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## 2021: Adjusting to the New Normal, but Hoping 2022 Brings Back the Old Normal - A Message from the Borough Manager

Last year at this time, I wrote an article in the winter newsletter stating that 2021 couldn't end soon enough and we couldn't wait to return to normal. This year, the realization has hit that perhaps we are in our "new normal." It's without argument that the past 18 months have been filled with a lifetime of problems for our country, our families, our friends, and many of us individually. However, we are a truly resilient people. Despite the challenges in the past year, we continue to look forward to the future. While 2021 was hopefully better than 2020 for you, it was still a very challenging year. As a nation, we had a front row seat to one of the most tumultuous changes in Presidency in the history of our nation, resulting in rioting our capital building, numerous protests, and many hard feelings between family members, friends, and community members. We witnessed the controversial withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan, and we were hit with yet another hurricane. There are major supply chain issues that are going to carry well into 2022 and prices continue to climb on most major products. COVID 19 continues to impact our lives, as variants of the deadly virus have infected thousands of people in our neighborhoods. As a Borough, we have experienced numerous employees that have been infected.

So, we ask the question, when is life going back to normal? The answer is that this may, to some degree, be the new normal. COVID 19 isn't going to magically disappear. We can all do our part and follow medical guidance. This isn't a political issue, but a health concern that we all have the power to help mitigate. As a result of the pandemic, even though most businesses have reopened, businesses continue to struggle. Many people remain concerned about going out in large crowds. In addition, we have had to navigate ways of doing business, as online ordering and purchasing has become the new norm for most people. This has had an impact on local storefronts, as it has created a challenge for many businesses to maintain a physical location. In addition, many businesses realize that employees can work from home and still be able to perform their duties. This has cut costs, but it has also begun to eliminate the need for office space. Our children have returned to school, but with a mask mandate. Parents have protested at school board meetings, despite the fact that the mandate is from the Governor. Moreover, it's an election year for local elections. For the second consecutive year, residents are offered the opportunity to mail in ballots or drop them off at a variety of locations in the county, including at our Borough Hall. While we are now able to visit our relatives, many of us are still hesitant. Meeting platforms such as Zoom have become the norm in our lives for work and even conversations with family members. Outdoor recreation continues to be on the rise, as more and more people continue to revisit the outdoors, using trail systems and visiting parks on a regular basis. The Borough's swimming pool sold a record number of swimming pool passes in 2021, largely due to this renewed passion to be outdoors. So, rather than asking when life is going back to normal, we think the better question is, what is the new normal? While we can say that there were many negatives about the past two years, I think we can all agree that there are also many great positives.

By the time you read this article, the holidays are almost here. The leaves have fallen, and the crisp, cool weather is in the air. Before we know it, Thanksgiving will be here, and the holiday season will be

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## A Message from the Borough Manager

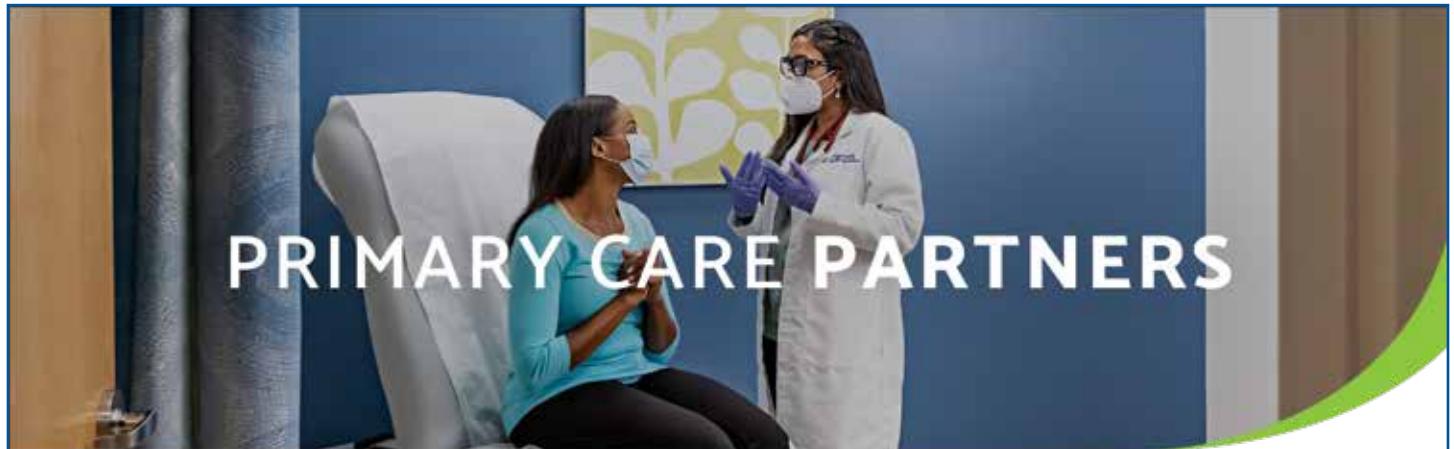
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in full swing. Hopefully you'll be able to celebrate Thanksgiving Dinner this year with more of your family. If you can't, perhaps you can share your turkey through a Zoom call. There are many other ways we can celebrate with our family, and we have many reasons to celebrate. There were many positives in the past two years that we may not realize. For most of us, we were able to get to spend time with our families. Rather than the hustle and bustle that we are so used to, many of us have been able to actually sit down with our children, spouses, and other loved ones and spend quality time with them, rather than quickly coming home from work, eating on the fly, making sure that we get to practice on time, get home, do homework, take a shower, and get to bed, just to do it all over tomorrow. Life has slowed down for many of us. For others, we've learned that there are other ways to conduct business or to work, as we've learned how to work from home or remotely. We've become better with technology, as we've been forced to rely on it more than ever. For others, we've become more connected with the outside world, as we've begun biking, hiking, and walking again. Have you tried to buy a bicycle recently? They are practically sold out across the country! Sure, we've had our struggles, perhaps with money, health, or even perhaps mental health, but if you truly think about it, many of us have changed our habits or lived a better way of life. We've begun interacting more at home and perhaps spending time doing things that are meaningful with our families. We've also seen the true sense of community, as we've seen an outpour of neighbors helping each other, whether it is assisting the next-door neighbor, or if it has been through charitable causes. At the Borough, we want to express our sincere thanks to our community members that have donated items such as masks, sanitizer, and other items that have helped keep our workers safe over the past 18 months. We have seen the true meaning of community through this labor of love that our citizens have given each other. While we have had our challenges and struggles, we have so much more to be thankful for.

Some normalcy has returned, as we are able to attend sporting events, visit restaurants, and shop in person. Still, many of us remain cautious, and are staying home. Most of our local businesses offer you the opportunity for curbside pick-up, online ordering, or delivery services. So, don't forget to help those businesses out when you are thinking about dinner or even when you are doing some of your holiday shopping this year, as we need each other more now than ever before.

Whether you celebrate a religious holiday or just simply enjoy the holiday season, Borough Council, Mayor Gilbert, and all of the employees and volunteers of the Borough of Emmaus want to wish you a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

If you know anything about our wonderful community, you know that the holidays are a time for great festivals, celebrations, and events throughout the Borough. While it hasn't exactly been the same this year, we are doing our best to bring events to you this year, as we have begun to hold our events in person again. We were able to successfully bring you a very successful and full summer concert series, while expanding them to the Triangle. The Emmaus Main Street Partners were able to successfully conduct the Farewell to Summer festival as well, and the Farmers' Market was operating in full swing. The Emmaus Main Street Partners



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are currently working on a way to have a successful Old Fashioned Christmas event in December. Several of our other local organizations are also working on bringing you some holiday cheer. Stay tuned to the Borough website or our Facebook Page for different events and holiday happenings throughout the community. We continue to encourage you to be cognizant of social distancing, and we encourage you to wear masks at indoor public spaces or in crowds.

As we know, with winter comes winter weather, although we were spared for the most part last year. When it does arrive, we urge you to be careful. Our Public Works Department will be removing snow and ice from the streets throughout the winter. Please don't throw it back out in the street, as you are only making it dangerous for others. They try to plow curb to curb, which means that you may get plowed in again if you shovel your walk before the streets are plowed. We ask that you be respectful and understand that they are only doing their jobs. In addition, our emergency service providers respond to countless calls from people falling on the ice, accidents, heart and breathing problems, and other emergencies related to snow and ice. Please be careful and know your limitations. If you have a neighbor that is elderly, handicapped, or has limitations, we encourage you to reach out and try to help them as well, as we all live in this wonderful community together.

