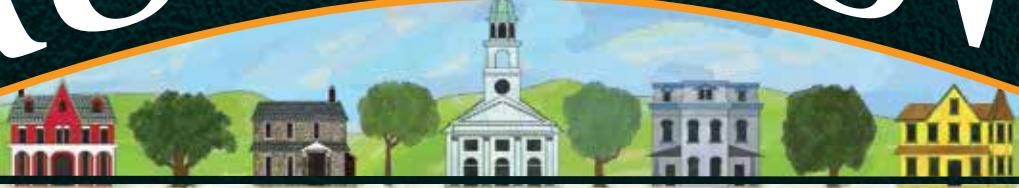


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Refuse and Recycling Information

Refuse and Recycling Can Requirements:

In April 2019, the Borough of Emmaus adopted Ordinance No. 1088 which states that "all residential properties utilizing curbside solid waste collection, shall be required to utilize containers that shall be durable, water-tight, and made of metal or plastic. Individual plastic bags and loose waste shall be prohibited from curbside collection. The size of each container shall not exceed a ninety six-gallon capacity."

As of December 31, 2020, every property in the Borough must have containers/refuse cans for all recycling and refuse. Loose bags on the curb will no longer be allowed as of January 1, 2021.

Recycling Requirements:

RESIDENTS MUST USE A CONTAINER FOR RECYCLABLES. DO NOT PUT YOUR RECYCLABLES IN A BAG! If you need a recycling sticker for your recycling bin, they are available by calling 610-965-0702.

In addition, if your recycling is contaminated, or includes items that are not acceptable, according to the list below, all of it will be REJECTED. You will receive a sticker from Whitetail detailing the reason why your recycling was rejected. Because of the new recycling requirements at a state, federal, and international level, this policy will be strictly followed.

Recycling requirements:

Single Stream Recycling

- No sorting needed! Everything goes into one container, but please **don't bag your recyclables**.
- The following are acceptable recyclables:
 - Paper, cardboard, newspaper and flat board
 - Empty aerosol cans
 - Junk mail, manila & brown folders, glossy & colored inserts
 - Magazines & Telephone books
 - Bi-metal
 - Tin
 - Steel containers and aluminum cans
 - Glass bottles & Jars
 - Plastics #1-6



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Borough Manager	610-966-6357
Pavilion Rentals	610-965-0702
Public Works	610-965-9288
Refuse/Recycling	610-965-0702
Tax Collector	610-967-4598
Water/Sewer Billing	610-965-9231
Zoning	610-967-1322
Ambulance Corps	610-967-5615
Fire Department	610-967-5630
Fire Inspector	610-965-0719
Mayor	610-965-9255
Police Non-Emergency	610-967-3113
Emergency	911

Town Hall will be closed on April 2, 2021 in observance of Good Friday.

Find us on 

Other Important Phone Numbers

Berkheimer (per capita tax)	610-599-3139
PA One Call	1-800-242-1776
Street Lights – Repair and Maintenance, PPL	1-800-342-5775
Trash/Recycling – Whitetail Disposal	610-754-0103 option 2 emmaus@whitetaildisposal.com

Refuse and Recycling Information continued from cover

Holiday Schedule Refuse/Recycling 2021:

- Thursday, November 25th, 2021 – Thanksgiving Day Blue and Green routes affected.

Reminder:

Red route – normal pick-up day is Wednesday.

Blue route – normal pick-up day is Thursday.

Green route – normal pick-up day is Friday.

In the event a holiday falls on or **before** your normally scheduled pick-up day your refuse and recycling will be collected the following day. * I.E. For the Thanksgiving holiday, homes with a pick-up day of Thursday (Blue route), your refuse and recycling should be put out Thursday evening and will be collected on Friday a.m.. For homes with a pick-up day of Friday (Green route), your refuse and recycling should be put out Friday evening and will be collected Saturday a.m.. Homes with a pick-up day of Wednesday (Red route), will not be affected by the Thanksgiving holiday. Whitetail Disposal also operates on the same policy when there is a weather delay. In the case of a weather event, your pick-up day will occur on the following day.

E-Waste Recycling:

Whitetail Disposal provides a 30-yard container at **33 Klines Lane**, specifically for E-Waste collection. The E-Waste Dumpster is available on the **2nd Monday of the month** from Noon to 6:00 p.m., March through November. The site is closed from December through February.

Whitetail Disposal employees provides manpower to assist residents with disposal of these items.



