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## SAYING GOODBYE TO 2025 AND MOVING FORWARD TO 2026

The Borough of Emmaus has had quite a year! Streets were torn up, and construction seemed to be everywhere! The Borough was able to pave more streets this year than we have in nearly two decades. After navigating several different types of feasibility studies, hydraulic tests, capacity studies, PA DEP permitting, engineering, and navigating through the process of obtaining grants, and financing the project, the Borough was able to finally put shovels to the ground on our PFAS mitigation project. We continued to invest in upgrades to the swimming pool and had a very successful season at the pool, despite flooding problems that closed the pool for several days. We suffered the loss of a past Chief of Police and a beloved firefighter and felt those losses tremendously. We promoted several of our Emergency Service personnel and hired new Police Officers. We hosted our ever-popular Dumpster Day and Household Hazardous Waste Day and enjoyed conversations with our residents at both events. We've had many great celebrations throughout the community this year, including our annual Halloween Parade, National Night Out, and Farewell to Summer Festival, and look forward to many more for years to come. As we look forward to 2026, we know we have many things that need to be accomplished, and we look forward to continuing to serve our great community.

There are many ways you can be involved in the new year, as we have numerous volunteer opportunities in the community. Volunteers, whether for the Borough or in our many great civic organizations, are what truly make our community so special. Many of the events in our community are organized and driven by volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please visit the Borough's website for more information.

We hope that this upcoming holiday season is a time when you can relax and enjoy your friends and family and that you are able to celebrate the holidays with your loved ones. We encourage you to come out and celebrate the many different events going on in the community and spending time with your neighbors during the holiday season. We continue to look forward to serving you and wish you good health, happiness, and peace as we close out this year and march into 2026.



• HAPPY NEW YEAR •

## Borough of Emmaus

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## News from the Emmaus Veterans Committee



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

- Provide the Honor Guard which renders military honors at veteran's funeral services. Any family of a veteran can request our Honor Guard service through the funeral director. There is no charge for the funeral service, but a donation will be accepted and appreciated since this is our major source of funds. Through September of 2025 we honored 41 veterans.
- Attend the annual Memorial Day Parade and ceremony at the Emmaus Veterans Memorial Triangle Park. This event was organized, funded, and presented by the Veteran's Committee with the assistance of Borough employees and Council members.
- Provide flag ceremonies for schools and other community events.
- The Honor Guard presents the Colors at the Borough of Emmaus Annual Flag Day Ceremony.
- Place flag at gravesite of veterans at local cemeteries prior to Memorial Day each year. Also Reflag worn and torn flags at cemeteries as necessary.
- Make monetary donations to veterans and to organizations that help veterans.

The Emmaus Veterans Committee is currently seeking new members to continue the work of the Committee and to participate in the Honor Guard. The Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday in January, March, May, September, November, and December at 1:00 p.m. at Citizen's Fire Company #2, 1017 Pennsylvania Ave., Emmaus, PA. For more information, please email Joe Kavchok at [kavchok@gmail.com](mailto:kavchok@gmail.com).

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

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As winter settles over Emmaus, the Remembrance Garden becomes a serene haven of peace and beauty. Located at 164 E. Main Street, behind Cintas, and beside the historic Knauss Homestead, the garden offers a quiet space to honor loved ones, reflect on cherished memories, and celebrate life's meaningful moments—all year round.

**A Way to Remember.** Even in the colder months, the Emmaus Remembrance Garden radiates warmth. Snow-dusted paths and tranquil benches invite visitors to pause and reflect. Whether you're commemorating a person, a time, or a place, the garden provides a unique setting for remembrance and connection.

**New Walkway.** We're delighted to announce a heartfelt addition to the garden: the All Creatures Great and Small Walkway, dedicated to honoring our furry friends. This special path offers a loving tribute to pets who've brought joy, comfort, and unconditional love into our lives. It's a beautiful way to remember the animals who've left paw prints on our hearts.

**Give the Gift of Remembrance.** Looking for a meaningful holiday gift? The Emmaus Remembrance Garden offers engraved bricks that can be placed in the garden to honor someone special. With options for weddings, anniversaries, retirements, graduations, veteran service, Eagle Scouts, and community heroes, the possibilities are endless.

- **Brick sizes:** 4x8 and 8x8
- **Symbols:** Available for an additional charge
- **Cedar benches:** Also available for purchase



Bricks in the Emmaus Remembrance Garden is a unique way to celebrate milestones while enhancing the beauty of the garden. Orders can be placed online at [emmausremembers.org](http://emmausremembers.org).



**Plan Your Visit.** Winter days are some of the loveliest at the Remembrance Garden. A sign marks the driveway entrance at Cintas, and the garden is located on the right side of the parking lot next to the Knauss Homestead. It's a peaceful place to honor those we love, those we've lost, or simply to reflect.

Veterans, Emmaus Church members, and Emmaus Emergency Services personnel (Community Heroes) are eligible for a special discount. Please contact us for details.

Stay Connected. For more information or to place an order visit [www.emmausremembers.org](http://www.emmausremembers.org) or email to [remgarden1@gmail.com](mailto:remgarden1@gmail.com)  
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# Behind Every Great Community is a Great Library!

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

[www.emmauspl.org](http://www.emmauspl.org) 610-965-9284

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

# Winter 2025

**Our virtual library is open 24/7 at [www.emmauspl.org](http://www.emmauspl.org)**

**Closed at 5:00 p.m. on November 26th & all day on the 27th for Thanksgiving**

**Closed December 24th, 25th & 31st and January 1st for the Winter holidays**

## **Charlie Brown Christmas with Patrick Kerssen**

Come out to the library and get into the Charlie Brown Christmas spirit! Learn all about Vince Guaraldi and his music through in-depth musical analysis, audience participation, and a live performance of the whole Charlie Brown Christmas soundtrack featuring pianist Patrick Kerssen. All ages invited. Registration required.



## **Old Fashioned Christmas**

Old Fashioned Christmas is coming to the library on the first weekend of December! Emmaus Public Library will have crafts and creative play all day, with showings of Nightmare Before Christmas at 10:30 a.m. and White Christmas at 1:00 p.m. in the Margaret Knoll Gardner Lecture Room. Create a Holiday ornament for the Triangle Trees (we have one for all the holidays during this time of year), and one to take home. Drop-in event.



## **STEM Storytime**

After-school Storytime for elementary school-aged kids with a focus on STEM themes. One Friday a month at 4:00 p.m. December 12th - Inventors, January 23rd - Creators, February 27th - Space. Drop-in event.

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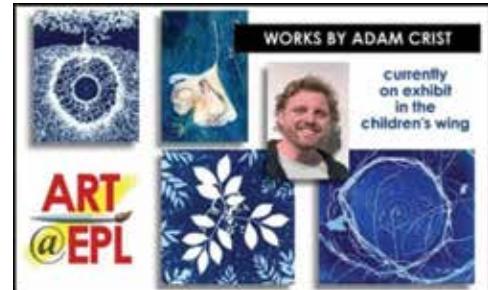


## Monthly Events:

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

The following monthly events are just a small sample of what the library offers:

- **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. RSVP
- **Crochet Club:** Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Drop in for our weekly crocheting club! All skill levels are encouraged to join in. Bring your current crochet project or get started with advice from more experienced crocheters.
- **Notary Public Service:** Most Thursdays, 4-6 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.
- **Chair Yoga:** 3rd Monday of the month at 6 p.m. Join Sherry Baublitz of Lehigh Valley Health Network for an hour-long session of chair yoga! Chair yoga is a gentler form of yoga where poses are modified to be practiced while seated in a chair or standing and using a chair for support. It combines physical postures, breathing techniques, and meditation, offering similar benefits to traditional yoga. RSVP
- **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!
- **Teen Writers Group:** 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. Join Miss Sue to write from new prompts and talk about the process of writing – reading aloud not required!
- **Books 'n' Barks:** 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Read to the Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs – no registration needed – bring your own books or choose one from the library.





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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, continued its active community involvement over recent months by volunteering at IronPigs games and, with the help of the Emmaus Arts Commission and other community volunteers, painting a mural on the Kiwanis Park outbuilding. We also participated in Emmaus National Night Out and The Kindness Project's mini golf event.



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

New Club officers for the 2025-2026 term were recently installed – Jennifer Anders (President), Shawn Kramer (President-Elect), Alex Hubickey (Immediate Past President), Lisa Bowers (Secretary), and Nadine Hohe (Treasurer).