We truly wish you a very happy and healthy holiday season and a short, warm winter without too much snow and ice! Here's to 2022 and a fresh start to what we truly hope will be the best year of your life!



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# Long-Time Borough Employees Retiring

**The Borough of Emmaus has been blessed with many fantastic, dedicated employees and volunteers over the years. As the years have passed, these individuals have helped shape our community into one of the best in the entire nation. The time has come, however, that many of those individuals that have helped shape our community, have decided it's time to relax and enjoy retirement. We would like to thank the following individuals for their many years of dedication to our community. Each one will be missed or are already missed by all of us.**



## Jim Farnsworth

If you have ever needed a permit or had a Code issue in the past 31 years, there's a very good chance you know Jim Farnsworth. Jim is retiring as our Code Official after 31 years of dedication to our community. When Jim was hired in 1988, he had a lot of work to do, as our community was much like the wild west, as there was a lack of uniformity and standards in building in the community. Having already been an experienced Code Official, Jim quickly went to work and helped the community reshape its building and codes standards in conformity with state and federal codes. He has helped reshape expectations in our community and created a Codes Department that held community members accountable to our laws and codes. However, as nearly everyone knows, Jim wasn't just the guy who enforced the law. He would spend a great deal of time educating our citizens and trying to help them build projects that would be in compliance with Codes. He spent more time educating than enforcing. He spent countless hours in meetings with residents who simply didn't understand the laws or how to construct a project that would fit within the Codes.

Jim also served as the Borough's certified Public Works Inspector, as he assisted the department with numerous projects, ensuring that they met Codes and PA standards. He spent many hours assisting Public Works employees with designing and constructing projects that would be long-lasting and beneficial to the community.

Jim is a person that has served our community with pride and dedication. We often say that the one job we wouldn't want is the Codes Official job. It's a job where you often bring bad news to property owners, need to enforce ordinance and state laws, and are often entangled with someone that is unhappy about something. As our community knows, Jim spent his career thriving in this role, as his sole goal was to make Emmaus a better place to live, and he has spent his entire career spearheading many different initiatives.

Most of all, Jim is a person that our employees and community members truly enjoy working with. He has served as a co-worker, as a friend, and as a mentor to more individuals that he will realize. His humor and infectious laugh helped his co-workers get through many difficult days, and it also helped ease the concerns and tenseness that many of our citizens felt when initially meeting with him regarding a Codes issue.

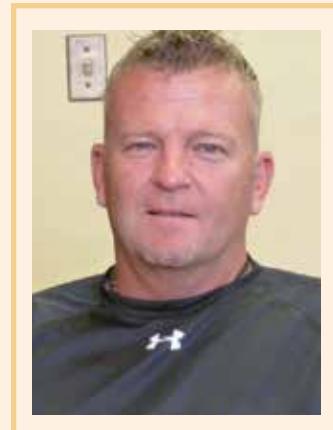
When he retires, Jim plans to spend more time golfing, harassing his wife, and mowing his own grass, so that he doesn't get in trouble with the Codes Department.

## John Dychala

John Dychala, our Public Works Director, is retiring on February 4, 2022. John has been the Borough's Public Works Director since 2013. He was hired as the Borough's Assistant Public Works Director in 2005 and has served our community with great pride for nearly 17 years.

When John took over as the Director of the Public Works Department, there was a great deal of work to do, as the department was in flux. John instantly worked to improve morale and create new initiatives that would save taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars, while making operations more efficient. John improved the professionalism in the department, formed partnerships with our neighboring communities, and improved relationships with other departments. John changed the way leaf collection is done in the Borough, saving taxpayers over \$100,000 per year. Additionally, changed the way our snow plowing operation occurs, ensuring that the plows never leave the ground until the roads are cleaned. This has resulted in the Borough's streets being cleared long before many other communities. He has spearheaded initiatives to improve streambank restoration, stormwater improvements, sewer lateral inspections, and many other initiatives in our Public Works operation.

When John retires, he plans to spend more time on the golf course...probably with Jim Farnsworth.





## Troy Schantz

Troy Schantz, our Chief of Police, is scheduled to retire on January 31st, 2022. Chief Schantz has been with our Police Department since January 1991, having served 30 years as a Borough of Emmaus Police Officer. Chief Schantz is a lifelong resident of the Borough, having grown up in town, graduating from Emmaus High School, and only leaving to go away to college at Shippensburg University. After graduation, Chief Schantz moved back into the community and began working as an Emmaus Police Officer, where he spent his entire professional career. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2001. Prior to being promoted to Chief, he served on the Lehigh County Emergency Response Team for 20 years. In January 2021, Chief Schantz was promoted from Sergeant to Deputy Chief, and ultimately to the position of Chief in June. Knowing that he was only going to be the Chief for a short time, Chief Schantz has continued to work to ensure that the Emmaus Police Department remains one of the best in Pennsylvania.

Very few people spend their entire careers in one place. Fewer people spend their entire career working in the community where they grew up. Chief Schantz has always committed himself to our community and has always worked to make our community a better and safer place to live. He has served our department in many different ways, as he also oversaw fleet management, was our firearms instructor and coordinator, and led many initiatives to ensure the success of our Police Department.

When Chief Schantz retires, it will be hard to find him, as he plans to spend more time in the woods enjoying his passion for hunting.

## Cindy Pandl

Another familiar face has recently retired from our Police Department. Cindy Pandl, employed as the clerk in the Police Department since 2000, recently retired after spending 21 years in our department. Anyone that has walked into the Police Department has met Cindy. She was the smiling face at the front window, serving thousands of residents over the years. Most people walking into the Police Department have some type of issue to deal with or are upset. Cindy always found a way to calm people and make them feel more comfortable. In fact, many of our officers referred to her as the "Mother of the Police Department", as she forged positive relationships with nearly everyone she met. She was willing to help anyone with anything. She was also the individual who labeled every Police Officer with their nickname.

Cindy plans to spend more time with her sisters in her retirement.



## Victoria Schadler

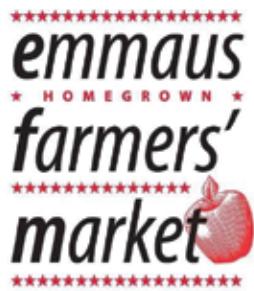
In many cases, leaders aren't necessarily the people you see in the face of the public. Victoria Schadler, the Administrative Assistant for the Fire and Ambulance Department, has been a steady leader in our community since 1977. After 44 years on the job, Victoria has decided to retire by the end of 2021.

Victoria has served our Fire and Ambulance Departments in many more ways than what her title says. Over the years, Victoria spent more time putting on the EMS and Fire Department uniforms than she did sitting behind the desk. She served in our Ambulance Department back when it was a department full of volunteer EMTs. She has also spent a great deal of her career as a firefighter. In fact, up until just a few years ago, Victoria was our fire apparatus driver during the day when needed.

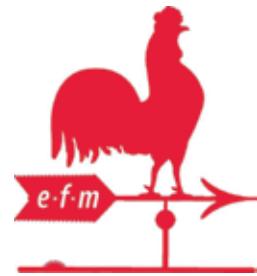
Victoria served as a leader in our Fire Department for many years. She serves as an officer for the Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association, spent many years providing leadership to the department and assisting our Fire Chiefs in many different capacities. Largely due to her multiple roles in our department, the Emmaus Fire Department has been widely known as one of the best in eastern Pennsylvania for many decades.

Thank you, Victoria (Tori), for your dedication to our community and the leadership you provided our departments!

# Happy Retirement!



## The Emmaus Farmers' Market



**Emmaus Farmers' Market regular season:**  
**Sundays, May-November, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
**Winter Market: 2nd & 4th Sundays,**  
**December-April, 10:00 a.m. – Noon.**

The Emmaus Farmers' Market's regular season is going strong this year, thanks to all of our loyal customers in Emmaus and beyond. The regular market runs every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. through the end of November. The winter market hours begin in December and will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday, running from 10:00 a.m. - Noon, through April 2022. The market is located outdoors at the Triangle and continues to bring the community local produce, dairy products, bread, baked goods, raw honey, coffee, herbs, locally grown organic hemp, CBD products, meats and more.