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Guidelines for dropping off items:

- Items will only be accepted on designated days during designated hours.
- Residents visiting the site shall show the attendant their identification signifying that they are a Borough resident. Items from outside the Borough of Emmaus will not be accepted.
- Residents are able to drop off three electronic devices at no charge. Exceeding three electronic devices being dropped off in a single month by a resident or business within the Borough of Emmaus will cost an additional \$10.00 per item.
- **NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ARE ACCEPTED.**

The 2021 E-Waste Recycling Dates:

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

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

- Please email emmaus@whitetaildisposal.com for any questions or concerns on bulk items and to arrange a pick up.
- To arrange a pickup contact Whitetail Disposal no less than 24 hours **PRIOR** to your regular pick-up day. Identify yourself as a Borough of Emmaus resident. WD will instruct you on collection of your item(s).
- Each Bulk item is limited to no more than **70 LBS.**
- Construction materials will **NOT** be collected.
- Appliances containing Freon will **NOT** be collected.



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Welcome Robert Hammond - Assistant Code Official

On December 8, 2020, Emmaus' Mayor Gilbert swore in Robert Hammond as the new Assistant Code Official. Before joining the Borough, Rob worked as an engineering technician at Hillis-Carnes Engineering Associates here in Emmaus, where he performed inspections and materials testing on commercial construction sites. He also holds an associate's degree in construction management.



Some wonder about the function of the zoning and codes department. The zoning department maintains the character of the community by carrying out locally adopted codes and ordinances. These ordinances control the structures, uses, and developments permitted in various neighborhoods of Emmaus. The zoning department also issues zoning permits and investigates violations of the local ordinances.

The codes department ensures that construction projects, additions, and renovations meet the standards of the building code. To do this, the codes department reviews blueprints before construction begins and performs inspections during the construction process to ensure code compliance.

The Borough of Emmaus combines these departments into one streamlined, in-house zoning and codes department. This ensures that contractors, developers, business owners, and, most importantly, the citizens of Emmaus receive the best possible service. Please call the zoning and codes department with any questions or needs at 610-967-1322 or 610-965-9288.

Hometown Press, the publisher of your Hometown Newsletter, would like to send out a heartfelt, *Stay Safe and Healthy* message to all the residents, businesses, and municipal staff during this pivotal time in history.

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Congratulations Deputy Chief of Police, Troy Schantz

Mayor Lee Ann Gilbert is shown swearing in the Borough's newly appointed Deputy Chief of Police, Troy Schantz. Troy has been serving on the Emmaus Police Department since 1991 and has been a Sergeant since 2001. Troy is an Emmaus High School Graduate (1986) and earned a degree in Criminal Justice from Shippensburg University (1990). The Deputy Chief of Police position was created to help with the smooth transition of leadership when current Chief of Police, Chuck Palmer, retires this May.



Mayor Gilbert swears in Officer Francis Hurd



Mayor Lee Ann Gilbert is shown swearing in the Borough's newly appointed Full-Time Police Officer, Francis Hurd. Frank is a graduate of Norristown High School and a US Army (Airborne) Veteran, having served in Afghanistan. Frank graduated from the Montgomery County Community College Municipal Police Academy and previously served with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

Welcome Officer Hurd!

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Groceries PLUS Food Pantry Switching to Choice Model

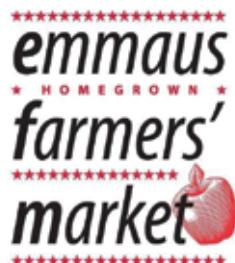
Groceries PLUS food pantry serves the Emmaus community by providing temporary emergency food assistance to individuals and families in time of crisis and also monthly food assistance for those individuals or families on a fixed income that does not adequately meet their needs. The pantry is hosted by Bethel Bible Fellowship Church on Elm Street and is supported by the contributions of many area churches, businesses, service organizations, schools and individuals in Emmaus.

Since its inception decades ago, Groceries PLUS has operated as a "traditional" pantry, meaning that clients receive pre-packed bags of groceries. Because the bags are packed with no particular household in mind, there are likely to be foods in those bags that the receiving family already has, does not like, or cannot eat for health or personal reasons. This pantry model usually results in some level of wasted food items.

A "choice" pantry on the other hand allows clients to select their own food instead of receiving a pre-packed or standard bag of groceries. This model limits food waste, better meets the health needs of the client and allows pantry workers to get to know the clients better. As COVID rates decline and restrictions are lessened, Groceries PLUS plans to bring clients inside the pantry to "shop" for their food needs. The target is to start in April 2021.

If you or someone you know would like more information on receiving food to help get through each month, please call the Bethel Church office at 610-965-2682. The program is government subsidized and your eligibility is determined by your income. Participants receive several bags of shelf-stable food, frozen meats, toiletries/paper products, bread, and miscellaneous other items.

Visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/emmausfoodbank>



A reminder to all Emmaus residents that the Emmaus Farmers' Market is open all winter at the Triangle! With shorter hours from 10:00 a.m. - Noon, you can still buy local produce, dairy products, bread & baked goods, raw honey, coffee, herbs, locally grown organic hemp & CBD products, meats and more all winter on the 2nd and 4th Sundays through April. The Emmaus Farmers' Market Board has done their best with what 2020 had in store and are grateful to be recognized as an essential business. Thank you to the Emmaus Borough, local businesses, and loyal customers for all of the support! It is wonderful to be in the Emmaus community feeding you all year long. The regular season begins on May 2nd. Live music returns in May with many local favorites such as The Emmaus Public Singing Society, Just So Duo, Frank Porter, Golden Twine and more.

We are always in need of 501(c) non-profits at the Community Table. If you are interested, please email the Marketing & Events Coordinator, Jen Schuster at info@emmausmarket.com. Visit our new website at www.emmausmarket.com for more information and to locate the Community Table Request Form. The market also has lots of new merchandise, so stop by the



market tent and represent your favorite farmers' market with a new hoodie, trucker hat, beanie or t-shirt. We are looking forward to another great season in Emmaus and hope to see you there!

Winter Market Hours at Triangle Park

10:00 a.m.- Noon
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The Emmaus Main Street Partners wish you a safe and happy new year! While we are eager and itching to get back to our regularly scheduled events, we are thankful for how our volunteers and members have adjusted in the past year to deliver value and opportunities to our members.

Each month we hosted, and continue to host, the Emmaus Small Business Roundtable in the evening on the third Thursday. We switched to virtual meetings for a while, then tried out a few meetings at Emmaus Community Park, and finally returned to Triple Sun Spirits. Our speakers ranged from Mayor Gilbert, Lehigh Valley Made Possible Campaign, various Chamber staff, and more! This year we look forward to bringing people together to learn and network again. On March 18th, we'll have our roundtable sponsor, Vinyl Press Signs and Graphics, share the breadth of the products and services they offer. They've assisted many businesses in the area with their signage and love to connect with fellow small businesses. Join us on the third Thursday every month for this informal, fun event.

The Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce continues to work every day to support members and communities in the Lehigh Valley. Our mission unites us with business people and communities across the Lehigh Valley as we purposefully connect businesses (The Power of Partnerships), enhance the vitality of our communities (On Every Main Street), and promote the benefits of diversity in the workplace (21st Century Chamber).

The Chamber dispensed grants in three phases totaling \$353,000 through its Lehigh Valley COVID-19 Relief Fund with thanks to partners including: BB&T, now Truist, The Chamber, David Jaindl, Equinox Benefits Consulting, Capital Blue Cross, Dynegy, ESSA Bank, Wells Fargo, Walmart/Sam's Club and Amazon.com, as well as individual donors. More recently, the Chamber was able to spearhead additional support to restaurants to help offset COVID-19 related expenses during the restrictions on indoor dining. Restaurants operating on a main street or surrounding traditional neighborhoods were encouraged to apply and the committee provided grants based on availability of funds, with priority given to those who had not previously received COVID-19 relief funding. This was made possible with partners Boyle Construction, Capital Blue Cross, Dellicker Strategies, Embassy Bank, and Fromm Electric.

As we continue through the pandemic, we are finding new ways to provide information and opportunities for connections. Review the Events Calendar on the Chamber's website at www.lehighvalleychamber.org/events. We also have been building an impressive Webinar Library that's readily available to anyone at www.vimeo.com/showcase/glvcc-webinars. We thank our communities for their intentional support of small businesses through this global pandemic and strongly encourage you to continually support these community members!



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No appointment necessary. Curbside pickup is encouraged.

Belong at the Emmaus Public Library! The building is open!

Events for Adults: via ZOOM online.

Email eplcollection@cliu.org for link.

- **Daytime Book Group:** 1st Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.

April 6th: Yellow Crocus by Laila Ibrahim

May 4th: The Space Between Us by Thrity Umrigar

June 1st: The Vanishing Half by Britt Bennett

Jul 6th: The Girl with Seven Names by Hyeonseo Lee

August 3rd: Authenticity Project by Clare Pooley

*Bring book suggestions for 2022 to meeting

- **Creative Connections:** 2nd Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

- **Coloring Club:** 4th Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

- **Memoir Writing:** 4th Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. with author Jerry Waxler via ZOOM

Special Event

March 8th @ 6:30 p.m. A Mammogram Can Be a Lifesaver! is Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center's campaign to increase mammography rates in the Lehigh Valley.