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:

- Emmaus Old Fashioned Christmas
- Our Club's Annual Charles Rhoads Holiday Party for people with special needs
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing

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

- Key Clubs –Emmaus High School and Parkland High School
- Builder's Clubs –Orefield Middle School (Parkland) and St. Mike's (Coopersburg)
- Scholarships to Emmaus High and Parkland High Seniors
- Childhood Reading and Literacy Programs
- Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt
- Annual Community Pancake Festival
- Little Free Library at Emmaus Fire Co 1
- Emmaus Halloween Parade
- Participation in Miracle League Activities
- Participation in The Kindness Project Activities
- Participation in Emmaus Library Activities
- Emmaus National Night Out
- Remembrance Garden Clean-Up
- Buckeye Road Clean-Up
- Little Lehigh Stream Clean-Up
- Founding Member of East Penn Food Alliance

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

Follow us on Facebook and visit our website at [emmauskiwanis.org](http://emmauskiwanis.org) for contact information.



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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.



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and Innovation Center?



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Paul assists with coffee filter bugs. Lindsey and Rachel are sharing fabric art and tiny critters. Hattie and Taylor prepare the community painting project and EAC trading cards. A father and daughter leave a mark together.

The EAC offered free art engagement at the Emmaus Farmers Market July-September. Thanks to our members for hosting these activities. Hydrant painting applications are accepted on a rolling admission. Fill out an application on our website. We will contact you with details. Please contact [EAChydrants@gmail.com](mailto:EAChydrants@gmail.com) with any questions.



EAC was created by the Borough Council to encourage civic engagement in the arts within our community. Find out more info on events / what's happening with the EAC by liking us on FB 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 art stages to assist with our events and initiatives, please turn applications for membership in at the borough. You don't need to be a member to volunteer. It is a great way for students to earn volunteer hours.



**Art Around Town:** Check out the new mural at Williams Park Recreational Area across from the Emmaus Public Library. A huge thank you goes to the Kiwanis Club of Emmaus for generously funding this project and Emmaus Public Works for prepping the building. This vibrant new artwork, created with the help of 20 community volunteers, brightens the area with bold colors and a joyful depiction of children, the core of Kiwanis' mission. The mural not only enhances the park visually but also reflects the spirit of community and connection that makes Emmaus special.

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

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



# MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS

from the Emmaus Main Street Partners

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Happy Holiday Season from the Emmaus Main Street Partners! It's been a wonderful year here in Emmaus with several new businesses deciding to make Emmaus their home, and the continued growth of many other businesses across town. Emma the Mule is having so much fun showcasing all the different aspects of Emmaus over on Instagram so if you are not following, we encourage you to go check out her page @EmmaTheMule. We are excited to finish the year off strong with a couple more community events and look forward all that 2026 has to offer!

## Small Business Saturday in Emmaus | Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup>

Officially founded by American Express in 2010, Small Business Saturday emphasizes the importance of shopping small not just during the holidays but all year long! Your Emmaus Main Street Partners along with Burkholder's HVAC and Foundry Flats are excited to present you a one stop shopping guide to businesses participating in Small Business Saturday by offering exclusive deals or offers. This guide can be found by visiting [www.lehighvalleychamber.org/emmaussbs](http://www.lehighvalleychamber.org/emmaussbs) .



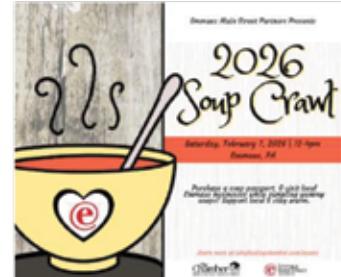
## Old Fashioned Christmas featuring the Cheers Trail\*

Saturday December 6th from 12-7pm, Tree Lighting at 6:30PM

Join the Emmaus Main Street Partners as we spread some Holiday cheer! Bundle up and come out for our Annual Old-Fashioned Christmas in the Emmaus Triangle! From 12 to 5, passport holders can sip their way around Emmaus visiting local businesses and starting some holiday shopping! Then from 4 to 7, all are invited to enjoy a magical evening with vendors, yummy food, toasty drinks, holiday characters, and so much more! Mark your calendars- you won't want to miss the best tree-lighting event in the Lehigh Valley \*For this event, South 4<sup>th</sup> Street will be closed in addition to the Main portion of the Triangle

## 2025 Soup Crawl | Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> from 12-4pm

Nothing takes away the winter blues more than a warm cup of soup! The Emmaus Main Street Partners Annual Soup Crawl is a fun family friendly event that invites guests to experience the wonderful shops that make up the community while sipping on all different kinds of soups! Passports for this event will go on sale at the beginning of January 2025!



## “Our Town Heroes” Banner Applications are Currently Open!

Hung from April to November, these banners line the streets of Emmaus to honor current and past members of the armed forces for their service to our country. Applications for the next round of banners is currently open through December 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact [HaydenR@LehighValleyChamber.org](mailto:HaydenR@LehighValleyChamber.org) to receive an application for the military hero in your life.

**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](mailto: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](http://LehighValleyChamber.org/events), follow Emmaus Main Street Partners on Facebook, @EmmausMSP.**



## EMMAUS RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION

### Recreation and Entertainment Commission – Planning 2026

The Recreation and Entertainment Commission would like to thank everyone who attended the summer concert series and other events last summer! A complete list of next year's events will be published in the summer newsletter.

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

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

#### **Would you like to volunteer and 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](http://www.emmausent.com), for more information on how to become a member, or contact us at [emmausrec@gmail.com](mailto:emmausrec@gmail.com).

#### **Sponsorships:**

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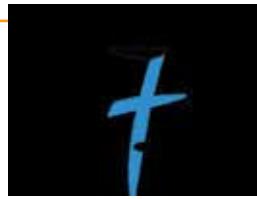
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## Groceries PLUS

Groceries PLUS continues to serve people of Emmaus with tasty and nutritious food. People of all ages and family situations come monthly to select perishable and non-perishable food from our shelves. Special thanks to gardeners in Emmaus who shared the bounty of their gardens throughout the summer.



The pantry is located at Bethel Bible Fellowship Church.

Anyone living in the 18049 postal code may participate, if they meet the income requirements (185% of the poverty level, adjusted for household size). Contact us at Bethel Church (610 965 2682, press 1, or [GroceriesPLUS@bethelBFC.org](mailto:GroceriesPLUS@bethelBFC.org)) for an appointment.

The atmosphere at Groceries PLUS is warm and welcoming. The pantry seeks to live out the “PLUS” in our name, which stands for prayer, love, understanding and support. Guests often come early to share a cup of coffee with a friend and to chat.

### **What do clients say while collecting food?**

- You mean I get to choose my own food?
- Coming here was one of hardest things I've done. I felt ashamed and unworthy. As soon as I walked through the door, those feelings went away in the warm welcome I received.
- We're new to the area. My husband's studying and I haven't found work. This is a difficult season for us, but we'll get through it thanks, in part, to you.
- The pantry is organized so well.



Each month, Groceries PLUS gives away about 8,000 pounds of food; enough to fill about 500 grocery bags. This food then goes into the kitchens of about 130 households here in Emmaus.

You may wonder where all this food comes from. About half is donated by individuals, churches, civic groups and businesses in Emmaus. These donations come as actual food along with gift cards and financial gifts which we use to buy food from nearby stores.

Groceries PLUS distributes a monthly list of current needs, which you can get from Bethel Church (610 965 2682, press 1, or [GroceriesPLUS@bethelBFC.org](mailto:GroceriesPLUS@bethelBFC.org)). You can also click the QR code to see the current needs in the form of an Amazon wish list.

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## Thank You from Mopar Madness

The members of Mopar Madness of the Lehigh Valley would like to thank the Borough of Emmaus for another successful cruise season. Also, to Public Works and the Emmaus Police Department for their help and support. We would like to thank the restaurants and shops throughout Emmaus that have donated to the Club. We will be starting the 2026 season on April 11th through October 31st. The car cruises are held from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., except for October which is from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Emmaus community Park.



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# Join Us to Celebrate 20 Years of Community and Conservation!

## Emmaus & Upper Milford EAC's 20th Annual Earth Day Cleanup April 25, 2026, Emmaus Community Park, 8:30-11:30 a.m.



This year marks a huge milestone—20 years of coming together to care for our environment and strengthen the bonds that make our community special. The Emmaus & Upper Milford Joint Environment Advisory Council is thrilled to invite you to its 20th Annual Earth Day Cleanup, where neighbors, families, friends, and volunteers of all ages unite with a shared purpose: to protect and preserve the place we call home.

### **Why it matters:**

When we clean up our parks, trails, and streets, we're doing more than picking up litter—we're building a stronger, more connected community. This day is about showing pride in where we live, supporting each other, and inspiring the next generation to love and care for our local environment.

### **Here's what you can look forward to:**

- Joining a powerful tradition of local action and environmental care.
- Complimentary snacks and refreshments for all volunteers.
- A raffle to win an exclusive 20th Anniversary T-shirt (while supplies last!).
- The joy of making a visible impact—together.
- Opportunity to utilize Electronic Recycling and Paper Shredding.