We are always in need of 501(c)3 non- profits to join us at the Community Table. If you are interested, please email the Marketing & Events Coordinator, Jen Schuster, at [info@emmausmarket.com](mailto:info@emmausmarket.com). Be sure to follow us on Facebook & Instagram for any new updates and visit our website [www.emmausmarket.com](http://www.emmausmarket.com) for more information and to locate the Community Table Request Form. The market also has some hoodies for the holidays, new market bags, and more, so stop by the market tent to get your #RoosterRewards card punched and represent your favorite farmers' market! We are looking forward to closing another great season in Emmaus and hope to see you there all through winter!



## Remember the Emmaus Commemorative Garden During the Holidays

The holiday season is just around the corner!

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!

We invite everyone to visit the Garden to see the changes throughout the seasons. The perennial garden, with pergola and benches, make for a quiet and beautiful setting to sit and enjoy each season. By purchasing a brick, your gift not only commemorates the one you love or an event to celebrate, but your donation is put to great use and is sown back into the Garden to make it even nicer for our community.

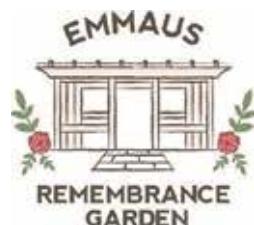
A special Remembrance Garden Brick Gift Certificate is available for bricks purchased as gifts and the ordered bricks will be delivered as soon as we have them from the engraver.



*There are over 850 engraved bricks in the Remembrance Garden including over 350 for veterans...make sure that you remember the special people and events in your life and purchase an engraved brick today!*

If you enjoy gardening and natural settings, explore volunteer opportunities for individuals, corporate, and community groups at the Remembrance Garden! There are a variety of ways that you can become involved.

Visit the Garden and our website at [www.emmausremembers.org](http://www.emmausremembers.org), where bricks can be designed and purchased with a credit card. For more information about the Garden, presentations that can be done for local groups, or volunteer opportunities, contact Mike Waddell at 484-274-2089 or [remgarden1@gmail.com](mailto:remgarden1@gmail.com).



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As we have done in the past, we'll be giving out branded tote bags to the first 100 community members to use as a shopping bag for all your purchases that day. There will be a coupon booklet/map to help everyone find the best deals around town and learn about the various businesses housed locally.

Once again, we will be offering the Holly Jolly Shopping Spree, where each receipt from an Emmaus business counts as a raffle entry for a variety of prizes. This year, rather than one grand prize, there will be a collection of smaller prizes so we can celebrate more local shoppers! Keep an eye out on social media for videos and media produced from our local businesses with insight into what it's like being a small business owner in the Borough of Emmaus. Their insights may surprise you and provide you with a different perspective! Thank you to Tyler Wursta Video, for your expertise and services with this aspect of the event.

And of course, we're excited for Old-Fashioned Christmas on Saturday, December 4th as it's set to be a day full of fun around the Borough. We will be hosting our annual Cheers Trail, a drinking trail around local businesses and organizations. We are excited for kid's activities, Santa, reindeer, and more on the Triangle from 4:00 -7:00 p.m.

We continue to host our monthly Business Roundtables on the third Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at Triple Sun Spirits. We've welcomed a few strong speakers in the past months and are looking at a fantastic lineup for future events as well: Ugly Sweater Party in December, Annual Emmaus Review Meeting, Borough Codes official, and more! These are free to attend, and all are welcome to join.

Find more information on the Emmaus Main Street Partner's, please visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/EmmausMSP>, the Chamber's event calendar at [www.lehighvalleychamber.org/events](http://www.lehighvalleychamber.org/events), call Ashley at (610) 739-1273, or email [AshleyL@LehighValleyChamber.org](mailto:AshleyL@LehighValleyChamber.org).

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### Special Events:

**Annual Friends Holiday Book Sale:** Friday, December 3rd from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### Adult Monthly Events:

- **November, All Month: Fall Book Bingo:** Pick up a Bingo sheet from the library or print one from home! Read books that fit the squares, then cross off the rows across, down and/or diagonal. Winners turn in their sheet to the library or via email to earn a small prize.
- **Daytime Book Group:** First Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the lecture room. December 7th - Separation Anxiety by Laura Zigman
- **Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group:** Second Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. - in person in the lecture room.
- **Evening Book Group:** Second Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the lecture room.  
December 14th - Three Hours in Paris by Cara Black  
January 11th - A Woman of No Importance by Sonia Purcell
- **Emmaus Creatives Connection\*\*:** Second Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. RSVP for ZOOM link. Are you looking for support and community in your creative journey? Bring a project to work on during the meeting. Our time permits for discussion, creation, and alliances. All are welcome!
- **Find Your Ancestors\*\*:** Third Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sign up in advance for a 30-minute appointment with Chris to get in-person assistance uncovering your family tree and insight using Ancestry.com.
- **Creative Writing Group\*\*:** Third Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. Join us for an in-person creative writing group with Pat Johnson, a long-time creative writer. The group welcomes those who want to write creatively for fun and/or publication. All are welcome.
- **Coloring Club:** Fourth Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Explore your creative side, reduce stress, and color! We'll be meeting in person and the library will provide coloring sheets, markers, and colored pencils or you can bring your own. All are welcome!
- **Memoir Writing Group\*\*:** Fourth Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. Join author Jerry Waxler and others via ZOOM to write about your life.

  
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- **Storytimes For All!** Every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. beginning in October through the third week of December. This story time will be open for Preschoolers, Toddlers, and infants with their parents. There will be stories, crafts, sometimes songs and finger plays. Each week will include a hand-out with the bibliography, a coloring sheet, and other related ideas.
- **Teen Writers Group\*\*:** Second Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Join Miss Sue to write from new prompts and talk about the process of writing – reading aloud not required!
- **Family Board Game Online\*\*:** Third Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Do you miss playing board games with other people? Meet up with friends near and far in the EPL Board Game Arena Room online from any internet connected device and an active email account, no download necessary.
- **Books 'n' Barks:** Fourth Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Books 'n' Barks is back! Read to the Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs on the library lawn – no registration needed – bring your own books or choose one from the library.
- **Di-November Crafts:** All day Saturday, November 20th. Join Miss Sue for dino-spired crafting fun for all ages. Drop in, no registration required.

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



  
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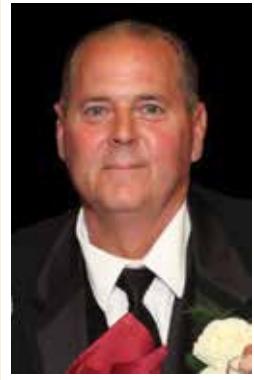
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## Special Recognition to a Man Who Left Us Too Soon



John Reiss, a Borough employee since 1978, left us too soon this past March, after a brief battle with cancer. John was a lifelong resident of the Borough of Emmaus and dedicated his life to us, working all the way up to two weeks before he passed away. He spent 41 years as a Public Works employee, having been hired when he was 18 years old. He was a volunteer firefighter for over 20 years, having retired from the fire service as our Assistant Fire Chief.

John was a very special person to all of us. He was a leader in every facet of our Borough. He mentored and trained both young firefighters as well as new Public Works employees. He led more initiatives than we can even count. He was respected and revered by employees in every department.

In our Public Works Department, John was often referred to as our senior group leader, as he was a supervisor in the department. He literally knew where every single water valve was located and where every secret was under ground in our water and sewer systems. He designed many innovative projects and coordinated many efforts in the department. He was the person that was called out in the middle of the night to lead the work crew to make an emergency water or sewer repair. John was extremely skilled on our backhoe, as he could dig in very tight spaces, being able to scrape right along a gas line to get to our water line, without causing any damage.

John served as the Volunteer Assistant Fire Chief for many years, as he was part of the long lineage of Reiss family leadership that led our Fire Department for more than four decades. He oversaw the maintenance of our fire training grounds and led training efforts in the department.

John is survived by his wonderful wife, Tammy, as well as his by his mother, his son, and his daughter. Like a proud grandfather, though, his true pride and joy was his grandchildren. He loved to take them camping and sit around the campfire. On his days off, he'd often bring his granddaughter into Town Hall just to say hello to the office staff. You could truly see the twinkle and pride in his eyes every time he spoke about his grandchildren.

