resistant from groundwater entering. A very large portion of the water entering into the sewer system is from rainwater entering through manholes.

Another area of infiltration is through leaky pipes underground. Often, this is a result of tree root infiltration or old pipes. Our sewer system was originally constructed between 1959 and 1962, making it the 2nd oldest system in Lehigh County. This also makes our pipes the 2nd oldest in Lehigh County. These pipes were often made from material that was not designed for the type of impact, road weight, resistance to roots, and earth movement that we experience in today's world. This makes many of our pipes susceptible to taking on underground water. Another initiative of the Borough continues to be to conduct lateral inspections at the time of a property sale, as it is found that these are often one of the leading sources of water infiltration. Moreover, our Public Works Department continues to use our sewer camera system to identify areas in our sewer mains that are cracked or are taking on water from underground springs or rainwater infiltration.

By eliminating this water from our sewage system, it helps the environment and helps prevent the sewer plant from having to dump raw sewage into the Lehigh River during a very heavy rainstorm. For example, our borough averages less than 1 million gallons per day of sewage to the sewer plant. However, when there is a very hard rainstorm, our meters show we are transporting nearly 5 million gallons. It's not because everyone panics and uses the bathroom facilities. It's because the rainwater is making its way to the system. If the Allentown Plant is overwhelmed and cannot hold the water coming in, there is only one alternative, which is to open the gates up and let the water / sewage out. This is not only an environmental hazard, but it is a violation of DEP regulations.

By continuing to focus on eliminating this issue in our community, we are helping with this environmental issue, and we are being compliant with DEP and EPA regulations.



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More Grant Funding

Our Borough staff continues to work hard to find creative ways to pay for infrastructure projects, equipment, and upgrades to the community. We partner with different organizations, and work with Borough Council to explore alternative ways to pay for different projects to continue the progression of our community. In 2024, Borough staff received \$2,069,282 in grant funds from 10 different grants. In 2025, the Borough has received approximately \$10 million in grant funding. It is important to understand that grants are very specific and can only be spent on the specific program allocated by the state. Not every project is eligible to be funded by grants. Moreover, grants are very competitive. For every grant the Borough receives, there is at least one or two that were not funded. However, we have been fairly successful in obtaining funding to help pay for different improvements.

Some of the more recent grants that we have received include:

- Our Borough Manager obtained a \$1,000 grant from the Lehigh Valley Chamber Foundation to add additional trash and recycling receptacles in the downtown.
- The Emmaus Community Foundation received a \$1,000 grant from the Lehigh Valley Chamber Foundation to replace benches downtown.
- The Emmaus Community Foundation received a \$3,867 grant from Wingstop to assist the Borough in making repairs and replacing the wood at the bridge to the swimming pool.
- Our Public Works Director obtained a \$200,000 PA DEP grant to help fund the replacement of our Leaf Collection Truck.
- Our Borough Manager obtained a \$80,000 CDBG grant to help replace the handicap curb ramps in the Borough, as mandated by the federal government.
- Our Director of Emergency Services and Borough Manager obtained a \$100,000 grant from Lehigh County to assist with the repairs of the fire tower.
- Our Director of Emergency Services obtained a \$100,000 grant from the PA Fire Commissioner to assist with repairs of the fire tower.

PFAS Building Construction Has Begun

It has been quite a long process to get to this point, but we are very happy to announce that construction on the PFAS mitigation project has begun at Well # 1 and Well # 2.

As we previously wrote, there has been a great deal of red tape to get to the point of construction, having navigated several different types of feasibility studies, hydraulic tests, capacity studies, PA DEP permitting, engineering, and navigating through the process to be able to pay for this massive \$11 million project. Now that it is all done, we have finally been able to put shovels to the ground.

Our Borough Manager, in partnership with Gannett Fleming Engineers, worked to obtain financing through Penn Vest, a primary funding source for large utility projects. Penn Vest originally awarded the Borough with \$11,780,000 in financing, with \$9,731,255 of that funding being awarded as grant funds. Once the project went out to bid, and all engineering, legal, and administrative fees were calculated, the funding was reduced, as the total project cost was reduced to \$9,396,000 due to bids being lower than expected. Penn Vest reduced funding proportionately to \$7,762,036 in grant money and \$1,633,964 in a loan. The loan interest rate is 1.743% for 5 years, and then 1% thereafter.

The project includes the reconstruction of both well pumps, the construction of a large building that will house 4 tanks that are approximately 25 feet high and nearly 12 feet wide, a lab and other

facilities, several underground tanks, and the associated plumbing and other infrastructure that is needed for the system. The system will be a carbon-based treatment system, with the four tanks treating the water as it comes through. Our wells pump up to 650 gallons of water per minute. This, accompanied with the level of PFAS concentration in the wells, is why the tanks need to be as large as they are, and the treatment system needs to be as robust as it is. The carbon will be changed out with new carbon to ensure the ongoing treatment is effective about every 10 months. The annual maintenance to do this will be approximately \$100,000 per year. The system is designed that the PFAS reading coming out of the tanks into the water system will read at "0".