Let's make this a celebration to remember. Bring your friends, your family, your work gloves, and your community spirit—we can't wait to see you there!

## A Message from U.S. Congressman Ryan Mackenzie

Dear Neighbors,

Seniors in our community have worked hard their entire lives and have earned the right to security, dignity, and peace of mind. That's why I'm dedicated to protecting the essential programs that seniors have earned, including Medicare and Social Security. My team and I work every day to make sure you are able to access the programs you've earned, the protection you deserve, and the information you need to stay healthy and secure. Whether it's navigating Social Security and Medicare, learning about new tax relief, or protecting yourself from scams and fraud, we are here to help.

To make it easier for seniors to find the resources that matter most, we have launched a new page on our website dedicated to answering your questions, understanding your priorities, and connecting you with the services you need. The page brings together information on our office's services, federal tax relief, fraud prevention, and more. To access this page, visit [www.mackenzie.house.gov/supporting-seniors](http://www.mackenzie.house.gov/supporting-seniors).



We are also rolling out a monthly Scam Stoppers E-Newsletter to help protect seniors in our community from fraud. Scammers are constantly creating new schemes to steal money and personal information, and seniors are often their main targets. This newsletter will provide regular updates on common scams, warning signs to watch for, and steps you can take to stay safe. Visit our webpage above to sign up.

We also know that navigating government programs can be difficult, but you do not have to do it alone. My team is available to help answer questions and address problems relating to Social Security, Medicare, veterans' benefits, tax issues, and more. We also host events such as document shredding days, educational webinars, and more. To learn more, sign up for our newsletter by visiting our website at [mackenzie.house.gov](http://mackenzie.house.gov). If you or a loved one needs assistance, please do not hesitate to contact one of our district offices or call (484) 781-6000.

Serving the seniors of the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos is one of the most important parts of my job. I'll keep working every day to protect your benefits, cut through red tape, and make sure you get the respect and support you've earned.

Sincerely,

U.S. Congressman Ryan Mackenzie

### **Thank You!!**

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

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## The Woman's Club of Emmaus Celebrates 85 years with a Tea Party

The members of The Woman's Club of Emmaus celebrated the 85th Anniversary of the Club with a Tea Party held on August 25, 2025. Emmaus Mayor Lee Ann Gilbert presented the Club with a proclamation. The concluding lines of the proclamation state: "NOW THEREFORE, I, Lee Ann Gilbert, Mayor of the Borough of Emmaus and on behalf of Emmaus Borough Council, do hereby recognize and thank The Emmaus Woman's Club for their commitment to serving our community and congratulate The Emmaus Woman's Club on its 85th ANNIVERSARY.

**Emmaus Mayor Lee Ann Gilbert presents her proclamation to Co-Presidents of The Woman's Club of Emmaus: Debra Kahler and Mary Alice Miller.**



The Woman's Club of Emmaus was founded in February 1940 to "promote community and individual welfare." The Club has focused on three major areas: Education, Support Services for the Emmaus Community, and the larger Lehigh Valley Community. To meet these goals, the Club sponsors a yearly scholarship and graduation awards and recognizes outstanding Emmaus High School senior girls with the Girl of the Month Honor. The Club contributed to the building of the current Emmaus Public Library and its new wing. The Emmaus Ambulance Corps and Emmaus Fire Company have also been beneficiaries of the Club's work. One of the picnic pavilions in the Emmaus Community Park was donated by The Woman's Club of Emmaus. In the past, the Club financially supported the Red Cross, March of Dimes, and assisted physicians who were providing immunizations for children, as well as blood pressure screenings sponsored by the Heart Association. The Club continues to support the Emmaus Annual Halloween Parade and the Summer Concert Series.



### BOROUGH HALL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Borough Offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

November 27, 2025 – Thanksgiving Day  
November 28, 2025 – Black Friday  
December 25, 2025 – Christmas Day  
January 1, 2026 – New Year's Day  
February 16, 2026 – for Presidents' Day

Please note that the Borough Council Meeting that would normally be scheduled for Monday, February 16, 2026, will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, due to the Presidents' Day holiday.

**The Borough of Emmaus employees wish everyone a very safe and Happy Holiday Season! We look forward to continuing to serve you in 2026.**



ENTERTAINMENT - FOOD TRUCKS - BEVERAGES  
ARTS & CRAFTS - KIDS ACTIVITIES

Emmaus Community Park  
1401 Shimerville Road Emmaus PA 18049

[EmmausRotary.org](http://EmmausRotary.org)  
Proceeds Benefit East Penn Food Coalition

# What is the number one thing I can do to prevent infection as this fall/winter season approaches?

## YOU GUessed IT:

Handwashing with soap and water is simple and inexpensive, and it can significantly reduce the number of people who get sick. Studies show that handwashing education in the community can:

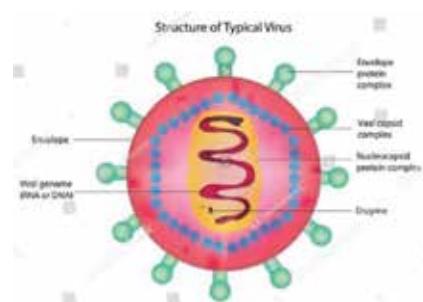
- Reduce the number of people who get sick with diarrhea by about 23%–40%.
- Reduce the number of school days children miss because of gastrointestinal illness by 29%–57%.
- Reduce diarrheal illness in people with weakened immune systems by about 58%.
- Reduce respiratory illnesses, like colds, in the general population by about 16%–21%.



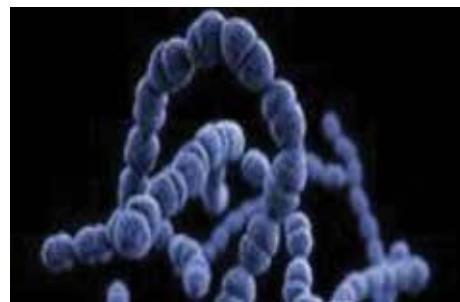
## FIGHTING GERMS IS OUR JOB:

In biology, a pathogen is any organism or agent that can produce disease. A pathogen may also be referred to as an infectious agent, or simply a germ.

### Viruses can look like this:



### Bacteria can look like this:



## OTHER QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE???

### Is hand washing with soap and water better than using hand sanitizers?

- YES, however, if soap and water are not available hand sanitizers are good to use. If you use a hand sanitizer, make sure it has at least 60% alcohol and wash your hands with soap and water as soon as you can.

### Should I buy antibacterial soap or plain soap?

- Antibacterial soaps that you can buy without a prescription do not kill germs better than plain soaps. Some studies have shown that using antibacterial soap may contribute to antibiotic resistance (AR). Antibiotic resistance happens when germs like bacteria and fungi develop the ability to defeat the drugs designed to kill them. That means the germs are not killed and continue to grow. Infections caused by antibiotic-resistant germs are difficult, and sometimes impossible, to treat. AR has the potential to affect people at any stage of life, as well as the healthcare, veterinary, and agriculture industries. This makes it one of the world's most urgent public health problems. Keeping your hands clean by washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand sanitizer is one of the best ways to prevent germs from spreading and avoid infections.

### PARENTS, MAKE HANDWASHING FUN:

Have your kids sing Happy Birthday twice while they lather and wash their hands. This is, by far, the best way to keep kids from getting sick.

### FOLLOW THESE STEPS WHEN WASHING YOUR HANDS:

- Wet your hands with clean, running water. The temperature of the water does not matter.
- Apply soap and lather well. The soap allows the bacteria and viruses to slide off your hands.
- Rub your hands hard for at least 20 seconds. Scrub all surfaces. This includes the backs of your hands, your wrists, between your fingers and under your fingernails.
- Rinse well.
- Dry your hands with a clean towel or air-dry them.

### Are bacteria all bad?:

Bacteria are small single-celled organisms. Bacteria are found everywhere on Earth and are vital to the planet's ecosystems. Some species can live under extreme conditions of temperature and pressure. The human body is full of bacteria, and in fact is estimated to contain more bacterial cells than human cells.

- HAND-WASHING OFFERS GREAT REWARDS. IF YOU MAKE HAND-WASHING A HABIT, IT CAN PLAY A BIG ROLE IN KEEPING YOU HEALTHY.
- NATIONAL HAND WASHING DAY IS OCTOBER 13 - THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO REMIND FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO WASH THEIR HANDS AND STAY HEALTHY.

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET A FLU SHOT:** The CDC recommends getting vaccinated early, but they also say, "Getting vaccinated later, however, can still be beneficial and vaccination should continue to be offered throughout the flu season, even into January or later." So, it is never too late to get a flu vaccine.