The community honored John at his funeral by giving him fireman's honors, while lining the streets with fire trucks and public works vehicles. In addition, a tree was recently planted at Memorial Triangle in remembrance and in honor of John. John will forever be remembered for the impact he made on our community as well as our employees and volunteers. John is truly missed by all of us.

## Borough Offices Moving Soon

In past newsletters, we have kept you updated on the Borough's upcoming construction projects. It is close to time for shovels to hit the ground, as the projects are being bid out in the next few weeks. As a result of the proposed construction work, Borough Hall is going to get a major overhaul. During the engineer study phase, engineers have identified significant issues in Borough Hall that need to be mitigated. This includes HVAC issues, removal of the knob and tube electrical, re-wiring the entire building, all new plumbing, removal of mold from numerous locations, including under the roof, and asbestos removal. All of this work must be completed prior to any improvements to the building. As a result, Borough offices are going to be vacated for at least a year, and up to 18 months.

*Therefore, the Borough has entered into a lease agreement with Phoebe to rent the old Rodale Daycare building at 420 S. 10th Street, across from Furnace Dam Park. The Borough will relocate to this building by approximately December 1, 2021 for operations. Council meetings, Planning Commission Meetings, and Zoning Hearings, beginning in December, will take place at St. John's UCC, located at 139 N. 4th Street. Remember that all of our public meetings will continue to be broadcast live on Zoom as well. We will put out an auto dial and other press releases regarding more details and the exact dates of the move.*

### Borough Hall Holiday Schedule

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

**December 24, 2021 - Christmas Day • December 31, 2021 - New Year's Day • February 21, 2022 - Presidents' Day**

Please note that the Borough Council Meeting that would normally be scheduled for Monday, February 21, 2022, will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, due to the Presidents' Day Holiday.

The Borough of Emmaus employees wish everyone a very safe and Happy Holiday Season!  
We look forward to serving you in 2022.

**Please note that Town Hall will be closed on the following dates:**

Thursday, November 25, 2021 • Friday, November 26, 2021 • Friday, December 24, 2021  
Friday, December 31, 2021 • Monday, February 21, 2022



## The Emmaus Arts Commission



Fall is here and winter is just around the corner! It's such a wonderful time to let go and get creative! Vibrant colors surround us and provide plentiful opportunities for expression! Try a new way of getting creative through movement, music, visual, and performing arts!

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



**Artists:** Noah T and Karri S.



**Artists:** Liam and Emma K.

**Artists:** Top

Taylor Rojek & Hattie Frey, Tim Roland, Lisa Dries

**Artists:** Bottom

Lindsey Kleinberg, Paula Lotte, Donna Schmick

The Emmaus Arts Commission's Paint-A-Hydrant has completed almost 60 hydrants throughout the borough as of July 2021. Do you have a fire hydrant in your neighborhood that needs some TLC? The Paint-A-Hydrant program is ongoing and is always accepting applications! The next round will take place in Spring 2022, so you have some time to think up a design and submit it to make a positive change in your community! Designs can be as simple or as complex as you would like! Everyone can be an artist! Submit your design ideas at [HYPERLINK "http://emmausarts.org/" \t "\\_blank" emmausarts.org.](http://emmausarts.org/)



The Emmaus Arts Commission would like to extend a warm "thank you" to Thom Christian of Now and Then Books in Emmaus. Thom recently donated over \$550 to the Emmaus Arts Commission from the sales of the "Walter Emerson Baum" book. The books are still being sold as part of an ongoing fundraiser and can be purchased at his bookstore with a suggested donation of \$15-20. Each of the commission members will have books for purchase for the holiday season. Thank you, Thom, for your continuous support of the EAC.

The Emmaus Borough & Emmaus Arts Commission (EAC) worked together to plan and create a 158' community mural at the Emmaus Community Park. EAC members did extensive research on the history or origin of the featured barn stars. Community members and organizations helped to paint and complete the mural! Emmaus Arts will host a ribbon cutting in late fall. Please be sure to follow us on Facebook for updates on the event! To learn more about how you can help to support the Emmaus Arts Mural program, please visit [emmausarts.org](http://emmausarts.org). Currently we are featuring a barn star auction from local artist, Carol Campbell. Ms. Campbell generously donated her time and talent by creating 4- 8" barn stars that are featured in the fundraising auction.



- The Emmaus Arts Commission was created by the Emmaus Borough Council to encourage civic participation in the arts
- through the promotion of the arts within our community. Find out more information on upcoming events and what's happening
- with the EAC by liking us on Facebook and by visiting [HYPERLINK "http://emmausarts.org/" \t "\\_blank" emmausarts.org](http://emmausarts.org/). If you
- are interested in supporting the Emmaus Arts please send donations to: Emmaus Arts Commission c/o Emmaus Borough 28 S.
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# EMMAUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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On September 26, the Emmaus Historical Society's Board of Directors joined past Presidents, past Board members, Founding members and their families and friends for a bricklaying and dedication to honor the Past Presidents of the Emmaus Historical Society at the Remembrance Garden. After the celebration, all in attendance were invited back to the Museum for a visit with and perusal of the new displays. The Society has come a long way since its founding in February of 1992. It has been almost 30 years since the initial formation of the group that led the way to what the Society is today. Everyone is so thankful for and honors all past leaders and numerous volunteers for all of their hard work over the years!

In September, the Society also had visits from members of the Class of 1971 celebrating their 50th Year Reunion and members of the Class of 1965. Both groups enjoyed previously arranged private tours. Tours continue to be available for small groups by contacting the Historical Society at 610-966-6591 or [emmaushist@ptd.net](mailto:emmaushist@ptd.net).

The Emmaus Historical Society programs are currently suspended for the season. Plans are underway to feature new programs in 2022. Prior planned programs that were postponed and may still be available are: The Circus is Coming to the Valley, A Night of Stories and How to Tell Your Own, It's Wash Day, The History of the Structure and the Inhabitants of Shelter House, the Oldest House in Emmaus, Funeral Homes of Emmaus and the German Thanksgiving Story. If you have any suggestions for a program or something of interest related to Emmaus and our history that you would like to see presented, please feel free to contact the Emmaus Historical Society at 610-966-6591 or [emmaushist@ptd.net](mailto:emmaushist@ptd.net).

As a reminder, we continue to celebrate our local centenarians. If you know someone 100+ years old who lives in Emmaus or has an Emmaus connection and would like the Emmaus Historical Society and the Borough of Emmaus to recognize them, please contact them at [emmaushist@ptd.net](mailto:emmaushist@ptd.net).



On Friday, December 3 from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m., the Quarantettes will revisit the Society's porch for another concert of carols and songs for the season. Please come and join us for the start of the holidays.

Fall and winter are beautiful times of the year to walk around the Emmaus historic sites and the Remembrance Garden. The exteriors of the properties are striking against autumn leaves and snow. Please continue to follow the Emmaus Historical Society on Facebook, Instagram and its website for all of the latest updates on events and the Museum.



# THE KNAUSS HOUSE

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## Knauss Homestead Preservation Society



As we are in the Thanksgiving season, we are very grateful for the support of our member and friends!

The smell of cinnamon spice and freshly baked pumpkin pie fills the air inside while the scent of smoke from the hearth of many wafts through the evening air. Thoughts of the approaching Christmas holiday and all the preparation that it entails fills our days and nights as we anticipate all the joy that this most blessed and special holiday brings.

As we get older, with luck, we see things differently. That awesome hill that we went sledding on many winter nights suddenly doesn't seem so awesome. You call that a hill? Ice skating on "Indian Creek Dam," frozen over and surrounded by trees like a Currier and Ives print or skating on one of two ice rinks created by the Borough at the Triangle as you enter Emmaus or at 6th and Broad was always a treat. Shopping with Mom and Dad at the Emmaus 5 & 10 with the toy section down below or at the Emmaus Hobby Shop looking to score a new building for the "Putz," was always so much fun.

Meeting Santa at the Emmaus Theater and again at the fire hall on Jubilee Street, eagerly anticipating an orange and a shiny new quarter, are good times that are hard to forget. Snow covered streets, snow forts and igloos that seemingly lasted all winter. Front doors decorated with foil and ribbon to look like a giant gift, and large colorful lights around windows and doors. It was almost impossible to not feel the Christmas spirit everywhere. May this year find us rekindling the joy, spirit, and unity that we all shared. We are stronger as one than we are divided into many.