Mammograms can be a lifesaver! But unfortunately, not everyone is familiar with how, when, and where they need to schedule a mammogram. Specifically, studies show that people in the LGBTQ+ community are not receiving their recommended screenings. Join in our webinar to learn more about the LGBTQ+ community and their barriers to care, as well as how, when, and where you and your loved ones can get screened.



Events for Teens: via ZOOM online.

Email eplkids@cliu.org for link.

- **Teen Writers group:** Prompts inspire our writing, and reading the stories is entirely voluntary! For 6th grade and up. 2nd Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

MARCH:

We're Mindful this March, with a Teen De-stressing Take-home Kit for 6th grade and up.

- **Tracy Fox, Traffic Safety Coordinator from the Highway Safety Network,** will be with us on March 18th at 7:00 p.m. to talk about safe driving for new drivers!

Events for Children: via ZOOM online.

Email eplkids@cliu.org for link.

The Emmaus Public Library Children's Wing is busy this spring with Take-home kits, outdoor and online events, plenty of items to check out, and gearing up for our Summer Reading Club – Tales and Tails!

Other Events:

APRIL:

Poetry Writing kits coming out for all ages in April for National Poetry Month.

MAY:

In May, we'll be highlighting Gardening, and the out of doors for all ages. Seasonal coloring pages for young and old are set out monthly – it does everyone good to do some coloring!



Library card signup is available online at <https://emmaus.sparkpa.org/eg/opac/register>

Sign up for our e-newsletter online at [https://www.emmauspl.org/blog](http://www.emmauspl.org/blog)

Storytime: Storytimes for younger folk will be held on the first Saturday of each month – check with Miss Sue for ZOOM links for all of our online events – where we'll be seasonal and fun! We will Read Across America, share poetry, so many stories to share.



Preschool Storytime for Spring starts Tuesday, April 6th and runs for eight weeks (hopping over Primary Election Day – no storytime May 18th) and ending on June 1st!

Kids Crafts: Creating fun items on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. This family time is for everyone!

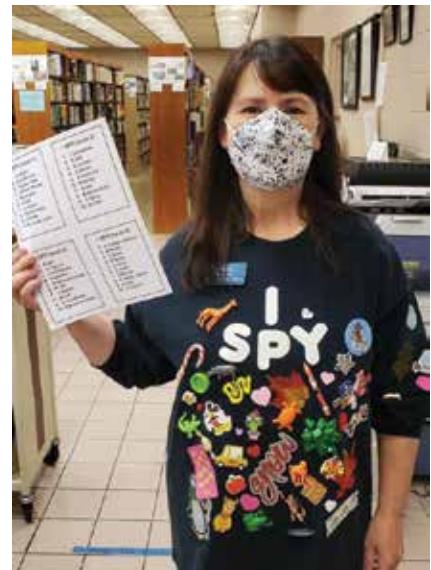
Family Book Discussion Group: We're talking about books for parents and kids! Check out the library's calendar for the dates, as they will vary from month to month.

Summer Reading Club: Get ready for Tails and Tales, the 2021 Summer Reading Club, where we'll be celebrating reading for FUN!



Starts in June for all ages:
Kids, Teens, and Adults!

Signups start Monday, June 14th
Outdoor kickoff party Saturday,
June 19th 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Ends Saturday, August 14th
Possible Pool Party Tuesday, August 17th



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The Emmaus Commemorative Garden Remembers

The Emmaus Commemorative Gardens Foundation (ECGF) team continues to create many remembrance opportunities for the Borough of Emmaus. In 2021, we are again partnering with the Emmaus Veterans Committee (EVC), the premier veteran's organization in our area, to offer veterans bricks to our community. Unfortunately, due to limitations during the pandemic in 2020, we were unable to install the 11 veterans' bricks that were purchased. We plan to be back on track this year to install those bricks along with new vet brick orders during our Memorial Day weekend installation ceremony scheduled for Saturday, May 22nd, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The deadline to order your 2021 veterans' bricks is **Friday, April 2nd**. The cost per brick remains \$65.00.

We are privileged to install bricks for service men and women to honor their contributions to our country at the Remembrance Garden and hope that you will join us for this special occasion. All bricks can be easily ordered by credit card. Simply complete the online form on the ECGF web site at www.emmausremembers.org. If you prefer not to use a credit card, an option is available to print out the order form and mail it with your check to ECGF, P.O. Box 593, Emmaus, PA 18049.

Interested in using the beautiful Remembrance Garden as your wedding ceremony venue? Schedule the ceremony with us for \$100.00, which includes a 4x8 brick and 3 hours of time at the Remembrance Garden. Details will be arranged when you schedule your date.