Resources: CDC, Mayo Clinic • Prepared by Georgine Snyder for the Emmaus Board of Health



## EMMAUS POLICE

### National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 5th, 2025, the Emmaus Police Department held its annual National Night Out. This year's event was held from 6:00-8:30 p.m. and was spread out amongst Jubilee Street, South 4th Street, and the Emmaus Triangle. Due to numerous donations and sponsorships from local businesses, the Emmaus Police Department was able to make this the largest and most attended National Night Out to date. The Police Department provided multiple demonstrations with K9 Leo and handler Officer Sacks, served 640 free hot dogs to the public, and enjoyed getting to know our community members.

There was lots of fun for all ages at this year's event. There was everything from a rock-climbing wall and obstacle courses to food trucks and a petting zoo. We also had some special appearances too by our very own Emmaus Hornet, Bluey, and Melvin from the Phantoms. Families were able to enjoy all these as well as activities like face painting, a caricature artist, and a balloon twister. We were very grateful for the large participation of local organizations and businesses. These organizations and businesses give back to our community in so many ways, and we appreciate they were able to attend the event and share with the community all their hard work. Watch for more information in the future for plans for our 2026 National Night Out.



### Wintertime Tips from the Emmaus Police Department

As wintertime approaches and daylight grows shorter here are some safety tips to protect not only yourself but your property as well:

#### Vehicle Tips

- Always secure your vehicle by locking all the doors.
- Make sure to close all windows to prevent access to your vehicle.
- Remove or keep your valuables out of sight.
- Do not leave vehicles running unattended.

#### Home Tips

- Secure all doors and windows in your home and other buildings on your property.
- Schedule deliveries for when you are home or use secure pick-up locations in town.
- Always keep your property well-lit including interior lights.
- Complete a vigilance request form when you are away from your home on vacation. These forms can be obtained on our website or by stopping by the department.

#### Personal safety tips

- Always be aware of your environment, including during the day and night.
- Trust your gut instincts and remove yourself from potential unsafe situations or atmosphere.
- Maintain personal space to allow yourself time to react if necessary.
- Stay visible especially as daylight grows shorter, including wearing bright clothing and carrying a flashlight.
- Take caution when wearing headphones in public so that you are mindful of your surroundings.

If you have questions feel free to reach out to the Police Department, and as always report any suspicious activity to the Police Department.

# APPLY TODAY

## Emmaus Police Department Citizen Police Academy

- Application opens Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025
- Application deadline is Friday, December 5th 2025 at 4pm
- Free 9-week course
- Class starts on February 3rd, 2026
- Class will meet every Tuesday until March 31st, 2026 from 6-8:30pm
- Notification of acceptance will be mailed the first week of January 2026
- Participants will receive instruction by Emmaus Police Department personnel including presentations, scenario training and demonstrations on various topics.

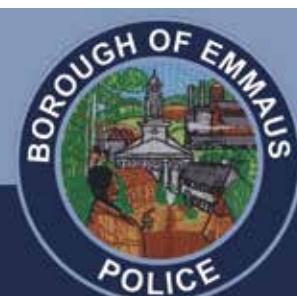
\*Participant must be an Emmaus Borough resident\*  
\*Schedule is tentative and subject to change due to weather and/or other circumstances\*



## CLASS 003



Apply at the Emmaus Police Department or visit our website using the above QR code for more information



## NOW HIRING

### Police Officer Salary

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After 4 years: \$108,451

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Information as of 8/13/2025

For more information, requirements, and application visit:  
[www.lehighcountypolicetest.com](http://www.lehighcountypolicetest.com)

### Next Applicant Testing

The application period is now closed. The next testing process will be announced later this year and will be around February or March 2026. Please see above website for more information.



# EMMAUS POLICE



## PA MICROMOBILITY FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION	MIN AGE	LICENSE	REGISTRATION	INSURANCE	HELMET	PASSENGER	LIGHTS	MAX CAPABLE SPEED	RIDE ON SIDEWALK	RIDE ON BIKE LANE	POSSIBLE DUI	PA VEHICLE CODE
<b>ELECTRIC SCOOTER</b> 	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	§ 102
Can operate only on private property. Electric scooters, like electric skateboards and electric unicycles, cannot be legally operated on public roadways.												
<b>MOTORIZED PEDALCYCLE</b> 	16	C	Yes	Yes	Yes, under 21	Yes	Yes	25	No	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3523(e), § 1714
Has operable pedals. Design speed of no more than 25 mph. Gas - motor rated 1.5 brake horsepower or less, has an automatic transmission. Electric - powered by an electric battery.												
<b>MOTOR SCOOTER</b> 	16	Class M/Class if >50 cc, Class C if <50cc	Yes	Yes	Yes, under 21	Yes	Yes	Up to 5 brake horsepower	No	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3525
Is a motor-driven cycle. Motor shall not exceed five brake horsepower.												
<b>SEGWAY</b> 	-	No	No	No	Yes, under 12	No	Yes	-	Yes	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3581-3583, § 3703 (c)
Is an electric personal assistive mobility device. An electric, self-balancing, two-nontandem-wheeled device. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise. A Segway is allowed on sidewalks unless a municipality prohibits it.												
<b>E-BIKE</b> 	16	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	20	Yes, not in business district	Yes	Yes	§ 102, § 3514
Is a pedalcycle with electric assist. Weighs less than 100 pounds. Motor not more than 750 watts. Has operable pedals. Not capable going faster than 20 mph on a level surface when powered by the motor source only. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.												
<b>BICYCLE</b> 	-	No	No	No	Yes, under 12	Yes	Yes	-	Yes, not in business district	Yes	Yes	§ 102, § 3501 et seq., § 3802, § 1547
Is a pedalcycle. Is moved solely by human-powered pedals. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.												

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# Emmaus Ambulance Winter Updates

The Borough of Emmaus Ambulance is here to keep our community safe and supported year-round. Here are some important services and resources available this winter:



## Ambulance Subscription Program

Protect your family from unexpected ambulance costs with our annual subscription program. You can enroll by scanning the QR code or contacting our station at 610-967-5615.

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EMMAUS EMS  
2025 SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES  
"Return this portion with payment"

SCAN ME

Please make any corrections below:  
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Resident Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Corrected Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

OPT IN  
I give consent to receive text messages from Emmaus EMS pertaining to my account and their services. Message frequency may vary, data rates may apply, and members can text STOP at any time to opt out.

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Make checks payable to:  
Emmaus Emergency Services

Please Check Your Subscription Amount:

Residential		
Individual	Household	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70	
Senior		
Individual Senior	Senior Household	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65	
Business (Employees While at Work)		
Under 50 Employees	50-200 Employees	Over 200 Employees
<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400	<input type="checkbox"/> \$800
Business (Employees at Any Time)		
Under 50 Employees	50+ Employees	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$45 /employee	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40 /employee	

Optional Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### How does the Subscription work?

All emergency transports are billed to your insurance company. As a subscriber, if your insurance company does not pay anything towards the bill, you will receive a 50% discount of your co-pay. All subscribers will receive a 30% discount on all non-emergency transportation and refusal of services.

### Who is eligible to become a subscriber of the Subscription program?

The program is designed to assist the residents of Emmaus Borough, Upper Milford, Salisbury and Lower Macungie Townships. The entire Lehigh Valley Region can benefit from the subscription program for non-emergency transports.

### Are non-emergency transports covered by my subscription?

On transport not covered by most insurances (Wheelchair Van and Ambulette) you will receive a 30% discount off the fees charged.

### Do I still need a subscription if I have health insurance?

Yes. A subscription will provide a discount on the balance of your bill. When medically necessary, ambulances are typically covered by insurance but there is a chance, after review of the claim by the insurance company, that the claim could be partially covered or denied. The subscriber would receive a discount in those situations.

### Who qualifies for the Senior Household Membership?

To qualify for the Senior Household rate, at least one household member must be 65 or older.

### Why should I subscribe?

Most insurance providers only pay a portion of the charges for ambulance services; your subscription guarantees that you will not be responsible for all of the outstanding balance.

### Who is covered by the Emmaus Subscription?

Anyone who is a permanent resident in your household.

### I have Medicare or Medicare HMO. Will a subscription benefit me?

If Medicare or Medicare HMO determines ambulance transportation was not medically necessary, the subscriber will only be responsible to pay the "allowable" amount that those insurances approved to be paid, not the full ambulance transportation charge.

### What if I am a Medicaid Recipient?

By law, Medicaid (medical assistance) recipients are prohibited from participating in a subscription program.

### I received a check from my insurance company for services rendered. What should I do with it?

You MUST forward reimbursement received from your insurance company to the billing company.

### Is my subscription fee tax deductible?

NO, subscription fees are NOT tax deductible. Any additional donations you would make would be considered tax deductible.