The project timeline is as follows:

May – August: Site work / concrete, + EQ Tank
August – October: Building Construction
October – November: Masonry
November: GAC Tanks Arriving and Installation
November – March: Interior Work
March – May: Restoration Work



Additional Water Tank Rehabilitation

In addition to mitigating the PFAS in the water system, the Borough recently conducted inspections inside all the water holding tanks at our wells. It was discovered that the well tanks needed significant repairs. The study showed that there were significant repairs needed to each of the tanks, with the cost reaching over \$1.6 million. Our Borough Manager obtained a \$1.2 million H2O grant for the rehabilitation project.

The tank rehabilitation project includes sandblasting, patching, and repairing the inside and outside of each of the holding tanks, including repainting each tank. The cost to replace a small holding tank on a well is approximately \$4 million, and without making the necessary repairs, we would most likely need to replace at least 1 or 2 of the tanks within the next 5 to 10 years. This project extends the life expectancy of each tank by approximately 50 years, and ensures that no chipped paint, rust, or debris would be polluting the system, resulting in more treatment. To date, we have completed the work in one of the two large holding tanks on S. 5th Street, and the tank at the end of Macungie Avenue. Next year, the project will be completed with the remaining tanks being repaired.

Boy Scout Projects in the Borough

We are excited to be partnering with several local Boy Scouts in our community. As these boys are growing into young men, to obtain their Eagle Scout status, they are required to do a community project. Currently, three Boy Scouts in the community are either planning or are working on different projects.

Ethan Maurer is currently planning to reinstall a Gaga Pit at Emmaus Community Park. The previous Gaga Pit that was installed was unfortunately washed away in a flood. Ethan is planning to build a new pit a bit farther from the creek.

Isaac Maurer is also planning a project in the park. While plans aren't finalized, he is hoping to install new benches along the walking trail at Community Park.

Cenzo Roosa is currently planning a project as well, as he is possibly planning to rebuild the horseshoe pits at Community Park.



Chase Eiss has already begun his project. He has taken a very aggressive approach to his project, as he is building new dugouts at the South 4th Street Ballfield.

He has been fundraising for this project for several months, as it is projected to cost nearly \$7,000. He has been working with our Public Works Department in planning the project and has just begun working with them to rip out the old benches and dig holes for the new benches that have been ordered. In August, he will be building the dugout structure with a group of friends and peers.

To see more about his project or to donate towards it, please feel free to use our See My Legacy App by using the QR Code.



Borough Using See My Legacy Platform

The Borough is using a new platform called “See My Legacy”. The program is a community giving platform designed to allow different organizations to seek donations for different civic-driven initiatives, and to engage the community for different initiatives. It is designed to allow organizations to launch campaigns, manage participation such as volunteer sign-ups, and to increase community support for different initiatives. The program can be used to recognize individuals through memorial programs, such as when someone donates a bench in someone's name. A plaque is placed on that bench with a QR Code that links to a digital storyboard regarding the individual or organization being honored. Moreover, it is designed to help set up volunteer events, program funding, event sponsorships, capital projects, or even be used for interactive and educational tours.

Currently, we are partnering with several Borough organizations and a few individuals for different community initiatives. In the past, we have had numerous individuals ask if they could donate to the Summer Concerts online, rather than in cash. This platform allows for this. We are also using the program to sign up volunteers for our very exciting America 250 event next year. Additionally, Chase Eiss is using it to help raise funds for his Eagle Scout Project, with the Friends of the 1803 House using it to try to raise funds to replace their roof.

While we are just beginning to use the program, we encourage you to check it out. <https://app.seemylegacy.com/community/1610>

Wildlands Conservancy Trail Construction

The Borough is partnering with our friends at the Wildlands Conservancy to build additional trails through our community. Several years ago, the Borough sold land to Lehigh County in hopes that the land would ultimately be transformed into trails. The Wildlands Conservancy has undertaken this effort and has spent most of the past several years planning and laying out the trail. Construction of the trail began earlier this year.

Recently, the Borough entered into an agreement with the Conservancy to authorize them to continue building the trail through the woods near the Shelter House on S. 4th Street. The nature trail meanders through the woods and is several miles long. The Borough is also working to obtain an easement with a neighboring property owner to allow the trail to be built through the back edge of their property and to connect to the nature trail that is being built behind the new apartments on Furnace Street. Ultimately, the trail will connect from the bottom of S. 2nd Street, meander through the woods, and leads up the mountain towards the top of S. 2nd Street. There will be a trail head and improved parking area near the S. 4th Street ball fields.



A Message from the Emmaus Board of Health

Why Do More People Get Sick in the Winter?



“The **NOSE** is one of the first points of contact between the outside world and inside the body,” stated Dr Benjamin Bleier, director of Otolaryngology Translational Research at Mass. Eye and Ear, and a co-author of the study published in The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology.

According to their findings, a crucial frontline immune response, which occurs within nasal passages, becomes significantly less effective when the **nose** gets cold. At issue are microscopic structures known as EVs (extracellular vesicles) which are reduced when the nose is cold. In the presence of certain threats, including bacteria and some respiratory viruses, billions of EVs are released into the mucus of the nose, there, they surround and kill the invaders.

If your mother told you to wear a hat in the winter so you don’t, “catch a cold” she may have been on to something. Although you can get sick whether you wear a hat or not, scientists recently discovered that cold weather does play a role in your immune response – particularly within your nose. According to this new research, a decrease of just 9 degrees Fahrenheit in the tissue temperature of the nasal passages cut the number of EVs available to respond to a threat by more than 40%. The colder temperature also caused changes to the composition of the EVs that reduced their efficacy. The researchers theorize that all of this hampers the body’s ability to fight respiratory viruses and leads to the annual winter surge.