Celebrating our 16th year, the ECGF is a 501(c)3 non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to the creation of a quiet, beautiful, and permanent space where we can all share and honor the milestones and accomplishments of our family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Over 800 bricks have been installed in the Remembrance Garden. Please help us by making donations through our website so that we can continue our work.

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

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



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See. Hear. Feel. Art! - Emmaus Arts Commission

Have you seen the newly painted fire hydrants throughout town? The Emmaus Arts Commission recently hosted the "Neighborhood Phase" of the Paint-A-Hydrant program. 12 local artists painted hydrants throughout Emmaus in a variety of colorful designs. As of October 2020, a total of 28 hydrants have been custom painted in the Borough.



ARTISTS:

L to R, top to bottom –
Sarah Plaza,
Lauren Beck,
Karri Schreppel,
Lauren Kuhn,
Karina Cuestes,
Ray Gurz,
Christine Frobese,
Alexis Dries,
Tara Santoro,
Anne Kukitz,
Molly Dennehy
Tim Roland

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. Think up a design, and submit it to make a positive change in your community! Apply now at emmausarts.org.

Emmaus Arts is so thankful to the amazing volunteers that make up the commission and is proud to announce the 2021 Slate of Officers:

Karri Schreppel-President
Lauren Kuhn-Vice President
Tara Santoro-Treasurer
Lindsey Kleinberg-Secretary

Show a little love for the arts by supporting the EAC. If you make a \$15.00 donation at Now and Then Books, you will receive a wonderful new copy of Walter Emerson Baum 1884-1956, written by Martha Young Hutson-Saxton. Emmaus Arts and Now and Then Books are working together for this awesome fundraiser! This lovely hardcover book makes the perfect gift for the local art lover in your life! Featuring artwork by Walter Baum, founder of The Baum School of Art and many other local artists. All proceeds will go directly to supporting future EAC events.

Share your creativity! We would love to see how you are being creative this spring, be sure to use #emmausartiseverywhere on your social media posts. If you haven't done so already hop over to the Emmaus Arts Facebook page and like us, and follow us on Instagram @emmausarts

Local Artists Wanted! EAC is in the process of

creating an online directory on our website that features local artists. If you are a local artist of any kind; painter, photographer, sculptor, musician, etc. please complete the contact us form at emmausarts.org

The Emmaus Arts Commission was created by the Emmaus Borough Council to encourage civic participation in the arts through the promotion of the arts within our community. Find out more information on upcoming events and what's happening with the EAC by liking us on Facebook and by visiting emmausarts.org. If you are interested in supporting the Emmaus Arts please send donations to: Emmaus Arts Commission c/o Emmaus Borough 28 S. 4th St, Emmaus PA 18049



Emmaus Historical Society

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The Emmaus Historical Society wishes everyone a happy spring!

Although there are no immediate plans to reopen the Museum, we are reviewing re-opening possibilities for the future. We continue setting up individual appointments for the genealogy library as well as for artifact and memorabilia donation drop offs for our collection. Please call us at (610) 966-6591 for appointments.

We appreciate the support you are giving us during these difficult times with your donations to our collections, your monetary donations to our general operating and Capital funds, and your membership. We know more than ever that a strong membership program is vital to the museum. If you are not already a member and would like to learn more, please contact us. At any level, an Emmaus Historical Society membership means we can plan a coming year of fun, engaging, and historically accurate experiences. In addition, your membership provides important support that we rely on to inspire a passion for learning about the Emmaus history of people of all ages throughout our community and in many cases, across the country.

For now, we are featuring Historical Society collection photos on Facebook and Instagram and will update our website with our latest news. We thought you would enjoy this article from our upcoming Historical Society Newsletter.

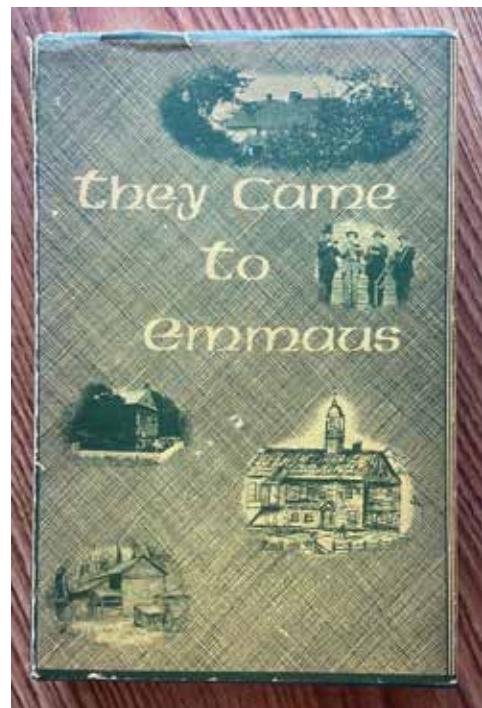
A Look Back at Rules and Regulations in the Original Moravian Settlement of Emmaus

By Mike Flynn

Most residents of Emmaus are familiar with or at least aware of some of the Rules and Regulations governing the Borough. The timely removal of snow or ice on sidewalks, guidelines on property structures, noise ordinances and regulations regulating pets are all meant to enhance the quality of life in our town. Codes, rules and regulations are found throughout the history of Emmaus and go back to the very beginning of the settlement. We thought it would be interesting to look back at some of the very first rules and regulations that existed in colonial times.