Though those days are long gone, may they never be gone from our memory. It is that we approach another Christmas and hopefully a return to a normal or nearly normal, "Old Fashioned Christmas" celebration. The Knauss Homestead will be open and eagerly awaiting your visit on Saturday, December 4th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please come and share a part of your Christmas celebration with us. For more information, please visit [www.knausshomestead.org](http://www.knausshomestead.org) or visit our Facebook page, the Knauss Homestead.

This year has brought success in doing much needed work on the house at the Knauss Homestead. Many thanks to Buss Paints, who provided the paint, and Paint by Shane who did an incredible job of painting the house. There are also new shutters, new basement doors, and new lighting inside and outside the house. We would like to thank everyone who gave their time and donations to make these projects happen.



The next restoration project will be residing the barn. The estimate for removing the asbestos siding and installing new 1x10 shipboard siding, to make the barn bird proof, is \$65,000.00. The Knauss Homestead needs your help and support in the form of donations to the restoration. Your donation can be tax deductible. The Knauss Homestead Preservation is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Checks can be mailed to the Knauss Homestead Preservation Society, P.O. Box 714, Emmaus, PA, 18049, or you can donate online at [www.knausshomestead.org](http://www.knausshomestead.org).

We wish you all a very merry and blessed holiday season and a Happy New Year!

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# VISIT THE 1803 HOUSE

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Phone: 610-965-0152

## WE ARE!

We are the Friends of the 1803 House. We were organized in 1975 to restore, preserve, and sustain the historic structure located on Keystone Avenue. The house was constructed by Jacob Ehrenhardt, Jr., son of Jacob Ehrenhardt, Sr., one of the founders of Emmaus in 1747.

By holding the mission stated in our bylaws, we continue to preserve, restore, and maintain this property. We are able to complete our mission with the talents of Board, the members, and the community.

We thank the community for supporting the 1803 House, Inc. over many years, but especially this year. Without the support of the community, we could not have survived the flood of August 2020 and the pandemic constraints of the last 18 months.

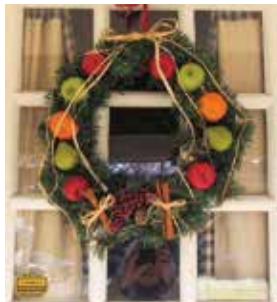
We look forward to the continuing journey of discovery and sharing the history of the village of Emmaus. We encourage you to join the Friends of the 1803 House to help make the story of Emmaus more complete. Please visit our website at [www.1803house.org](http://www.1803house.org) for more information.



## COMING SOON!

The Friends of the 1803 House invite you and your family to attend the Old-Fashioned Christmas at the 1803 House on December 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It is an event to enjoy the colonial holiday spirit, while visiting important Emmaus historical site.

The day will be filled with events such as the making of colonial wreaths, children's crafts, house tours, and a wine pull. Please join us and enjoy viewing the colonial decorated tree, window-sill decorations, as well as shopping for that special gift. Refreshments will be served. Compliance with COVID protocols is required.



## Welcome Sara Jarrett-Eaton, Assistant Borough Manager

The Borough of Emmaus is proud to welcome Sara Jarrett-Eaton as the Assistant Borough Manager. Sara comes to the Borough from Shippensburg, where she attended Shippensburg University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Public Administration with a minor in Technical and Professional Communications in 2016. She served as an intern for Newville Borough before taking a temporary position as the Executive Director of Improving Newville, Inc. in 2016. Sara recently served as the Borough Treasurer and Secretary at Mount Holly Springs for over 4 years.

Sara comes from a long lineage of family serving in public service, as both her father and uncle serve as Borough Managers, as well as elected officials, and her grandfather once served in the same capacities. She has spent many years attending meetings, going to events, and volunteering for her community.

Sara recently relocated to the Borough with her husband and dog, Dino and is eager to be involved in the community she now calls home.



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# Emmaus Kiwanis Club

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

The Emmaus Kiwanis Club is celebrating 70 years of service and community involvement in 2021. This significant milestone will be marked with a dinner party on December 8th. The celebratory evening will acknowledge the history of the club while paving the way for continued community service.

The Emmaus Kiwanis Club welcomes new members who believe in the mission of "Serving the Children of the World". The Club holds its business meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month, a program meeting on the 3rd Wednesday, and a service project or social activity at another scheduled time during the month. The Club gathers at The Superior Restaurant at 6:15 p.m. for its dinner meetings.

The Emmaus Kiwanis Club brings the organization's mission to life. We are a service organization – We ACT, We HELP and We CONTRIBUTE. Our members participate in and sponsor service projects that benefit children....in our community and throughout the world.

## Upcoming events:

- Saturday, December 4th – Emmaus Old-Fashioned Christmas
- Wednesday, December 8th – 70th Anniversary Celebration
- Saturday, December 11th – Special Needs Holiday Party

## Mark the Date! Kiwanis Events for 2022:

- Community Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 16th
- Pancake Festival – Sunday, June 5th

## **Kiwanis also contribute to the community and our children in the following ways:**

- Key Clubs at Emmaus and Parkland High School.
- Builder's Clubs at Lower Macungie and Orefield Middle Schools.
- Scholarships (5) to Emmaus High Graduating Seniors.
- Childhood Reading and Literacy Programs.
- Buckeye Road Cleanup.
- 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.

Please check our Facebook page or our website at [emmauskiwanis.org](http://emmauskiwanis.org) for contact information. We'd love to have you join us in our dedication to serving children.

## The Emmaus Veterans Committee



**The Emmaus Veterans Committee consists of honorably discharged veterans who have served in any branch of the U.S. military. Most are also members of the Emmaus American Legion Post 191, the Emmaus Catholic War Veterans Post 1069, and the Marine Corps League Detachment 296. The major purposes for which it was organized are:**

1. Provide the Honor Guard at Veterans Funerals.
2. Organize the Emmaus Memorial Day Parade and the ceremony following the parade.
3. Organize other military ceremonies, such as Veterans Day and Pearl Harbor Day.
4. Provide Honor Guard service as requested from Emmaus organizations such as the Flag Day committee, and schools.
5. Make monetary donations to veterans and to organizations that help veterans.

Any family of a veteran can request our Honor Guard services through the funeral director. There is no charge for the military funeral service, but a donation will be accepted and appreciated, since this is our major source of income.

During the first nine months of 2021; we honored 38 veterans at their funerals, gave a monetary gift to a veteran who lost everything due to a fire at his home, donated \$1000.00 to the Allentown Rescue Mission in honor of one of our members, and made a donation to FOLDS OF HONOR whose mission is to provide educational scholarships to family members of fallen or disabled veterans.

The committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Citizen's Fire Company #2, except during the months of July and August. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining, there are no dues, please contact Leonard Hvizdos by phone 610-967-1973 or email [ljhvzdos@yahoo.com](mailto:ljhvzdos@yahoo.com).

## 2019 Emmaus Volunteers of the Year: Emmaus Veterans Committee

The annual Emmaus Borough Volunteer of the Year Award was created to recognize anoutstanding community volunteer whose unselfish and dedicated service to Emmaus has made a significant difference in the community.

Because of COVID 19, the Borough was unable to recognize our Volunteers of the Year for the previous two years. Emmaus Borough

Council is pleased to announce the 2019 recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award, the Emmaus Veterans Committee. This organization is a long-time service group which also encompasses the annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony Committee. They also serve as the Emmaus Honor Guard.

The Emmaus Veterans Committee is made up of veterans from the Catholic War Vets, the VFW, the American Legion, and the Marine Corps League. The purpose of this committee is for all Emmaus veterans organizations to gather together and ensure the needs of local veterans and their families are being taken care of.



The committee's activities include, but are not limited to:

- Replacing the flags at veterans gravesites, multiple times per year
- Organizing the Emmaus Memorial Day activities
- Holding a flag retirement ceremony, once a year, where old and tattered flags are collected from gravesites, veterans groups, and civilian contributors, and are properly retired.
- Visiting VA hospitals and nursing homes where veterans are living to provide conversation and lift their spirits.

The Emmaus Veterans Committee also has an Honor Guard. This is a group of local veterans who volunteer their time to perform military funerals for fallen veterans at the gravesite. This includes the playing of taps and a gun salute. They will also perform services inside the funeral home per the request of the family. There is no payment requested but donations are accepted. If you are interested in donating, or joining the Committee, please contact Leonard Hvizdos by phone at 610-967-1973 or [ljhvzdos@yahoo.com](mailto:ljhvzdos@yahoo.com).