Some viruses peak in winter months including cold, RSV and COVID. While you can get sick any time of the year, doctors consider it, “Cold and Flu Season” when infections are highest, from October through March.

For years, it has been thought that cold and flu viruses are widespread during the winter months because chillier temperatures drive everyone indoors. Being near others in a group allows viruses to transfer from one person to another more easily. While this is true, we have a new understanding related to temperature.

Influenza symptoms include sore throat, stuffy and runny nose, sneezing, postnasal drip, all leading to fatigue, cough, bronchitis, and fever. It can also lead to pneumonia and other complications requiring hospitalization.

How do they know what to put in the vaccine for the 2025-2026 U.S. Influenza Season? Annually representatives from the Center for Disease Control, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Defense, and Public Health Experts meet to analyze and discuss the viruses that have been prevalent around the world to determine which strains we will see here during our flu season. This year’s recommendations are similar to the previous year’s strain selections.

There are three vaccines available, which one should I get?

- **Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent**, an inactivated vaccine (meaning that it uses the killed version of the germ that cause a disease) approved **for people over 65-plus**, contains four

times the antigen of standard-dose inactivated flu vaccines. Antigen is the part of the vaccine that helps your body build up protection against flu viruses, the CDC explains.

- **Fluad Quadrivalent**, also an inactivated vaccine approved, **for people 65 and older**, has the same amount of antigen as the standard shots but contains an adjuvant, or an ingredient added to the vaccine that helps create a stronger response to vaccination.
- **Flublock Quadrivalent**, approved **for people 18 and older**, is made using a different vaccine technology (it is a recombinant protein vaccine).

The high-dose and adjuvanted flu vaccines may result in more of the mild, temporary side effects that can occur with standard-dose seasonal flu-shots, the CDC says. Expected side effects can include pain, redness or swelling at the injection site, headache muscle ache and fatigue. These symptoms typically resolve within one to three days.

The decision as to which one of these vaccines you should get is best made between you and your primary care provider.

HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOUR FLU VACCINE YET? This is a common question this time of year. Some people say, “Get one every year,” others say, “I never have,” or “previously when I got one, I got sick.” Keep in mind that vaccines have been proven to be very effective in reducing infections and lowering the risk of severe illness and complications causing hospitalization as well as reduce the spread of the virus.

If you do get the flu, contact your healthcare provider to consider taking an antiviral medication. Note: you need to start this medication within 48hrs. of developing symptoms.

The CDC recommends that everyone over 6 months of age get flu vaccine annually with a very rare exception.

The best time to get your flu shot is early September to late October.



In addition, FREQUENT HANDWASHING and VITAMIN C are also key to avoiding infection.

Article Prepared for the Emmaus Board of Health by Georgine Snyder.

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TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY TIPS FROM THE EMMAUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

Friday, October 31, 2025 - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Rain or Shine)



Credit: The Mayo Clinic

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're driving while trick or treat is taking place, 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.



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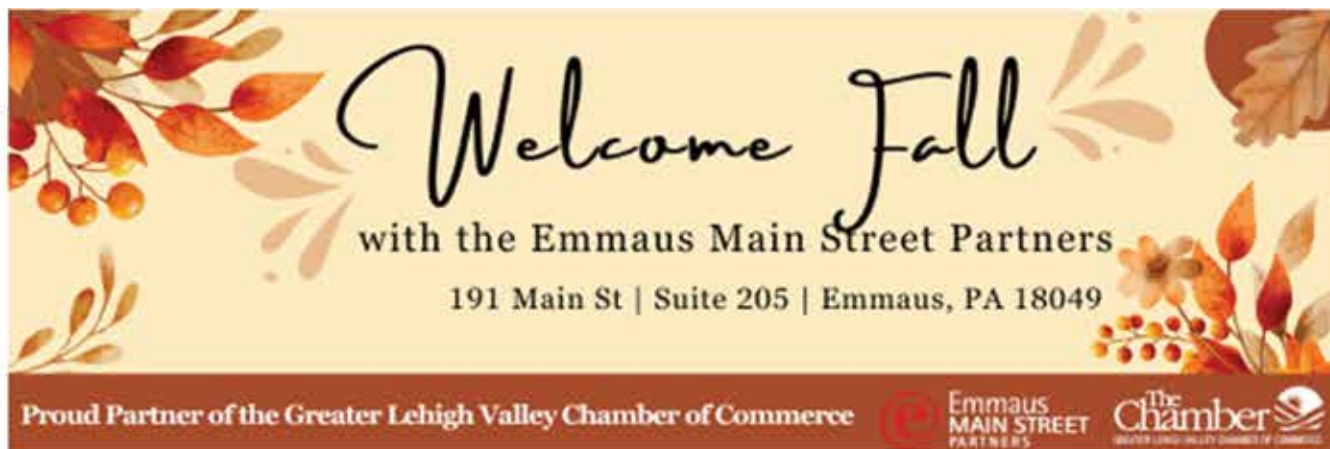
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Fall Fun Is Just Around the Corner with Emmaus Main Street Partners!