Although there were European settlers mostly of

German descent living in the area before 1759, it was in that year that the Moravian settlement of Emmaus was established. On land donated by Jacob Ehrenhardt and Sebastian Knauss, the village extended from current Keystone Avenue to Third Street along Main Street and consisted of 32 lots. Residents had to be members of the Moravian Church and German was the common language. What follows are some of the original rules and regulations that existed before the Revolutionary War. They are translated from the original German and this list is a small part of the list published in *They Came to Emmaus* by Preston Barba, pages 69-72.



1. "No inhabitant will be allowed to follow any other trade or business than the one he followed when admitted to the village, unless he obtains the consent of the Committee.
2. For necessary expenses, such as for the night watch, the digging of wells and repair of pumps, and provisions against fires, no one ought withdraw his hand but contribute cheerfully.
3. Nothing shall be taught or preached in Emmaus not conformable to the Gospel of Christ. Anyone having his own peculiar notions may have them as long as he does not propagate them.

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4. No meetings, either public or private, shall, under any circumstances, be held without lights.
5. No dancing, no tippling in taverns (except for necessary entertainment of strangers and travelers) no beer-tappings, no feasting at weddings, christenings or burials, etc., nor the playing of children in the streets, shall be so much as heard of among the villagers. Those so inclined cannot live in Emmaus.
6. Should any person, by the all-wise Providence of God, be deprived of his senses, he shall be mercifully treated and patiently borne with, etc. And if restored again no mention is to be made of his former condition.
7. Any premeditated mischief done to woods, fences, fields, fruit trees etc. shall be looked upon as infamous, as generally also all other gross and heathenish sins: wenching, gluttony, drunkenness, cursing, lying, cheating, stealing, quarreling and fighting shall not even be heard of in Emmaus, and those guilty of the like cannot be allowed to continue to live here.
8. The streets of the village are to be kept clean and orderly. Straw, dung and other filth is not to be thrown about but carefully placed behind the houses in the yards or gardens; also, tools are not to be left about lying in public places.
9. No journeyman, apprentice servant or maid shall be received into any family without the approbation of the committee."

These rules and regulations provide for us a window, through with (which) to view the day to day lives of the original inhabitants of the village. Two and one-half centuries old, they give us a snapshot of the concerns and priorities of the people of that time. - MF



The Society is fortunate to have dedicated volunteers working to keep our Society running smoothly. The current slate of officers: Jeanne Harakal, President; Linda Boehmer, Vice President; Albert Wieand, Treasurer; Linda Waddell, Recording Secretary; Teri Sorg-McManamon, Corresponding Secretary; Directors: Patricia Mabus, Andrew Kerstetter, Michael Henry, Esq, Michael Flynn, Gregory Owens, Debra Hoffman and Solicitor/Parliamentarian, John J. Zettlemoyer Jr., Esq. We wish to thank outgoing board members, Ruth Kemmerer and Kathryn Pherson.

We wish you the very best spring season — please remain positive and keep your spirits up. For current Historical Society information, visit www.emmaushistoricalsociety.org. Stay safe and healthy by continuing to follow the Covid-19 guidelines. We will see you as soon as we can!

Updates from the Shelter House



The Shelter House, like the other historic sites in Emmaus, is rather dormant this season due to our COVID shut down. We have, however, had the pleasure to participate in "Passport to History." Passport's most recent program focused on unusual artifacts from history. In the case of the Shelter House, our artifacts were farming tools from the Colonial era.

We presented a photo of a wooden scythe, two grain flails, and a bamboo strainer, used for separating the grain heads from the stalks and debris from the field. The grain heads remaining in the strainer were then sent to the miller to be ground into flour for bread. Audiences were instructed to imagine what the artifacts were used for. Few would have guessed the original purpose of our selections.

We shared the screen with The Liberty Bell Museum in Allentown and the Museum of Automotive History in Boyertown.

Other news from the Shelter House – Our Board of Directors is pleased that we received donations from friends and relatives of our members to celebrate Christmas. What a wonderful surprise and great idea for gift giving at holidays, birthdays, and special occasions.