## 2020 Emmaus Volunteers of the Year: First Responders - Emmaus Fire & Ambulance

The Borough of Emmaus appreciates and celebrates our first responders and thank them for going above and beyond during the end of year 2019 into 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our first responders remained on duty and braved the viral elements, at the expense of themselves and their families, to maintain essential services to Emmaus as we sheltered in place. The First Responders Emmaus Fire and Ambulance deserve the recognition as the 2020 Emmaus Volunteers of the Year.

The efforts put forth by these organizations deserve the Borough's heartiest recognition – congratulations to our 2019 and 2020 Volunteers of the Year, the Emmaus Veterans Committee and First Responders Emmaus Fire & Ambulance.



## EMS Subscription Update



By the time you read this, it is our hope that our Ambulance Subscription Program will be reinvigorated. The Borough has recently submitted an RFP to work with a company to revitalize our Ambulance Subscription program. The Borough's Ambulance Subscription Program has saved Borough residents tens of thousands of dollars over the years by offering discounts to subscribers for ambulance transports. As most of you will know, insurance companies do not cover 100% of your ambulance trip, and patients are often left with hundreds of dollars in additional bills, despite how good their insurance might be. The subscription program reduces the burden to patients.

The program was previously suspended because of the costs and inefficient process to manage the program. The Borough has located companies that specialize in administering this type of program. We will release more details as soon as the new program is available in the next few months.

## The Emmaus Garden Club – Over the Backyard Fence

Autumn is always a busy time for the Emmaus Garden Club. New officers are elected, and plans are made for a holiday luncheon, where the newly elected officers are installed, programs and activities are put into place for the next year, and windowsill arrangements are created at the 1803 House for the Old-Fashioned Christmas celebration.

As we begin to spend more time indoors, we can continue to show our love of gardening by “planting” our window boxes and outdoor containers (winter proof) with greenery, berried branches, and evergreens. Remove spent warm weather plants, water generously, add twigs, branches, pine, or pinecones for a festive look. They are surprisingly long lasting!

You can bring nature inside too! Collect pinecones, nuts, chestnuts, acorns, etc. Bake in a 225-degree oven on foil lined sheets for an hour. This treatment will take care of any critters that may have come along. Put the collection in a bowl or basket, add some twinkling light, and you have a reminder of all those walks around town. Treating cones from white pine trees, as outlined above, will perfume your home and they will be shiny and bright when removed from the oven as their natural sap melts and varnishes them. Put them in the basket, too!

Membership in the Emmaus Garden Club is open to anyone interested in gardening, from large garden pots on your patio to plants in your home and you do NOT need to live in Emmaus. The garden club provides interesting program, on a variety of subjects, while sharing its love of growing. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month, March through December, at Faith Presbyterian Church, 3002 N. 2nd Street, Emmaus, PA 18049.

For more information about the Emmaus Garden Club or their community involvement, please call Ellen at 610-928-3713 or visit [www.emmausgardenclub.com](http://www.emmausgardenclub.com).



The Borough has contracted General Code to provide citizens with an easier way to access our Borough Code. The E360 Code allows you to enter a certain word and it will provide every part of our Borough code that contains the word. The program also allows us to access the relevant information that you are seeking in a much quicker and efficient manner. The program only stores Ordinances that have been codified and is usually about one to two years behind on current Ordinances therefore, we recommend that you contact Town Hall if you are researching a more recent Ordinance. E360 Code can be found on the Borough's website. On the website under "Government," click on Codes to locate the Borough's Ordinances.

## Sewer Lateral Inspection Program

In January 2019, Emmaus Borough Council adopted an Ordinance to require building sewer and lateral inspections any time a house is transferred or sold within the Borough. This was as a result of the PA DEP and EPA mandates requiring the community to eliminate the stormwater that is hitting the Allentown sewer plant. The Borough continues to invest millions of dollars into improving and removing stormwater from the main system, however, this is a key component of the infiltration and inflow that is hitting the system. The Ordinance took effect April 2019.

Ordinance No. 1185 requires anyone that is selling or transferring their property to have their sewer lateral inspected via a camera. Any licensed plumber who has the capability to conduct camera inspections may be used, or the property owner can contract the Borough to conduct the inspection. An electronic copy of the camera inspection as well as a report with the findings must be submitted to the Zoning Officer at Town Hall. If the result of the inspection demonstrates that water is infiltrating the system through deficiencies such as cracks or breaks in the line, or via root intrusions or other systematic failures, the property owner must fix or replace the building sewer or lateral prior to the sale of the property. The Borough monitors property transfers through data submitted by Lehigh County each month. If an individual fails to have the inspection completed, and the Borough receives the property transfer information, penalties are applied including fines.

The average inspection costs approximately \$225 - \$300. If there are serious issues with the sewer lines, it could cost much more, however, it is important to note that if there are issues with your lines, it means that pollutants are seeping into the ground and leaching into our potable water systems and / or rain water is hitting the sewer system, helping to cause overflows during heavy rains into the Lehigh River, meaning raw sewage is hitting the river as well. For these reasons, as well as due to the state and federal mandates, we need to ensure that the entire sewer system is working as it is designed and we are doing our part to eliminate these issues.

There are numerous provisions in the Ordinance that we encourage you to read. You can access Ordinance No. 1185 via webpage <https://ecode360.com/EM3676/laws/LF1069677.pdf>.

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Victims report spending approximately 30 hours and an average cost of \$500 after an identity crime has occurred. If there is the possibility that a portion of your information has been compromised, you are recommended to do the following as quickly as possible:

- Contact the IRS immediately! Call: 1-800-908-4490 or visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) to complete IRS Form 14039 (Identity Theft Affidavit).
- Obtain your FREE Credit Report at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) (always remember - if the website address has "free" in the name, it probably isn't free.) The link provided above is! Once you have your report, review it to be certain there is no unusual activity or unfamiliar charges.
- Contact the three consumer reporting agencies to place a FRAUD ALERT on your credit: Equifax (1-888-766-0008), Experian (1-888-397-3742), and TransUnion (1-800-680-7289).
- Place a "Security Freeze" on your credit. Each consumer reporting agency has this option. You must freeze all three for optimal coverage. This is FREE and highly recommended to reduce the likelihood of credit information being obtained through the fraudulent use of a Social Security number. Please read each reporting agencies information in detail.
- Contact the Social Security Administration if there are any payments registered to yours or your child's social security number. (If disability payments are direct deposit, we advise placing a lock on your SS payments. This would require ANY changes (such as address, phone, bank acct.) to be done IN PERSON. Call the SS administration at (1-800-772-1213).
- Secure your Social Security (SS) Card in a safe and protected place. Never carry your SS card or number with you or in your wallet. Memorize your number.
- Protect Your Pin Number. Be sure to never write your PIN on a card or paper, however, if you need to, never keep it near the card.
- When doing online shopping, only do business with companies you trust and look for the "s" in the https:// part of the website. This means the site is secure.
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- Protect Your Credit Cards by shredding credit card receipts and never give your card to someone else to use. In case of lost cards, keep a copy, front and back, safe at home.
- Get your FREE annual Credit Report at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)!



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The advertisement features a large circular graphic with a blue and grey gradient background. In the center, the number "60" is displayed in a large, bold, white font, with "COOLING" written above it and "60°" below it. Above this graphic, the Burkholder's logo is shown in a blue banner with the text "Quality Since 1960" and "BURKHOLDER'S Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc." Below the graphic, the text "FAMILY RUN FOR OVER 60 YEARS" is written in red. At the bottom, there is a list of services and contact information: "Local, responsive, and dependable service for all of your heating and cooling needs.", "www.burkholders-hvac.com", "(610) 816-6889", and "383 Minor Street, Emmaus, PA 18049".

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The advertisement has a black background. At the top, the text "East Penn Upholstery" is written in a stylized, italicized font. Below it, "FREE ESTIMATES" and "Pick-Up & Delivery" are listed. In the center, the text "Custom Upholstery" and "Residential - Commercial - Automobile" is written. To the right, there is a yellow starburst containing the text "10% Fabric Discount w/this ad". Below the starburst, there is a decorative gold floral graphic. At the bottom, the contact information "DAVID W. ERBE", "E-mail: [eastpennuphol@aol.com](mailto:eastpennuphol@aol.com)", "Emmaus, PA 18049", and "PHONE/FAX: (610) 967-4658" is provided.