Happy Fall from all of us at the *Emmaus Main Street Partners*! We're thrilled to kick off the season with one of our favorite traditions — the **Farewell to Summer Festival on Saturday, September 20th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM!**

Join us in the Triangle and along Main Street for a festive day full of live music, kids' activities, local crafters, food trucks, and so much more. It's the perfect way to say goodbye to summer and welcome the crisp, cozy vibes of fall! We love hosting events like this because they do more than entertain — they bring our community together, boost local businesses, and help make Emmaus a vibrant place to live, work, and play.

Have you noticed all the new businesses popping up around the Triangle lately? There's a lot of exciting growth happening downtown, and this year's event is the perfect chance to explore it! Our fan-favorite Scarecrow Trail is back, guiding you to these fresh spots and longtime favorites — don't miss the fun (and maybe snap a selfie or two with your favorite scarecrow)!

We're also excited to introduce you to someone special: Emma the Mule! She's the star of our new community pride campaign, and she's on a mission to spread love for all things Emmaus. Follow her adventures on Instagram at [@EmmaTheMule](https://www.instagram.com/EmmaTheMule) and keep an eye out for exclusive Emma merchandise at local events (like Farewell to Summer) throughout the year — or shop anytime at Let's Go Coffee!



As we head into the bustling fall and holiday season, we're committed to continuing our mission: bringing foot traffic, energy, and attention to our amazing downtown and the businesses that make Emmaus shine. We hope to see you out and about — celebrating, shopping, and supporting the community we all call home!

Save the Date for our Upcoming Events!

Small Business Saturday – November 29th – All Day

Old Fashioned Christmas featuring the Cheers Trail** - Saturday December 6th from 12 -7pm (4 – 7PM

Triangle Festivities) **These events will require the Main Street portion of the Triangle along with South Fourth Street to be closed for the duration of the event along with at least an hour before and after the events.

Are you a new or existing business in the area that is interested in learning more about the Chamber and Emmaus Main Street Partners? We'd love learn more about your business and partner with you! Contact Hayden Rinde today at haydenr@lehighvalleychamber.org or 484-828-9777 to learn more.

Are you hearing about some of these events for the first time? Learn more about the Chamber of Commerce's event opportunities at LehighValleyChamber.org/events, follow Emmaus Main Street Partners on Facebook, [@EmmausMSP](https://www.facebook.com/EmmausMSP).



A BIG THANK YOU FOR MAKING EARTH DAY 2025 A MAJOR SUCCESS!

We are thrilled that our **Earth Day 2025** community clean-up, e-waste recycling, and paper shredding was a major success—and it's all thanks to YOU, our amazing community!

- Volunteers of all ages came together to make a difference for our environment - protecting our natural resources is a community-wide effort. Highlights included:
- 37 - 30-gallon bags of trash
- 5 - 30-gallon bags of recyclables
- 9,813 pounds. of electronic waste
- 2,740 pounds of paper
- Miscellaneous car parts and tires

A BIG "Thank You" to the all the donating organizations that make our Earth Day events possible! Please mark your calendar for **Earth Day 2026: Saturday April 25th. Our 2026 event will mark 20 years of our community coming together for this clean up.**

Of course, our mission goes beyond Earth Day - the **Emmaus and Upper Milford Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)** is committed to holding **year-round community events** that empower residents to protect and preserve our environment.



Storm Drain Adoption Program

Volunteering 30 minutes of your time, twice a month, can reduce your neighborhood risk of flooding and protect your local waterways from common urban pollutants - bottles, plastic bags, leaves, and fertilizers. The water in storm drains, and associated pollutants, flow directly into our local creeks and streams.

To participate in the **Adopt a Storm Drain Program**, please complete the registration on our website or email us directly. Once we receive your request, we will send you a confirmation email and get you signed up!

Stay tuned for upcoming workshops and community events on:

Facebook: Emmaus and Upper Milford EAC

Our website: emmausuppermilfordeac.wordpress.com

If you're passionate about our little spot on the planet, we invite you to join us or attend a meeting to learn more – thank you!

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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

On the website home page, under the Residents drop down menu, click on "Forms/Applications" and choose which application you need. Simply fill it out and return the completed application to Borough Hall at 28 S. 4th Street, 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 or 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.



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AUG 30 (4-7 pm)
SEPT 13 (4-7 pm)
SEPT 27 (4-7 pm)
OCT 11 (3-6 pm)
OCT 25 (3-6 pm)

Moving Permits

A moving permit is required for any individual or family moving in, out, or within the Borough. The application form can be obtained by visiting the Borough website at: 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.

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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 members of the Emmaus High School and Parkland High School Class of 2025, 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 at Emmaus Borough Hall, a program meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Perkins on Lehigh Street, and service or social activities at other scheduled times during the month.

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
- Annual Charles Rhoads Holiday Party for people with special needs

Kiwanis contributes to the community and our children in the following ways:

- Key Clubs – Emmaus and Parkland High Schools
- Builder's Clubs – Parkland's Orefield Middle School and St. Mike's School in Coopersburg
- Scholarships to Emmaus High and Parkland 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 our 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.

Follow us on Facebook and visit our website at emmauskiwanis.org for contact information.