We know those who tell their adult children "No gifts! I have too much stuff? This thoughtful way to show our loved ones our special thoughts certainly helps the Shelter House fulfill our historic mission and takes the pressure off: "Whatever will I give this person who has everything."

The Knauss House

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As many of you within the community may know, Emmaus is fortunate to have some buildings that date back to its beginning. One such home is the Heinrich Knauss Homestead located at 152 East Main behind Cintas.

Preston A. Barba in his book, "They Came to Emmaus" states on page 23 that this home may have been built on or near the site of the first log cabin of Sebastian Knauss, father of Heinrich and one of the founders of Emmaus. Subtle signs may indeed prove this to be the case.

There is much that we do not know about Sebastian, probably hidden in the untranslated early diaries of the Moravian Church. However, we do know that he arrived in America with his father, Ludwig, mother, and some siblings in 1723. They originally settled in Whitemarsh near Philadelphia. As was custom at the time Sebastian, when he came of age 12, apprenticed as a wheelwright under Henry Antes, the architect of many of the Moravian buildings in Bethlehem.

Prior to 1740, Sebastian most likely came to settle in Maguntsche, feeding place of the bears, and the present site of Emmaus. Like all of our early settlers he had a profound belief in God and God was indeed a very real part of his life. History tells us that in 1741, before there was a church in Emmaus there existed one in Salisbury, known as the Schmalgass church or Maguntsche church. Unfortunately, records were destroyed telling us the exact date of it being built, but we do know that Sebastian married there. Like many churches of the time, they were ministered to by itinerant preachers who traveled by foot and horseback to homes, barns, and crude log cabin churches.

As was so often the case, a crude church preceded the building of any other structure, there became a need for the "Word of God". Sebastian and others living nearby worshiped in the little log church in Salisbury before building their own on a little parcel of land that we now know as God's Acre. It was a simple church made of logs, with a dirt floor, no heat, and logs for those worshiping to sit upon.

It was Sebastian Knauss, of the Knauss Homestead, and Jacob Ehrenhardt, of the 1803 House, who felt a need for hearing the "Word" with greater frequency. It was through the Moravian Church in Bethlehem and the donation of land by both men to the Emmaus Moravian Church that the Moravian community was formed. It was a simple time by today's standards but through their commitment to God they created the little village that we call home.

This past year has been a tough year for all of us. We look forward to the historic buildings being open to the public once again in the near future. We are excited to be able to see the Knauss House with its new shutters, which will be installed this Spring.

To learn more about our history and the history of the community that you call home, please take the opportunity to visit us and support us through membership and donations to preserve this treasure of our past.

Visit us online at www.knausshomestead.org.





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

As with everyone else, the Joint EAC has tried to navigate the COVID pandemic. As 2021 starts, we are taking cautious strides forward. It was decided by the Commission in November that our Earth Day Event will look a little different this year and the date has yet to be determined. Please visit the Borough of Emmaus and Upper Milford Township websites as well as our Facebook page for more information as details are decided.

Are you curious about the Emmaus Library Buffer area? Please join us on April 26th, July 26th and October 25th to help us maintain and learn about the importance of a stream side buffer area.

On June 28th at 7:00 p.m., the joint EAC will meet at the Emmaus Community Park for a hands-on workshop. This year's workshop will have a variety of offerings. We will

be exploring rainspout gardens, native plants, rain barrels, and mason bee habitat shelters. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids and adults of all ages.

On August 23rd at 7:00 p.m., the joint EAC will meet at the Harold G Fulmer Nature Preserve to discuss the concerns of invasive plants, look for Chimney Swifts and bats, view the late summer meadow, and learn how all of the above work together within our ecosystem.

In September, please join us at Lenape Park in Zionsville as we will be discussing invasive insects including: Spotted Lantern Fly, Emerald Ash Borer and Walnut beetle and how the harm that they are afflicting upon our trees is affecting our watersheds.

We are looking forward to meeting new faces in 2021! We will still be following all COVID guidelines.