## PROGRAM BENEFITS



Non-Ambulance Service Wheelchair Van (Paratransit) - **30% discount**

Non-Emergency Ambulance Transport - **30% discount**

Emergency Ambulance Transport (Covered) -

**Subscriber pays deductible**

**Subscriber pays 50% of Co-pay/Co-Insurance**

(Medicare and Medicare HMO co-insurance will be waived)

Emergency Ambulance Transport (Non-Covered) - **30% discount**

Emergency Ambulance Service (Lift Assist) - **Not Billed for Subscriber**

Emergency Ambulance Service (Treat-No-Transport) - **30% discount**

2025

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Ambulance  
Member

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS:

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CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP  
START DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

VALID 364 DAYS AFTER START DATE

# Emmaus Ambulance Winter Updates



## CPR & First Aid Classes

Did you know Emmaus Ambulance hosts CPR and First Aid training? Classes are open to the public. To register, email [EmmausEMStraining@gmail.com](mailto:EmmausEMStraining@gmail.com) or scan the QR code.



## Child Car Seat Safety

Keeping children safe on the road is critical. We partner with the Traffic Injury Prevention Project to share safety recommendations at <https://pakistantravelsafe.org>. Car seat safety inspections are also available at the Fire and Ambulance Station. Limited replacement seats are available for outdated or outgrown seats. To schedule an inspection or installation, please contact Kerry Hoffman at [khoffman@emmauspa.gov](mailto:khoffman@emmauspa.gov) or call 610-967-5615.

### Children Younger than 2 years: REAR-FACING Car Seats

- Always choose a car seat made for the child's age and size.
  - Read the car seat labels for the weight and height ranges.
  - **Secure children rear-facing as long as possible.**
- Install the car seat facing the rear of the vehicle.
- Choose a back seat.
  - Never secure the car seat in the front seat with an active front seat air bag.

- Adjust the harness to fit the child.
  - Harness straps are:
    - **At or below** the child's shoulder and snug.
    - Extra webbing cannot be pinched at the shoulder.
  - Chest clip placed at armpit level.
- Secure the car seat tightly.
  - Moves no more than one-inch when pulled where the seat belt goes through the car seat.
- Never leave a child alone in the car.



### Children Ages 2 and Older: FORWARD-FACING Car Seats

**Child is over age 2 AND has outgrown the weight or height limits of the rear-facing car seat.**

- Always choose a car seat made for the child's age and size.
  - Read the labels for the car seat weight and height ranges.
  - **Secure children forward-facing until the child outgrows the harness.**
- Install the car seat facing the front of the vehicle.
- Choose a back seat.
  - Recommended to not to secure the car seat in the front seat with an active front seat air bag.

- Adjust the harness to fit the child.
  - Harness straps are:
    - **At or above** the child's shoulder and snug.
    - Extra webbing cannot be pinched at the shoulder.
  - Chest clip placed at armpit level
- Secure the car seat tightly.
  - Moves no more than one-inch when pulled where the seat belt goes through the car seat.
- Attach and secure the tether to limit forward movement in the event of a crash.
- Never leave a child alone in the car.



### Children Ages 4 and Older: BOOSTER SEATS with Lap and Shoulder Seat Belt

**Child is over age 4 AND has outgrown the weight or height limits of the forward-facing car seat.**

- Always choose a booster seat made for the child's age and size.
  - Read the labels for the booster seat weight and height ranges.
  - **Secure children in a booster seat until the seat belt fits correctly.**
- Always use a lap and shoulder belt with a booster seat.
- Recommend child is secured in a back seat.

- Adjust the booster seat / vehicle head restraint height behind the child's head.
- Seat belt routed over the child through the seat belt guides.
  - The lap belt lays flat across the hips.
  - The shoulder belt lays flat across the center of the shoulder.
- Never leave a child alone in the car.



### Children Ages 8 and Older: LAP AND SHOULDER SEAT BELT

**Child is over age 8 AND has outgrown the weight or height limits of the booster seat.**

- Child can sit with their:
  - Back against the vehicle seat without slouching.
  - Knees bent over the front edge of the vehicle seat.
  - Feet flat on the floor.
- Secure children in a lap and shoulder belt, when available.**
- Recommend a back seat for children up until 13 years of age.

- Adjust the vehicle head restraint height behind the child's head.
- The vehicle lap and shoulder seat belt fits correctly when:
  - The lap belt lays flat across the hips.
  - The shoulder belt lays flat across the center of the shoulder.
- Never leave a child alone in the car.



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## Wheelchair Transportation

Emmaus Ambulance provides wheelchair transportation for borough residents and neighboring communities. Services include medical appointments and visits to family residences. A wheelchair can be provided if needed. To schedule, call 610-967-4988.

This winter, stay safe, prepared, and connected with Emmaus Ambulance. We're proud to serve you!

### SUBSCRIBER RATES

One Way Transport	\$ 84.00	One Way Transport	\$120.00
Round Trip Transport	\$101.50	Round Trip Transport	\$145.00
Mileage Charge	\$4.90/mile	Mileage Charge	\$7.00/mile

### NON-SUBSCRIBER RATES

## Winter Safety Tips for the Community

Winter weather brings snow, ice, and freezing temperatures. Protect yourself and your loved ones by following these important tips

### At Home

- Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning: Never use a gas stove or oven to heat your home. Run generators outside and at least 20 feet away from windows and doors.
- Check Heating Equipment: Have furnaces, fireplaces, and chimneys inspected before use.

### On the Road

- Drive Cautiously: Slow down, increase following distance, and avoid sudden braking on icy roads.
- Prepare Your Vehicle: Check tires, windshield wipers, and keep your gas tank at least half full.
- Clear Your Car: Remove snow and ice from windows, mirrors, and the roof before driving.

### Personal Safety

- Prevent Slips & Falls: Wear boots with good traction, take smaller steps, and use handrails when available. Keep walkways clear and use salt or sand to reduce ice hazards.
- Dress in Layers: Wear hats, gloves, scarves, and waterproof boots to stay warm and dry.
- Avoid Overexertion: Shoveling snow can strain the heart—take frequent breaks and push snow instead of lifting when possible.

## Care that's kid-approved.

- Kid-centric spaces.
- Kid-sized medical equipment.
- Kid-focused doctors.

[LVHN.org/children](http://LVHN.org/children)

 **Lehigh Valley**  
**Reilly Children's Hospital**  
part of  **Jefferson Health**

# Helpful Hints from the Emmaus Fire Department



As temperatures drop, many families turn to space heaters, fireplaces, candles, and holiday lights to keep warm and festive. Unfortunately, winter is also the peak season for home fires. Practicing fire safety can help protect your loved ones and your home during the colder months.

## Common Winter Fire Hazards

- **Space Heaters:** Keep them at least three feet away from anything that can burn. Always turn them off before leaving the room or going to bed.
- **Fireplaces & Wood Stoves:** Use a sturdy screen to stop sparks, and have chimneys cleaned annually.
- **Candles:** Never leave them unattended and keep them away from curtains or decorations. Consider battery-operated alternatives.
- **Holiday Lights:** Inspect cords for frays and avoid overloading outlets.
- **Avoid Touching Trees Near Power Lines:** Heavy snow and ice can cause branches to fall onto lines. Don't try to remove them yourself. Call the power company or 911.



The Emmaus Fire Department has a limited supply of smoke/CO detectors for new installations. To ensure that the Department can complete your service, we recommend with Fire Administrative Assistant at [bfalko@emmauspa.gov](mailto:bfalko@emmauspa.gov)

## Holiday Refuse and Recycling Schedule 2025

### THANKSGIVING DAY – November 27th:

Whitetail Disposal will be closed Thanksgiving. Thursday service will be delayed by one day. Normal Thursday service will occur on Friday.

### CHRISTMAS DAY – December 25th:

Whitetail will be closed on Christmas. Thursday service will be delayed by one day. Normal Thursday service will occur on Friday.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY – January 1st:

**Whitetail Disposal will be closed on New Year's Day. Thursday service will be delayed by one day.**  
Normal Thursday service will occur on Friday.

Please place materials at the curb the night prior to your pick-up day to guarantee collection.

Please visit the Emmaus Borough page on Whitetail Disposal's website at [Emmaus Borough - Whitetail Disposal](#) for questions regarding holiday pick up.



## Borough Selected as a Finalist for the Community of Distinction Award

Emmaus Borough been selected as a finalist for the Community of Distinction award for our commitment to planning that benefits local and regional residents and businesses and supports the goals and policies of our comprehensive plan and FutureLV: The Regional Plan. Lehigh and Northampton Counties selected communities as finalists based on their continued efforts and progress towards maintaining and enhancing quality of life, economy, environment, housing, parks, recreation and open space and the many, many elements that make the Lehigh Valley and our community an amazing place.