Sundays at the Emmaus Farmers' Market

Emmaus Farmers' Market - Rain or Shine

22nd Season, open every Sunday May 4th - November 30th 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Winter Market: Every Sunday in December 10:00 a.m.- Noon

Winter Market continues the 2nd & 4th Sunday January-April 10:00 a.m.-Noon

The Emmaus Farmers' Market runs into fall bringing apples, apple and Asian pear cider, pears and squash, all the way into the winter! Maybe you'll even see some pumpkins in October!! Did you know we added 8 NEW VENDORS this season providing the community with 34 producer only vendors this season?! Join us every Sunday at the beautiful Emmaus Triangle for high quality organic and conventionally grown local fruits & vegetables, a variety of dairy products (cow, sheep AND goat milk cheeses), sourdough breads & organic baked goods, raw honey, coffee, herbs, locally grown organic hemp & CBD products, kombucha, locally grown teas and tinctures, pasture raised meats & eggs, even local spirits, beer and wine! Catch local live music every week through the last Sunday in November Rain or Shine 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Winter market hours begin in December and continue every Sunday!

Stop by the market Merchandise & Information tent and see Jen for holiday gifts (including NEW long sleeved t-shirts) where all sales go right back to the market. Bring a friend this fall and winter to spread the market love! Putting your dollars directly back into your local farmers pockets helps our community, farm families and local economy grow. No farms, no food!

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 and visit our website for information and documents on the Contact tab. Be sure to follow us on Facebook & Instagram for any new updates and visit our website www.emmausmarket.com for more information. Don't forget to stop by the market tent to get your #RoosterRewards card punched and represent your favorite farmers' market!



The Live Music Schedule for the remainder of the season includes lots of Emmaus locals!

- 9/14 Just So Duo
- 9/21 Friends of Tom Band
- 9/28 Jim Seager
- 10/5 Tom & Betty Druckenmiller and Norm Roberts
- 10/12 Elizabeth Gillen
- 10/19 Tavern Tan
- 10/26 Nick Franclik
- 11/2 The Emmaus Public Singing Society
- 11/9 Seth Witcher
- 11/16 Fran Mayville
- 11/23 Dave Matsinko

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Facebook: 1803 House in Emmaus, PA

Have you ever wondered what it was like in 1803 in Emmaus as Autumn approached?



The valley would soon be blanketed with beautiful Fall colors, as preparations for the cold winter were soon to come. Along with chopping wood and preparing the house for winter, food would be preserved by drying and pickling the produce from gardens, and the meats were either cured or smoked.

Did you know that the 1803 House has a “Smoking Chamber” in the attic above the Kitchen? Since a fire was burning all the time, a hole was put into the attic chimney and the salted

meats were hung from the attic rafters which smoked the meats. The rafters are black and white from the smoke. Yes, the smoking chamber was inside the house!

For almost 50 years “The Friends of the 1803 House” has worked to preserve and maintain this important piece of our local history. Over the years we have had visitors from all around the world giving them a glimpse into the daily life of the early 19th century in America.

The Friends of the 1803 House would like to dedicate this article to our dear friend Dick Farmer who we lost in September of 2024. He was our president, and his passion was educating both young and old about the house during colonial times, preserving the 1803 House. His last mission was to replace the current slate roof. We would like to follow through with Dicks wish by replacing the roof.

SO, WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Due to age and weather, the roof structure is failing, and the weight of the current slate shingles have begun to compromise the historic wood framing. To protect our precious landmark and its legacy, we are raising \$100,000 to restore the original roof framing, repair the gutters and flashing and replacing the slate shingles with lighter, historically appropriate wood shingles.



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The Emmaus Arts Commission

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The "Emmaus in Bloom" Sculpture should be installed at the Emmaus Public Library soon! Stay tuned as we complete this initiative in honor and memory of the late, Richard Farmer.



Have you visited the Emmaus Creative Arts and Innovation Center? It is better known as JuxtaHub. Hone your creative skills and build your community with events, classes, workshops, and studios.

Congratulations! We are thrilled to announce the winner of the "Best in Show": AP Senior Art Portfolio: Ryan Maxted for his studies in Victorian & Gothic Architecture. Ryan illustrated his buildings in B/W using pen and ink, printmaking, scratchboard, and other colored media. The EAC gives a \$500 scholarship each year during the Emmaus High School Spring Art Show. Students may use the funds as needed as they continue their studies in art.



Erica Hayes @ EHS on North St, Kelsi Orlando 4th and Harrison St, Beth Strickland 3rd and Spruce St, Evelyn Gregory @ Keystone and Seem St

Art Around Town: The EAC is working with Kiwanis to install a mural. We will be at the EFM offering art engagement in August and September. Keep an eye on our social media to check out the pictures! Check out some of our new hydrants around town. Thank you to this round of artists. We now have over 100 hydrants in town! Hydrant painting schedules will be released in early Fall. Fill out an application on our website. We will contact you with details. Please contact EAChydrants@gmail.com with any questions.

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- EHS AP ART PORTFOLIO SCHOLARSHIP
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- PAINT A HYDRANT PROGRAM
- ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
- STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL—EARLY FALL (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
- VARIOUS EMSP EVENT PARTICIPANTS

EAC was created by the Borough Council to encourage civic engagement in the arts through the promotion of the arts within our community. Find out more info on upcoming events / what's happening with the EAC by liking us on Facebook or by visiting our website. 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 in need of hours.