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The advertisement features a blue background. At the top, the text "FAST, FREE quote in person." is written in large, bold, white letters. Below it, "A master's touch at a sweet price." is written in a smaller, white font. To the right, there is a yellow circle containing a black silhouette of a bird. At the bottom, the contact information "610-351-9889", "Master Lic.#208 Reg #PA024396", "ROBINSON PLUMBING", and "Feel good about your plumber" is provided, along with logos for VISA, MasterCard, and Discover.

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## Police News:

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### Cold Weather = Hot Opportunities for Thieves

With the weather turning colder, many of us warm up our vehicles in the driveway before heading out in the morning. We all prefer a nice and toasty vehicle to take off in. So do thieves! Use common sense. It is best to NOT leave a vehicle unattended while running! It is actually illegal while on a street or highway!

*Pa Vehicle Code 3701. Unattended motor vehicle.*

*(a) General rule.--No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit the vehicle to stand unattended without placing the gear shift lever in a position which under the circumstances impedes the movement of the vehicle, stopping the engine, locking the ignition in vehicles so equipped, removing the key from the ignition and, when standing upon any grade, turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway and effectively setting the brake.*

Sitting inside your vehicle is the only way to ensure that it isn't taken from your driveway while it's warming up. But if you insist on warming it up, keep a constant watch from a window or doorway. Don't open the door of opportunity to become a victim!

### Parking Lot Prowlers

With shorter daylight comes an increase in people walking through parking lots looking for an opportunity to steal. Take the following precautions to help ensure that this does not happen.

- Never leave valuables in plain view.
- Hide chargers and accessories that could indicate electronics are inside.
- Remove garage door openers, key cards, or other keys.
- Park in well-lit areas at night. Always keep your head up and be aware of people around you, – and
- If You See Something, Say Something!

### Porch Pirates Can Steal Your Joy

We hear about them often around the holiday season. Let's not give them a chance to make you their victim! "Porch Pirates" follow delivery trucks around and when they see an opportunity - they strike!

Take steps to protect your delivered packages:

- Ensure you are home when delivery is scheduled.
- Have packages delivered to a trusted neighbor who is at home.
- Have packages delivered to your work.
- If available, use store pickup.



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### 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).

## News from the Emmaus Shade Tree Commission

### A Special Tree to Commemorate John Reiss

On a perfect fall afternoon in late September, family and friends of longtime Borough employee, John Reiss, gathered at Memorial Triangle to dedicate a tree in his memory. Reiss, who died in March 2021, worked in the Public Works Department for 41 years and as a volunteer Firefighter for more than 20. Among his many other responsibilities, Reiss was involved in the planting and maintenance of the many of the Borough's trees.

The Shade Tree Commission chose a 16-foot Jefferson Elm to honor Reiss' many years of service to Emmaus. The tree was planted in the park at Third and North streets in April and dedicated at a ceremony on September 25th. Jefferson Elms represent a comeback for the once-abundant American Elm, according to Commission Chairman, Reds Bailey, who spoke at the dedication.

"There was a time when Middle Atlantic forests consisted largely of American Elms," Bailey says. In addition to being a valuable forest tree, they were widely planted as shade trees in parks and residential neighborhoods. Because of their majestic and arching profile, American Elms were used to line countless avenues and boulevards in the United States. Their popularity contributed to their eventual downfall: When a virulent new strain of Dutch Elm disease began to sweep through the country in the mid-20th century, the leaf beetles that carried the disease from tree to tree didn't have to fly far before finding their next victim.

Even as Dutch Elm disease killed millions of trees in the eastern United States, a tiny minority of American elms showed natural resistance. One such survivor stands in front of the Smithsonian's Freer Gallery of Art on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. This exceptional American Elm has been cloned and given the variety name of 'Jefferson.'

"After extensive research and experimentation, new disease-resistant varieties of elms are showing great promise," Bailey says. "My particular favorite is the Jefferson Elm that, in maturity, displays what we consider to be the classic broadly rounded crown with wide branch angles and dark green foliage." The Jefferson Elm matures at 50 to 60 feet in height.

Although it shows a high level of tolerance to Dutch Elm disease, it is not immune. When releasing the variety to wholesale tree nurseries, the USDA specifically warned against "monoculture" plantings, in which streets and subdivisions are populated with nothing but Elms. Planting a diverse mix of tree species is a better strategy because it can limit the spread of diseases and pests. It also allows more healthy trees to survive a serious disease outbreak.

The Jefferson Elm, showing strength in overcoming adversity, is a fitting tribute to an outstanding citizen and Borough employee.



Photo taken by Beverly Springer

### Call Before You Cut

The Emmaus Shade Tree Ordinance requires property owners to request a permit from the Shade Tree Commission before planting, pruning, or removing any tree in the public right-of-way (within 12 feet of the curb).

For questions about street trees or the Emmaus Shade Tree Ordinance, please contact any Shade Tree Commission member: Reds Bailey, 610-967-6191; Doug Hall, 610-967-2304; Beverly Springer, 610-965-6671; and Rebecca Straus, 610-741-7193.

## Curbside Leaf Collection

The Borough of Emmaus will continue its 2021 Curbside Leaf Collection through Friday, December 10th. The Borough is unable to set specific pick-up dates for leaf pick-up for individual streets throughout the town and recommends that leaves are raked out to the curb line the beginning of each week. The Public Works Department will continue to collect twice a week, however, please be advised that if the Borough encounters winter weather and the Public Works Department needs to plow the streets, any leaves in the road will be plowed. The Public Works Department will make every effort to get the roads cleaned up before the winter. For **FINAL COLLECTION**, please have your leaves out on Monday morning (December 6th) of the final week. Once the Public Works Department has made its final pass on your street, they 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 resident. Branches, shrubbery, grass, garbage, dog waste, and other building materials will not be picked up.
- Leaves will not be collected on private property. If leaves are not in place when the crews go by, they will be picked up on the following round through the Borough. No "return trips" will be made to pick them up.
- Residents who have areas designated as "No Parking" (yellow painted curbs) are encouraged to pile leaves at these locations for easier pick up.
- Piles with anything other than leaves will not be picked up. These objects will cause damage to the leaf pickup units and put them out of service at a great expense of time and money to the Borough and its residents.
- Do not place tarps over your leaves. The Public Works Department will bypass them and they will not be collected.
- To help facilitate the 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! 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 through December 17th.



## Compost Site Hours of Operation

*Closed on Holidays*

### **Compost Site Hours through Saturday, December 4th\*\***

Monday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (No Loading)

Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m./or dusk. (Loading 3:00 p.m. until dusk)

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

\*\*The Compost Site will close for the season on Saturday, December 4th, but will be open on Monday, December 13th through Friday, December 17th from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (No Loading), for final leaf and yard waste drop-off. The Compost Site will also be open Monday, January 17th through Friday, January 21st for the disposal of Christmas trees.

*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.

## Garbage and Recycling Can Requirements

As of December 31, 2020, every property in the Borough must have containers / garbage cans for all recycling and garbage. Loose bags on the curb will no longer be allowed.

## Holiday Refuse and Recycling Schedule 2021

\*Only effected routes listed, all others remain the regular pickup day\*

**November 25th, 2021 – Thanksgiving Day:** If you place your refuse/recycling out on Thursday night for Friday pickup, please place your refuse/recycling out on Friday night for Saturday pickup.



## Christmas Tree Collection

The Public Works Department will collect Christmas trees curbside beginning Monday, January 3rd, 2022 through Friday, January 14th, 2022. 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, will not collect trees left at the curb. Trees discarded after January 14th, 2022 will not be picked up. After January 14th, residents must take their tree to the Compost Site for disposal. The Compost Site will be open daily January 17th to 21st, 2022, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for disposal of Christmas trees and other yard waste (no loading).

## Crossing Guards Needed



The Emmaus Police Department and the East Penn School District are seeking additional volunteers to serve as Crossing Guards for the 2021-2022 school year. Can you spare a small fraction of your time? Are you interested in serving among the ranks of our existing staff of dedicated Crossing Guards? The Emmaus Police Department will provide you with the equipment and training necessary. Just a few hours a week and you will be rewarded with an invitation to a winter banquet and a summer picnic!!