Other finalists for the Award are:

- Coopersburg Borough
- Hellertown Borough
- Plan Slate Belt Communities including Pen Argyl, Bangor, East Bangor, Portland, Roseto and Wind Gap Boroughs and Washington Township

All nominees will be recognized at the Lehigh Valley Awards Gala on December 3rd from 4pm to 7pm at Hotel Bethlehem. The Community of Distinction winner will be announced and receive a special trophy, roadway signs at the entrance to their municipality, a special ceremony in the community honoring the planning achievements, promotion of the achievements and a seat among the few municipalities that truly serve as regional leaders in planning and governance.

We are extremely excited to be recognized as a finalist for this honor.

## Another Successful Dumpster Day

The Borough hosted Dumpster Day on October 4th at the Compost Site. The day is designed for our residents to throw out some of the junk that perhaps has been gathering in the garage, shed or in the house. The event, over the years, has been extremely successful, as several hundred cars come to drop off everything from electronics to batteries to tires to couches. This year's event saw 242 vehicles come through the line. Among items that were dropped off, there were two large box trucks packed with electronics, over 60 tires, 13 batteries, and 25 different items containing freon. In addition, residents disposed of old furniture, and different household waste items. Members of our administrative staff, public works department, police department, and fire department all partnered with Whitetail Hauling to ensure the success of the event.



While the results aren't in for our Household Hazardous Waste Day on November 1st, we anticipate another outstanding event. Our next Dumpster Day and HHW Day will be in 2028, as we hold them every other year. Please note, if you have any bulk items to dispose of at your home, you can call our waste hauler, Whitetail Disposal, to schedule curbside pick-up.

## PFAS Project Construction Continues



As you are aware, the Borough has been working as quickly as possible on the PFAS mitigation project. The large project began construction over Summer and will continue through next Spring. The project is scheduled to have substantial completion finished by the end of March, with the final completion in June.

As of the middle of October, the large underground equalization tank was completed and the footers for the tank storage building were being poured. Throughout the months of November and December, the building will be constructed. In January, the large carbon tanks will be delivered, as the delivery of the tanks was delayed from November. There will be 4 tanks that are over 20 feet high and 12 feet in diameter. Over the next few months, the system will be constructed inside the building. Once the weather begins to break in early Spring, the final plumbing and well rebuilds will occur, and the system will be ready to go online. The project's final cost came in at \$9,731,255 million. The Borough Manager obtained a Penn Vest grant in the amount of \$7,762,036 and a loan in the amount of \$1,633,964 to fund the project.

Our last PFAS readings from the 2 wells that are being treated were about 1100 parts per trillion for one well. That well was turned offline as soon as PFAS was discovered, meaning water was no longer disbursed from that well. The reading on the other well was a combined 133 parts per trillion of PFOA and PFOS.

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## Well Tank Project Continues

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The Water Well Tank Rehab Project continued throughout the Summer and early fall. The project is essential to maintaining the life expectancy of the holding tanks at each of Borough's wells, as well as the main tanks that distribute water into the Borough. The project, costing nearly \$2 million to complete, consists of sandblasting, patching, and repairing the inside and outside of each of the holding tanks, including repainting each tank. Special technology, chemical treatments, patching, and rehabilitation efforts were used to repair and extend the life of two of our well tanks as well as our 1.2 million gallon holding tank this year. Next year, we will complete the final holding tank and our 1-million-gallon tank. The project is mostly funded by a \$1.2 million ARPA H2O grant obtained by our Borough Manager. Because of the repairs and ongoing maintenance plan, we can expect the life expectancy of each of the tanks to last another 50 years. To replace a single holding tank, the price is expected to reach over \$4 million in today's dollars, therefore, the efforts to make repairs now are essential to prevent having to incur that cost in the near future. The photos below depict before and after pictures of the inside and outside of the well tank located at Emmaus Community Park.



## Curbside Leaf Collection

**The Borough of Emmaus will continue its 2025 Curbside Leaf Collection through Friday, December 5th. The Borough is unable to set specific pickup dates for leaf collection for individual streets. We recommend that you have them raked out at the beginning of each week. Once the Public Works Department has made a pass through your street, they will not return until the following pick up. Please be advised that if the Borough encounters winter weather and must plow, any leaves in the road will be plowed. Every attempt will be made to clean the roads prior to winter. For FINAL COLLECTION please have your leaves out by Monday morning December 1st. Once we have made our final pass on your street, we will not return.**



- 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 residents. Branches, shrubbery, grass, garbage, dog waste, and any 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 pickup units and put them out of service at a great expense of time and money to the Borough and its residents.
- Leaves will not be collected on private property. They must be placed at the curbline. If leaves are not in place when the crews go by, they will be picked up on the following round through the Borough. No "return trips" will be made to pick them up.
- Residents who have areas designated as "No Parking" (yellow painted curbs) are encouraged to pile leaves at these locations for easier pick up.
- Do not place tarps over your leaves. The Public Works Department will bypass them, and they will not be collected.
- To help facilitate the collection of leaves, please keep all vehicles away from the area where the leaves are piled. The Public Works Department will not rake piles of leaves out from between parked cars or from under them.
- Do not pile leaves on or around storm drains as this will cause flooding issues and create unsafe driving conditions.

Thank you for your cooperation. For additional leaf/yard waste disposal, the Compost Site is also open for drop-off Monday, December 8th through Friday, December 12th from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## Compost Site Hours of Operation

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.

## Christmas Tree Collection

The Public Works Department will collect Christmas trees placed at the curbline beginning on **Friday, January 5th, 2026 through Friday, January 9th, 2026**. Please place your natural tree at the curb, WITHOUT A BAG, ORNAMENTS, TINSEL/GARLAND, LIGHTS, or TREE STANDS. The Public Works Department will not collect artificial trees placed at the curb. The Borough's refuse collection company, Whitetail Disposal, does not collect trees placed at the curb. Trees discarded after January 9th, 2026 will not be picked up. After January 10th, residents must take their tree to the Compost Site for Disposal. The Compost Site will be open January 12th – 16th from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for disposal of Christmas trees and other yard waste (no loading)

## Permits are Required

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

**PERMIT  
REQUIRED**

On the website home page, under the Government drop down menu, click on the Zoning page and then click on Permit Forms/Applications and choose which application you need. Simply fill it out and return the completed application to Borough Hall at 28 S. 4th Street, so we can begin processing your permit. If you have any questions about permits, please call Eric Fuhrmann at 610-928-1132 or Brent Reedt at 610-967-1332 or email [efuhrmann@emmauspa.gov](mailto:efuhrmann@emmauspa.gov) or [breed@emmauspa.gov](mailto:breed@emmauspa.gov).

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

### Moving Permits

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

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# Snow Plowing Tips and Reminders



The Public Works Department of the Borough of Emmaus is dedicated to the safety of its residents. At times, snow removal can be a monumental task and our Department of Public Works employees work around the clock to keep the State and Borough routes open. To prepare our residents for impending snowstorms, the Public Works Department wants you to know more about snow removal and answer your most frequently asked questions.

- 1. When will my street be plowed?** Depending on the severity of the snowstorm, roads that will be plowed first are: the roads with the highest traffic volume, steep hills, state roads, snow emergency routes, roads near emergency service facilities, and roads near public institutions. While the storm is occurring, one pass is made in each direction of every street. After this is complete, or it is determined that the storm is coming to an end, the pushing back phase of the excess snow will begin. This is when all streets are cleaned curb-to-curb or to the shoulder of the road.
- 2. Should we move our cars from the street?** When a storm is forecasted, move vehicles to off-street parking when possible and keep vehicles off the street until plowing is completed. Parked cars can cause both a hazard and hindrance to snow removal efforts. This allows plows to clear the entire roadway the first time through, making return trips unnecessary.
- 3. What about driveways and sidewalks?** When cleaning your street, the crews have no place to push the snow except to the side of the road. This creates the unavoidable problem of already cleaned sidewalks and driveways to be covered with snow. Residents and business owners should wait until the Borough trucks and equipment have completed their work before cleaning driveways, sidewalks, and vehicles. Snow from vehicles and sidewalks should not be deposited back into that portion of the street where snow has already been removed. Do not shovel snow from your driveways into the roadway. This practice is illegal under the state motor vehicle code and Borough Ordinance 303 and is also hazardous. Fines for violations range from \$25.00 to \$100.00. **Please do not shovel snow into the street!** Residents are responsible for the actions of anyone they may hire for removal..
- 4. If the Borough pushes snow back onto my sidewalk, who is responsible?** Sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owner. Borough Ordinance 302 requires that all sidewalks must be cleared of snow or ice accumulations within twenty-four (24) hours after each precipitation ends. Failure to do so may result in fines for violations of the Ordinance. School bus stops must also be kept clear of snow and ice on the sidewalks.
- 5. What if my mailbox becomes covered with snow?** Your mailbox and the access to it, for the U.S. Postal Service, is the responsibility of the resident. Again, because the crews have no place to put the snow, roadside mailboxes may become blocked. Heavy snow may damage mailboxes. This is not intentional but may occur. Please make sure your mailbox is sturdy and in good repair. The Borough will not be responsible for repairs to mailboxes placed within the legally defined rights-of-ways of its roads unless they are struck by the snow removal equipment.
- 6. What should I do if my lawn or landscaping was damaged by the snowplow?** Any objects that are placed within the right-of-way by the property owner, including trees, shrubs or lawns are not the responsibility of the Borough in the case of plow damage. If there are low hanging branches overhanging the roadway, the Borough's plows or emergency vehicles will not be able to make a clear pass through. Those areas may not be plowed, and emergency vehicles may not have access. Please make sure that all overhanging branches are trimmed prior to winter.