We are excited to have an ongoing relationship with DeSales University film and video department. Please reach out if you'd like to donate, sponsor, or partner with us for the 21st Annual Student Film Festival. Check out our website for links to local news coverage and our recap newsletter with photos and more information!

Share your creativity! We would love to see how you have been staying creative. Please like and share Emmaus Arts on Fb or follow on Instagram @emmausarts #emmausartiseverywhere



Come One! Come All! You're cordially invited to join the Ridge Manor Adult Community Center!

The Community Room at Ridge Manor I (333 Ridge St.) serves hot and cold nutritious meals Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. Please consider joining us to enjoy a delicious lunch and to socialize with others who are 60 years of age, live in the high rise, as well as the surrounding communities. A variety of activities are offered, including: celebrating birthdays (Our most mature participant was 103!), lots of fun (making strawberry jam – pictured above) & informative speakers, a craft once a month, exercises, games, & lots of laughter and friendship! Lehigh County Aging and Adult Services encourages you to join the Ridge Manor Adult Community Center. Feel free to contact the center manager, Rachel Cubellis, at 610-965-2171 between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. for questions or to make a reservation. We hope to see you soon!



Emmaus Garden Club - Over the Backyard Fence

One hot summer is leading the Emmaus Garden Club to two cool programs in October and November.

October will bring us Holly Kirkland Clouser. Holly is an artist and floral designer from Wilmington, Delaware. She teaches floral design in the Continuing Education Department at Longwood Gardens. She will demonstrate her whimsical style of design while teaching design principles.

Guest speaker, Kathleen Biggins, will present Let's have "A Conversation about Climate Change" in November, a rational explanation of the impact of climate change on all aspects of our lives. A fair and balanced approach to this issue concludes with a hopeful message.

In autumn we plan our gardens for next year's surprises and gifts. If your plan contains bulbs, put them in the ground AFTER the first frost. Also, don't forget to include annuals to keep color fresh during the 2026 growing season.

The Emmaus Garden Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month from March to November, unless otherwise noted, at Bethel Bible Fellowship Church, 418 Elm Street, Emmaus, PA 18049. Doors open at noon for light refreshments followed by meeting and program. You don't need to live in Emmaus and guests are always welcome.

Find us on the web at emmausgardenclub.com, on Facebook [EmmausGardenClubfacebook.com/groups/1021585798653408](https://www.facebook.com/EmmausGardenClubfacebook.com/groups/1021585798653408), or Emmaus Garden Club, Box 571, Emmaus PA 18049. If you have any questions or need more information, please call Ellen at 610-928-3713.



The Woman's Club of Emmaus

Sets the Date for its Annual Fall Dessert Card Party

The Woman's Club of Emmaus will hold its Annual Fall Dessert Card Party on October 23, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 501 Chestnut Street, Emmaus. Those who play Bridge, Pinochle, and board games are invited to attend. Not only will there be desserts but also their famous "attic treasures." This is the Club's major source of funds for the scholarship program. Admission is \$ 10.00. For reservations, please call Mary Alice at (610)392-9367.

Recent Activities of The Woman's Club of Emmaus

The 85th Anniversary of The Woman's Club of Emmaus was celebrated on August 18, 2025 with a Tea Party held at St. John's Lutheran Church. This has been the meeting place for the Club for over 70 years.

The Club encourages any woman interested in providing service

to the Emmaus community to consider joining. If you are interested, please contact Colette at (484) 358-2307.

On June 23, 2025, the Annual Woman's Club of Emmaus Scholarship was presented to Addison Johnson during the Club's monthly luncheon. This August, Addison began her studies at Bloomsburg University to become a nurse.

In the photo, Addison receives her scholarship check from the Co-Presidents of the Club.

Co-President Mary Alice Miller presents scholarship check to Addison Johnson. With Addison is her mother, Dana Johnson and Co-President Debra Kahler.



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Emmaus Fire Department - Fall Fire Prevention: Stay Safe This Season



As the crisp air of fall sets in and the leaves begin to change, it's the perfect time to enjoy cozy moments by the fire or indulge in seasonal treats. However, the transition into autumn also brings unique fire risks. Here are some essential reminders to help you and your family stay safe this fall.

1. Inspect Heating Equipment

Before firing up your furnace or space heater, schedule a professional inspection to ensure your equipment is in good working order. Clean chimneys and vents to prevent dangerous buildup that could spark a fire.

2. Practice Safe Candle Use

Candles are a fall favorite, but they're also a leading cause of home fires. Keep candles at least 12 inches away from flammable items and never leave them unattended. Consider using flameless LED candles for a safer alternative.

3. Be Cautious with Fireplaces

Ensure your fireplace is free of debris and that the flue is open and operational. Always use a fireplace screen to catch sparks and keep a fire extinguisher nearby for emergencies.

4. Monitor Outdoor Burning

Autumn leaves are beautiful but can pose a fire hazard when burning. Check local regulations and weather conditions before lighting any outdoor fires. Always keep a water source or fire extinguisher on hand.

5. Test Smoke Alarms

This is a great time to test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Replace batteries if needed, and make sure every level of your home has working alarms, inside and outside of every bedroom.