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



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Sunday Morning....10:15 AM  
Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday.....7:00 PM



## EMMAUS RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION

### The Entertainment and Recreation Commission

The Recreation and Entertainment Commission would like to thank everyone who attended the summer concert and movie night series over the summer! We are eager and excited to begin planning next year's concerts and events. A complete list of next year's events will be published in the 2022 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 or attend one of our monthly meetings. The meeting dates and times can be found on the Borough's website at <https://www.borough.emmaus.pa.us/>



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

The Recreation and Entertainment Commission is in need of more volunteers to assist us in making these events happen. Please visit our website at <https://www.emmausent.com> for more information on how to become a member or contact us at emmausrec@gmail.com. If you or someone you know would like to support us so that we can continue to provide free community events, please email us at emmausrec@gmail.com. \*\*All donations are tax deductible.\*\*

### Come One! Come All!

We are happy to announce that Ridge Manor Senior Center, located at 333 Ridge Street, in Emmaus has reopened. Lehigh County Aging and Adult Services cordially invites you to join the "Lunch Bunch". Please consider joining us where you can enjoy socializing and eating a delicious & nutritious meal with other seniors. You can choose to have a hot or a cold meal. Feel free to contact center manager, Rachel Cubellis, at 610-554-7285 for questions or to make a reservation. This program is open to the public. We hope to see you soon!





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## Volunteer Opportunities

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

**Board of Health:** This Board explores restaurant inspections as well as different public health concerns that may affect our community.

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

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

**Shade Tree Commission:** This Commission oversees the planting, removal, and trimming of trees located in the Borough's right-of-way, as well as offering advice and suggestions on how to properly care for trees.

To apply to volunteer, simply download the form at this link, fill it out, send it, and we will be in touch.

<https://www.borough.emmaus.pa.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Board-and-Commission-Information-Sheet-2020.pdf>

## Parks, Recreation, Trails, Greenways, and Pool Studies Nearly Complete

Recreation is a key part of our community. Thousands of our residents use our swimming pool, parks, walking trails, athletic fields, or some other form of recreation. It is important that we continue to maintain our recreational system to help ensure the quality of life that the members of our community expect and deserve.

On September 29th, Simone Collins presented the final Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Greenways plan to the residents of the Borough. This study has been an ongoing process for the past two years, as the consultant has worked closely with our community members to identify and prioritize recreational needs for the next 10 – 15 years. Once the final report is submitted, the Borough will consider applying for construction grant funds to assist with the execution of the plans.

The Borough's pool study, being conducted by Aquatic Facility Design, is also nearing its completion. Residents were recently asked to answer several surveys regarding the pool, including opinions regarding our pool operations, as well as opinions regarding several pool conceptual drawings. The consultant is compiling results and is preparing to host a series of public meetings in the next few months. Be on the lookout for these announcements.

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## Permits are Required

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

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, so we can begin processing your permit. If you have any questions about permits, please call the Code Enforcement Officer at 610-967-1322 or email [jfarns@borough.emmaus.pa.us](mailto:jfarns@borough.emmaus.pa.us)



Some examples of permits that the Borough of Emmaus require 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.borough.emmaus.pa.us](http://www.borough.emmaus.pa.us). 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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## 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 collect in the snow pack, 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 reduce the amount 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 of 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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## 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.



# 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. In an effort to prepare our residents for impending snow storms, 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 actually 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 snow storms, 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.

# Borough of Emmaus

## Meeting Notice 2021

The Borough of Emmaus announces the schedule of regular meetings of Council, Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Special Committees for 2021. All of these meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held in Borough Hall, Council Chambers, 28 S. Fourth Street, Emmaus and via Zoom Online Meeting. Where no day is specified, meetings will be advertised separately.

Body	Day of Month	Time
Borough Council	1st & 3rd Monday of each month, except certain legal holidays when meeting is rescheduled to the next day **. No meeting June 7, July 5 and August 2.	7:00 PM
Borough Council Committees: Budget & Finance Committee	Preceding all Council Meetings. January 14 & 28, February 11 & 25, March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, May 6 & 20, June 3 & 17, July 1 & 15, August 12 & 26, September 9 & 23, October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18, December 16 & 30	6:45 PM 11:00 AM
	Budget Workshops: October 26 & 28, November 2, 4, 9, 16, 18, 23, & 30, December 2	4:00 PM
Community Relations, Planning & Development Committee	2nd Monday of each month	4:30 PM
General Administration Committee	January 14 & 28, February 11 & 25, March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, May 6 & 20, June 3 & 17, July 1 & 15, August 12 & 26, September 9 & 23, October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18, December 16 & 30	9:00 AM
Health, Sanitation & Codes Committee	Last Wednesday of each month	4:45 PM
Parks & Recreation Committee	1st Tuesday of each month	4:45 PM
Public Works Committee	2nd Wednesday of each month	4:00 PM
Public Safety Committee	2nd Monday of each month	9:15 AM
<i>Please Note: All Council Committees have the option of meeting at 6:30 p.m. preceding Council Meetings.</i>		
Emmaus Arts Commission	4th Monday of each month, exceptions May 17, no meeting in July and December's meeting will be December 13	6:30 PM
Board of Health	Last Wednesday of every other month beginning in January	4:00 PM
Building Board of Appeals	Call of Chairperson	
Civil Service Commission	Call of Chairperson	
Community Garden Commission	2nd Tuesday of each month	6:00 PM
Emergency Disaster Board	Call of Chairperson	
Emmaus General Authority	February 16, May 18, August 17, and November 16	7:00 PM
Joint Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)	Jan.- No meeting; Feb. 22- (7pm) Upper Milford Township Auditorium; March - No meeting; April 26 - (5pm) Emmaus Public Library Buffer; May- No meeting; June 28 - (7pm) Emmaus Community Park; July 26 - (7pm) Emmaus Public Library; Aug. 23 - (7pm) Fulmer Preserve, Quarry Rd., Emmaus; Sept. 27 - (6pm) Lenape Park, Kings Hwy. S, Zionsville; Oct. 25 - (5pm) Emmaus Public Library Buffer; Nov. & Dec.- No meeting	
Non-Uniform Employee and Police Pension Boards	February 10, May 12, August 11 and November 10	3:00 PM
Library Board	3rd Tuesday of each month at Emmaus Public Library	Noon
Recreation and Entertainment Commission	Last Wednesday of each month	5:00 PM
Planning Commission	2nd Thursday of each month except November's meeting will be Wednesday, November 10	7:00 PM
Sanitation Board	Call of Chairperson	
Shade Tree Commission	2nd Tuesday of each month	4:00 PM
Zoning Hearing Board	4th Thursday of each month, except November's mtg. will be Tuesday, November 23 and December's mtg. will be Tuesday, December 21	6:00 PM

\*\* RESCHEDULED MEETINGS - February - the 2nd Meeting will be held 02/16/21

- September - the 1st Meeting will be held 09/07/21



# Winter Holiday Safety



Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

## HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

## HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stove top.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



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## FACTS

- ! Two of every five home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ! Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to an heat source.

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## Don't fall for scams

### Pre-paid debit cards not accepted as bill payments

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These thieves call customers, falsely claim an overdue bill, and threaten to shut off the customers power unless immediate payment is made with a prepaid debit card. They seek out both residential and business customers.

We want our customers to know two key facts that will help foil scam artists.

- We don't accept any prepaid cards as a bill payment.
- We don't call you and threaten to cut your service.

Service termination is a last resort. We attempt to work with all customers who have overdue balances. There are numerous programs, including payment agreements, and payment assistance, that can help. Find out more at [www.pplelectric.com/billhelp](http://www.pplelectric.com/billhelp).

If we must turn off power for non-payment, we send a letter 10 days in advance and make other attempts to reach the account owner.

If you have any doubts about someone claiming to be from PPL Electric Utilities, hang up and call us at **1-800-DIAL-PPL (1-800-342-5775)**.

## Electricity theft: dangerous and illegal

Electricity theft – tampering with or bypassing meters or tapping power lines – is not only illegal, but it can be deadly for those involved.

In addition to the danger posed to the electricity thief, stealing electricity can be dangerous to line workers and emergency responders because it could feed electricity back into a line they believe is de-energized.

If you suspect someone of tampering with electricity, leave the area immediately and call **1-800-DIAL-PPL (1800-342-5775)** to report the incident. Calls can be anonymously.



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