Weather and snowstorms require patience. Neighborhoods and businesses should work together. If practical, develop plans ahead of time in relation to where snow and ice will be stored. Contractors with plow equipment and residents with snow blowers should remain mindful of the direction snow and ice is removed from properties. Remember, we are all trying to achieve the same goal of keeping our roadways safe and traffic moving. During snowstorms, SAFETY is the Borough's main concern.

**PLEASE HAVE PATIENCE!** Snow removal is tedious and a very time-consuming job. The Borough of Emmaus Public Works snow removal operators are human and work many hours under very difficult conditions to keep Borough residents safe. Please do not abuse them or threaten them or the Borough of Emmaus Police Department may be contacted. Travel should be limited during a snowfall and immediately after, unless absolutely necessary. Please do not call unless it is urgent! When crews are removed from normal routes, it slows down the overall efforts. If a call warrants attention, the information will be dispatched, and the crew will take care of the problem as soon as possible.



## Adopt A Fire Hydrant

Do you live near a fire hydrant? If yes, would you like to consider adopting it this winter?

If you have a hydrant in your neighborhood, please adopt it this winter by keeping it clear of snow and ice so that it is readily accessible in an emergency.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

# VISIT THE 1803 HOUSE

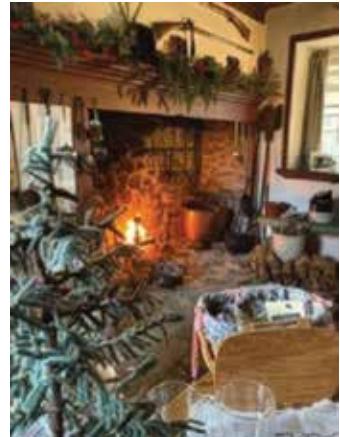
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Greetings from the Friends of the 1803 House. The holidays are upon us, and Old-Fashioned Christmas in Emmaus is December 6th!

The doors of the 1803 House will be open wide from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a roaring fire in the hearth to welcome you...stroll through the rooms and immerse yourself in the colonial history of the early 1800's, while the piney scent of the season, from the Christmas tree in the parlor and the arrangements on the window sills, tickles your nose. Every year the Emmaus Garden Club creates beautiful arrangements to decorate the house, and we sell them along with our beautiful wreath creations to benefit both the Garden Club and the house.

Once the festivities are over, the 1803 House is no longer open to the public through the winter. However, to keep the period furniture and artifacts safe, the heat must remain on at a certain temperature, and the dehumidifiers must run. The electric and oil bills continue to roll in. The average monthly energy costs at our historic Emmaus treasure are \$225. Over the course of the entire year, the energy costs run around \$2700.



We host events throughout the year to raise money to offset these costs, but we are looking for community members who might want to be a sponsor to help with these monthly utility bills. There are several levels of giving we are seeking:

Neighborly Light Sponsor: \$100

Steady Flame Sponsor: \$250

Current of Kindness Sponsor: \$500

Heart of the Home Sponsor: \$1000

Your gift can be a one-time offering or sustaining and will be recognized on our website. The Friends of the 1803 House are truly grateful for the love the Emmaus community shows to their historic houses and museums. It's what makes our borough one of the top places to live! Wishing you and yours the best holiday season!

For more information or to make a donation, visit our website to either print a hard copy form or donate online: <https://www.1803house.org>

## Emmaus Community Garden

The Emmaus Community Garden wrapped up another successful season in October, with a full house of new and returning gardeners. From the tender leaves of spring greens through pumpkins and lima beans, this year's yields have been epic. Despite a rainy start followed by a hot, dry spell, it was a banner year for tomatoes, squash and potatoes. The gardeners' generosity led to 128.25 pounds of produce donated to the Lehigh Valley Plant-A-Row program, a non-profit distributing fresh vegetables to local food pantries and shelters.

Did you know Emmaus has a community garden, open to residents and non-residents? 15'x30' plots are available for \$20 (residents) and \$35 (non-residents). Free compost, mulch, and water are on site. Interested in being added to the waitlist? Email [emmausgarden18049@gmail.com](mailto:emmausgarden18049@gmail.com).

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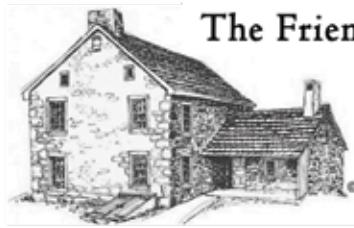
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## 1803 House Utility Sponsorship Form

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Type of Utility Sponsorship:**

- Neighborly Light Sponsor: \$100
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- Heart of the Home Sponsor: \$1000

### **Monetary Sponsorship:**

Check: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check No: \_\_\_\_\_ Venmo: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Make your check payable to "The Friends of the 1803 House, Inc."

Mail this form with your tax-deductible contribution to:

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All donations to the Friends of the 1803 House, Inc. are tax deductible under IRS regulation 501(c)3.

Thank you for your support!

*The Friends of the 1803 House*

# Emmaus Farmers' Market

RAIN, SNOW OR SHINE at the Emmaus Triangle

\*Every Sunday\* 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. in December

2nd & 4th Sundays January - April 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

The Emmaus Farmers' Market is still in full force and runs EVERY SUNDAY until the end of 2025, with Winter Markets continuing into 2026! Please note, the hours are changed to winter hours in December to 10 a.m.-noon, but the market remains open every week. It's too cold for instruments, but Live Music will continue until the end of December, weather permitting. Interested in volunteering to sing in December from 10 a.m.-noon? Email Market Coordinator, Jen Schuster at [info@emmausmarket.com](mailto:info@emmausmarket.com) for details.

The Winter Market shifts to the 2nd & 4th Sunday to 10:00 a.m.-noon starting in January and continues through April. Stop by the Market Merch & Information Tent to get a 2026 calendar and don't miss a market! We have some great holiday gifts with new long-sleeved rooster t-shirts, and lots of unique items from our vendors. Think of jarred items like apple butter, jams, specialty honey, garlic paste, and lots more. Our vendor's tents will remain the same as regular season, now that Fourth Street is closed for the market on Sundays December-April. Grab a market map at the Market tent to find all your favorite vendors!

Visit your farmers at the Emmaus Triangle on Sundays throughout the winter for your weekly produce and meats, bundle up for the weather and enjoy hot food & coffee, and meet up with friends. With 25+ vendors in the winter (!!!), we are at the Triangle Rain, Snow OR Shine. Thanks to our wonderful customers, Emmaus market vendors continue to bring you local fruits & vegetables (storage and greenhouse crops), a variety of dairy products, bread & baked goods, raw honey, kombucha, coffee, herbs, locally grown teas, mushrooms, pasture raised meats & eggs, local spirits, beer and wine, and more. Meet us at the market!

Follow us and visit our website to stay up to date on the market all year long!

Website: [emmausmarket.com](http://emmausmarket.com)

Facebook: Emmaus Farmers' Market

Instagram: [@emmausfarmmkt](https://www.instagram.com/emmausfarmmkt)

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# THE KNAUSS HOUSE

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## Knauss Homestead Preservation Society

### "A Year of Growth, Gratitude, and Great Promise at the Knauss Homestead"

As colder weather settles over Emmaus and the fields of the Knauss Homestead grow quiet for the season, we look back with deep gratitude for what has been a remarkable year of community, history, and hope.

From welcoming hundreds of guests to our annual Peach Festival to hosting students, families, and visitors eager to step back in time, 2025 has been a year of reconnection—between past and present, neighbors and newcomers, heritage and future. Every event, tour, and volunteer hour has strengthened the living legacy of the Knauss family, whose courage and craftsmanship helped shape our town nearly 250 years ago.

But perhaps the most exciting chapter lies ahead: the long-awaited restoration of the Knauss Barn. Once the heartbeat of the property, the barn now stands ready to be reborn—not just as a preserved structure, but as a true community resource. Our vision is to transform it into a year-round gathering space for educational programs, heritage celebrations, artisan workshops, and local events that continue the spirit of Emmaus's founders.