6. Use Space Heaters Wisely

Keep space heaters on a flat, stable surface and at least three feet away from anything flammable. Turn them off when you leave the room or go to bed.

7. Plan an Escape Route

Review and practice your family's fire escape plan. Ensure that everyone knows at least two ways out of each room and has a designated meeting spot outside.

8. Be Kitchen Aware

With holiday cooking around the corner, always stay in the kitchen while food is on the stove. Use timers and keep flammable items like dish towels and oven mitts away from burners.

By taking these precautions, you can enjoy the beauty and comfort of fall while ensuring the safety of your home and loved ones. Stay vigilant and have a fire-safe season!

9. Extinguishers

Have a fire extinguisher! One can be purchased at any home improvement store. Always look for the "UL Listed" or "ULC Listed" label on a fire extinguisher to ensure it is certified for use by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.



-There are multipurpose fire extinguishers that might be labeled "B-C" or "A-B-C" that can be used on most types of home fires.

10. 911

If you suspect ANY emergency, call 911 FIRST and give your address to the dispatcher. Do not call the fire station; there may not be someone there to answer your call.



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EMMAUS POLICE DEPARTMENT - Citizen Police Academy

Emmaus Police Department Hosts its Second Annual Citizen Police Academy

The Emmaus Police Department completed its second annual Citizen Police Academy (ECPA). The course began in February and ran for 9 weeks on Tuesday nights from 6-8:30 p.m. Thank you again to Sergeant Schilling for all your hard work and to all the officers who made this course a success! The course was designed to educate the participants in the philosophy, policies, operations, practices, and functions of their Emmaus Police Department while enhancing and developing police/community relations. The course is not intended to train or certify citizens to perform law enforcement services. Participants received instruction by Emmaus Police Officers 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

We had 8 participants who were very involved in the program and gave us great feedback. Thank you to all who attended, and we look forward to welcoming the next class. Also, a big thank you to Mission BBQ who donated a meal to everyone during our academy!

The Emmaus Police Department will begin accepting applications for class #003 of Emmaus Citizen Police Academy (ECPA). The course will begin in February of 2026. The Emmaus Citizen Police Academy will be a nine-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 instructions by Emmaus Police personnel including presentations and demonstrations on various topics:

- Department Overview
- Lehigh County Coroner/Death 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 Emergency Response Team (LC ERT)
- Use of Force
- Firearm Safety
- Role Playing/Scenario Training



The Emmaus Citizen Police Academy (ECPA) will be a nine-week course consisting of 2.5 hour blocks of instruction from 6pm-8:30pm on Tuesday evenings. The first ECPA class will be held on Tuesday, 2/3/2026, at the Emmaus Police Department. Class will be every Tuesday until March 31st, 2026.

***** 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 9 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 Wednesday October 1st, 2025. Applications are to be returned to the Emmaus Police Department by Friday December 5th, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. Notification of acceptance will be mailed to participants in the first week of January 2026.

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





EMMAUS POLICE DEPARTMENT - News

Trick or Treat

Come show off your scary, creative and awesome costumes! Visit the Emmaus Police Department on Friday, October 31st, 2025 from 6-8:00 p.m. for lots of treats and free hot dogs.

School Bus Safety

Per the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Website:

Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law:

- Motorists must stop at least 10 feet away from school buses that have their red lights flashing and stop arm activated.
- Motorists must stop when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped.
- Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety.
- If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping.
- Do not proceed until all the children have reached a place of safety.

Penalties

There are two distinct programs related to violations of Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law.

- Criminal violations: 75 Pa. C.S. § 3345.0 (opens in a new tab) (Meeting or overtaking school bus) identifies fines and penalties when a police officer pulls you over for a violation, including:
 - \$250 fine and a \$35 surcharge to be deposited into the School Bus Safety Grant Program Account.
 - Five points on your driving record.
 - 60-day license suspension.

- Civil violations: 75 Pa. C.S. § 3345.1 (opens in a new tab) (Automated enforcement of failure to stop for school bus with flashing red lights) allows school entities to install and operate a side stop signal arm enforcement system for the purpose of enforcing the School Bus Stopping Law. Civil violations include only a \$300 fine and don't reflect any points or insurance ratings.

Pedestrian Crosswalk Safety

You might have seen bright orange flags that were replaced at crosswalks throughout the Borough. These flags are meant to increase the visibility and alert drivers of pedestrians in the crosswalk. When you encounter one of these crosswalks with flags follow the procedure below:

- Grab a flag out of the holder.
- Look both ways to make sure the roadway is clear.
- Cross the road while waving the orange flag.
- Place the flag in the holder on the other side of the street.

Crossing Guards

Crossing Guards for locations in the borough are hired by the East Penn School District. For more information regarding available positions contact the district directly or visit their website at: <https://www.eastpennsd.org/hr/crossing-guard-employment-information/>

Stay connected with us on Facebook

The Emmaus Police Department utilizes Facebook for many aspects of communication throughout the year. Things such as press releases, upcoming event notifications, community engagement and sharing information about our department's involvement within the community. We recently started sharing our press releases using a different method. These press releases are posted weekly on our website and the link is shared via Facebook. You can also view the current press releases and found property on the Police page of the Borough's website at www.emmauspa.gov

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Household Hazardous Waste / Dumpster Days Set



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, October 4th**. There will be a slight change of location this year, as it will be held at the Compost Site on Klines Lane. **THERE WILL BE NO COMPOST DROP OFF ON OCTOBER 4th!** The Household Hazardous Waste collection day will be held on **Saturday, November 1st at Emmaus Community Park**.