This dream is within reach—but only with your help. As we approach the end of 2025, we invite you to make a tax-deductible contribution toward the barn restoration fund. Every gift, large or small, brings us closer to stabilizing the structure, improving accessibility, and ensuring that future generations can experience the warmth and history we cherish today. Just visit [KnaussHomestead.org](http://KnaussHomestead.org) to donate.

We're also calling on our community to get involved. Whether you have a few hours or a few weekends to give, volunteers are the heart of everything we do, from tending the gardens and assisting with tours, to planning events and helping with restoration projects. Your time and talent make all the difference.

And mark your calendars! The Homestead will be hosting our beloved Old-Fashioned Christmas on December 5th and 6th. Expect twinkling lights, warm cider, and holiday traditions that bring our history to life. Watch for details coming soon on our website and social media.

Together, we've proven what a passionate community can accomplish. With your support, the Knauss Homestead will continue to be not only a treasured historic site but a living landmark, alive with stories, music, and laughter for centuries to come.

Please consider making your year-end donation or signing up to volunteer today to help us preserve the Knauss Barn and carry our shared history forward.

*From all of us at the Knauss Homestead Preservation Society—thank you for being part of our story.*



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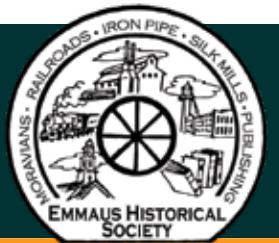
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# EMMAUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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



## ***Celebrating Traditions in Emmaus***

One of the things that keeps our families and community ties strong is tradition. Many of you can fondly recall stories of holidays past—moments filled with laughter, warmth, and cherished customs. Hopefully, those traditions continue to thrive in your homes today.

The community of Emmaus is no different. Beginning in the 1920s, Santa Claus would appear at Town Hall on Christmas morning, handing out oranges and chocolates to the children of Emmaus. The event drew large crowds, with lines winding down the block. In later years, the tradition was carried on by various fire companies and continued into the 1960s. How many of you remember receiving your orange and chocolate from Santa?

In 1923, the first Christmas tree was placed in the empty Triangle on Christmas Eve, accompanied by music from the Moravian trombone choir. When the Triangle was renovated in 1960, an evergreen was planted—becoming a beloved centerpiece of Emmaus's holiday celebrations for decades.

Santa and Mrs. Claus made their first appearance in the 1950s. Mousey and Blub Gerhart visited Christmas parties at private homes throughout Emmaus on Christmas Eve. Blub also rode the firetruck to the Triangle, portraying Santa Claus for the Tree Lighting ceremony, which featured a small tree and a nativity scene. He was a familiar face at the Emmaus Kiwanis Club Christmas parties as well. Nancy and Franklin Reimert later took on the roles of Santa and Mrs. Claus, becoming fixtures at the Tree Lighting celebration and continuing the tradition until the mid-2010s. There's even a tale of Santa peeking out from the tower of the original Town Hall, where the fire whistle was housed—a memory that surely brings a smile.

These stories may stir fond memories of early Christmases in Emmaus—and the traditions continue today.



The Emmaus Historical Society kicks off the holiday season the first weekend of December. The Members' Wine and Cheese Social takes place on December 5th—a newer tradition that has quickly become a favorite. On Saturday, December 6th, Emmaus hosts its Old-Fashioned Christmas, offering something for everyone. Emmaus Main Street Partners sponsor events in which the Historical Society proudly participates, including the Cheers Trail (12–5 PM) and Candy Cane Lane (12–4 PM).

The Museum will be beautifully decorated with vintage holiday items donated by community members. One of the borough's only public train putz displays will be featured and enjoyed by visitors of all ages. The Museum will be open from 10:00 AM to 8:30 PM on December 6th. Emmaus's historic landmarks—the Shelter House, Knauss Homestead, and the 1803 House—will also be open for tours. And of course, the evening culminates with the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Claus and the Tree Lighting in the Triangle.

On December 17th, the Emmaus Historical Society will host its Annual Christmas Party at St. John's Lutheran Church's Fellowship Hall—a joyful gathering to close out the season.

Our community is rich in tradition and history, and the Emmaus Historical Society is proud to preserve and celebrate it. We invite you to join us!

Looking ahead to the new year, the Society will not hold a Membership Meeting or Program in January, but mark your calendars for February 19th, the first program of 2026. Plans for the year's programs are still being finalized, and we'll also be sharing details about upcoming bus trips and events for the America250 Celebration. There's much to look forward to!

We are deeply grateful to the Emmaus community for its continued support. For more information about membership, volunteer opportunities, programs, and events, visit [www.emmaushistoricalsociety.org](http://www.emmaushistoricalsociety.org) or call the office at 610-966-6591.

## Keeping a Local Tradition Alive: The Emmaus 4-Mile Classic Returns April 12, 2026

For nearly five decades, the Emmaus 4-Mile Classic has been one of the Lehigh Valley's most enduring races along with the oldest continuously run event of its kind in the region. On Sunday, April 12, 2026, runners will once again gather at Emmaus High School to take on the four-mile course that winds through our quiet neighborhoods and celebrates everything that makes Emmaus special.

This year, the Emmaus Community Foundation (ECF) is proud to carry the race forward after taking over stewardship from the Lehigh Valley Road Runners. The goal isn't to reinvent the Classic. It's to protect what makes it meaningful while strengthening the community connections behind it.

### A Race That Reflects Our Mission

At ECF, our mission is simple yet ambitious:

***Enhancing the natural beauty and quality of life in Emmaus by encouraging philanthropy to fund high-impact initiatives that further develop optimal community living.***

The 4-Mile Classic fits that mission perfectly. It's a celebration of fitness, family, and local pride. ECF would also like to make it a platform for giving back. Proceeds from the event help ECF support projects that keep Emmaus beautiful, vibrant, and connected.

### Partnering for Impact

We're looking to make this race a true community collaboration. Sponsorship isn't just about getting a logo on a banner. It's about investing in the place we all call home. As we reestablish this tradition under local leadership, our goal is to create meaningful partnerships with businesses, civic groups, and donors who share our commitment to community well-being.

Whether your company's values focus on health, family, or neighborhood improvement, your support ensures this event remains a hallmark of Emmaus pride while directly contributing to local projects with lasting impact.



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### Event Snapshot

- **Date:** Sunday, April 12, 2026
- **Location:** Emmaus High School
- **Events:** Kids' Fun Run (9:15 a.m.) and 4-Mile Classic (9:30 a.m.)

- **Awards Ceremony:** 10:20 a.m.
- **Registration:** Online or at the Emmaus Running Store, with race-day pickup available

### Run with Us

For those who simply want to lace up and enjoy the run itself, registration is quick and easy. Just visit the Emmaus Community Foundation website to sign up for the 4-Mile Classic. Whether you're a seasoned runner or joining for fun and fitness, your participation helps support the Foundation's mission and keeps this beloved local tradition alive.

### Join Us

If your business or organization would like to get involved, please reach out through our website at [emmauscommunityfoundation.org](http://emmauscommunityfoundation.org). Together, we can keep this tradition strong and keep Emmaus moving forward.

### Be a Supporter

Scan the QR code and make a donation!



## Winter Stormwater Tips

As winter approaches and rain turns to snow, it is still important to consider stormwater pollution. Pollutants such as soaps, fertilizers, automotive fluids, and pet waste can be collected in the snowpack, accumulating until a thaw suddenly dumps them into the storm water system. Contaminants that end up in the storm drains are carried off, untreated, to streams and larger bodies of water that are used for drinking, swimming, or fishing.

Here are a few helpful habits to help reduce the number of harmful pollutants entering storm drains this winter season:

- **Winterizing vehicles.** Check that your car is not leaking oil or other fluids. It takes only a small amount of motor oil to pollute thousands of gallons of water. Also, dispose of drained fluids properly. Many service stations, and the Borough during Household Hazard Waste Day, will collect used motor oil and recycle it. Please do not dump these items down the storm drains.
- **Washing vehicles.** On a warm winter day, you may be tempted to break out the hose and bucket to get some of the road grime off of your car. Take a moment to see where that runoff is going. Does it wash down the driveway and into the storm drain? If so, all that salt and dirt will enter a stream or pond. Using a car wash facility may cost a few dollars more, but the water will be treated before being released into the watershed.
- **De-icing driveways and sidewalks.** While it may be habit to stock up on salt for the winter, many people would not consider dumping a bucket of salt on their lawn in the summer. But the results are similar. Salt runs off your sidewalk and onto the surrounding soil. Consider more environmentally friendly deicing products like Rain-Ex, Enviro-MLT, or Easy Melt found at most auto parts and home improvement stores.



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