WHAT: Dumpster Day

WHEN: Saturday, October 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Compost Site – Klines Lane

REMEMBER – NO COMPOST DROP OFF ON OCTOBER 4TH

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 you to dispose of old tires, batteries, 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 scheduled E-Waste Drop Off in October.**

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
- Items containing freon (such as dehumidifiers, air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, etc): \$30 each

WHAT: Household Hazardous Waste Day

WHEN: Saturday, November 1st from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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), 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 Compost Site 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!

2025 Curbside Leaf Collection

Barring any complications with weather, equipment, or emergencies, Curbside Leaf Collection will begin on Monday, October 20, 2025. **The final day for collection will be Friday, December 5, 2025. All leaves must be to the curbside by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, December 1st to ensure pick up. Once the Public Works Department has made their final pass, they will not return. The Borough does not set specific days for leaf collection for individual streets.** It is recommended that leaves are 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 their next pass through. 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. 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. Piles with anything other than leaves will not be picked up. These objects will cause damage to the leaf pick-up truck and will put it out of service at a great expense of time and money for the Borough and its residents.

- Leaves will not be collected on private property. They must be placed at the curbside.
- Do not place tarps or any type of covering over your leaves. The Public Works Department will bypass them, and they will not be collected.
- Residents who have areas designated as "No Parking" (yellow painted curbs) are encouraged to pile leaves at these locations for easier pick up.
- 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 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 Compost Site located off of Klines Lane.

Compost Site Hours of Operation

Closed in observance of Holidays: November 11th

OPEN: March 17th to November 22nd

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, November 22nd but will reopen on Monday, December 8th through Friday, December 12th 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.

Please have your Driver's License or Picture ID available upon request from the attendant. There will be no admittance without proper identification.

Call Before You Dig

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

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



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Recycling Do's and Don'ts

DO

- ✓ **Rinse Containers:** Clean out any food or liquid residue from recyclable containers. This helps prevent contamination and ensures materials are properly recycled.
- ✓ **Break Down Boxes:** Flatten cardboard boxes to save space and make them easier to handle.
- ✓ **Follow Local Guidelines:** Each area has specific rules for what can and cannot be recycled. Familiarize yourself with the local recycling guidelines. Review the list of recyclable items below or visit www.whitetaildisposal.com/recycling/.
- ✓ **Place Loosely in a Lidded Bin:** Recyclables need to be loose and unbagged (garbage bags are not recyclable). The Emmaus Borough requires residents to place recyclables in a lidded container for collection. Whitetail Disposal asks that trash and recycling containers are placed wheels toward house for pick up.

DON'T

- ✗ **Don't Include Plastic Bags:** Plastic bags can clog recycling machinery. Use designated collection points at grocery stores for these items.
- ✗ **Don't Recycle Contaminated Items:** Items with food residue, grease (this includes pizza boxes), or hazardous waste should not be placed in the recycling bin. Contaminated recyclables end up in the landfill.
- ✗ **Don't Mix Non-Recyclables:** Avoid placing non-recyclable items such as electronics, batteries, and hazardous waste in your recycling bin.
- ✗ **Don't Assume Items Are Recyclable:** Review the list of items below. When in doubt, check the Whitetail Disposal website (whitetaildisposal.com) or call 610-936-9967. Trying to recycle non-recyclable items can contaminate the whole batch.

By following these guidelines, you can help reduce waste and ensure our recycling efforts are more effective and sustainable.

Items Accepted
✓ Paper: Newspapers, magazines, and office paper (unshredded) are recyclable.
✓ Cardboard: Unsoiled cardboard boxes are recyclable. Break down and flatten boxes when possible.
✓ Glass: Bottles and jars are generally recyclable as long as they are emptied and thoroughly rinsed clean.
✓ Metals: Aluminum cans, tin cans, steel cans, and foil are accepted if rinsed clean.
✓ Plastics: Bottles and containers labeled with recycling symbols #1-#7 are accepted if rinsed clean.

For more on recycling, visit www.whitetaildisposal.com/recycling/ or scan the QR code below.



Items NOT Accepted
✗ Soiled Containers: Greasy food containers (e.g., pizza boxes) go in trash.
✗ Soiled Paper and Store Receipts: Shredded, wet, or soiled paper and store receipts clog the machine. Consider composting.
✗ Plastic Shopping Bags: Return these to designated collection points at stores.
✗ Plastic Wrap: Plastic wrap, bubble wrap, sandwich bags, and freezer bags can be reused or placed in trash.
✗ Flexible Bags or Coated Containers: Trash flexible food packaging (e.g., chip bags, juice pouches) and containers with a wax or plastic coating (e.g., to-go cups, milk cartons).
✗ Styrofoam: To-go cups and containers and packing peanuts are not accepted. Check for specialized recycling programs in your area.
✗ Electronics and Batteries: Use e-waste recycling programs or designated drop-off points.
✗ Hazardous Materials: Items such as paint, chemicals, or medical waste require special disposal methods.



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