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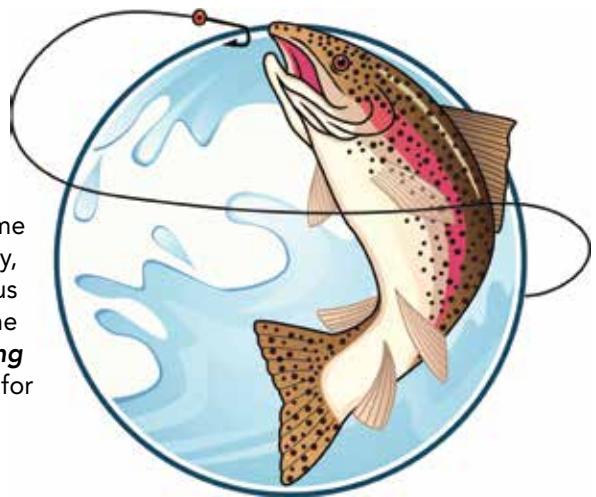
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Join Us for the Opening Day of Trout Season

Once again, the Cedarbrook Sportsmen will graciously invest their time and effort to stock Furnace Dam with trout for Opening Day, Saturday, April 3, 2021. Fishing is great fun for the whole family, creating precious memories for kids and parents, and introducing young and old to the joys of outdoor recreation. **Join us for the excitement of Opening Day!** Due to the COVID pandemic, please visit the Borough's website for any changes and social distancing regulations.



E360 Code



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.



Crossing Guards Needed

The Emmaus Police Department and the East Penn School District are seeking additional volunteers to serve as Crossing Guards for the 2020-2021 school year. Can you spare a small fraction of your time?

Are you interested in serving among the ranks of our existing staff of dedicated crossing guards? The Emmaus Police Department will provide you with the equipment and training necessary. There are additional incentives as well!

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



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Emmaus Kiwanis Club

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

The Emmaus Kiwanis Club, celebrating 70 years of service and commitment to the community in 2021, welcomes new members who believe in the mission of "Serving the Children of the World". The club holds a business meeting on the 1st Wednesday evening of the month, a program meeting on the 3rd Wednesday, and a service project or social activity at another scheduled time during the month. Meetings are currently held via zoom, but we look forward to a return of gathering in person.

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 community service projects that benefit children, locally, nationally, and internationally.

Tentative plans, subject to COVID restrictions, are underway for the following events:

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3rd

Emmaus Community Park

Ages 1-10



Basket Raffle

Saturday, May 1st

Emmaus Community Park

50+ baskets

47th Pancake Festival

Sunday, June 6th

Emmaus Fire Company #1



Other activities Kiwanis raises money for and/or sponsors are:

- Key Clubs at Emmaus and Parkland High Schools
- Annual Special Needs Christmas Party
- Builder's Clubs at Lower Macungie and Orefield Middle Schools
- Childhood Reading and Literacy Programs
- Scholarships to Emmaus High School graduating seniors
- Buckeye Road Cleanup
- Participation in Miracle League activities
- Contribution to East Penn Food Alliance
- Participation in Emmaus "Old Fashioned Christmas"

YOU are invited to join the Emmaus Kiwanis Club. The cost is small, but the rewards in fellowship, service, and personal satisfaction are great! If you are interested in learning more please check our Facebook page or visit our website at emmauskiwanis.org.

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The Emmaus Veterans Committee – Helping the Community

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

1. To provide the Honor Guard at Veterans funerals.
2. To organize the Emmaus Memorial Day Parade and the ceremony following the parade.
3. To organize other military ceremonies; such as Veterans Day and Pearl Harbor Day.
4. To honor requests for Honor Guard service as requested from Emmaus organizations.
5. To make monetary donations to organizations that help Veterans.

Any family of a veteran may request our Honor Guard services through the funeral director. There is no charge for the funeral service, but a donation will be accepted and appreciated since this is our major source of funds. During 2020, we honored 36 Veterans. The Committee recently donated \$1000.00 to the Allentown Rescue Mission in honor of one of our members.

The Committee normally meets the second Wednesday of each month at Citizen's Fire Company #2 at 7:00 p.m., but due to the pandemic, the meetings have been canceled, until further notice. If you are interested in joining, there are no dues, please contact Leonard Hvizdos by phone 610-967-1973 or email ljhvzdos@yahoo.com.

Emmaus Community Garden

Do you have a desire to plant your own garden but lack the room in your yard to do it? We have a perfect solution for you! Did you know that the Borough has a community garden? You can plant your very own garden at the Emmaus Community Garden. The garden is located between the Knauss Homestead and the Compost Site. It is completely enclosed with a chain link fence, which has been successful in discouraging wildlife from destroying crops. Emmaus residents, as well as nonresidents, are eligible to receive a 15' x 30' plot for \$20 and \$35 per plot respectively. You will be responsible for maintaining your own garden. For more information, please contact the Emmaus Community Garden Committee at emmausgarden18049@gmail.com.



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News from the Emmaus Shade Tree Commission



Celebrate Spring with Trees

Two holidays in April remind us of the importance of trees.

With pandemic protocols still in play, the Emmaus Shade Tree Commission will not hold a public tree dedication or tree-planting demonstration this spring, as we have in previous years. But we remain available to assist Emmaus residents in choosing the right trees for their properties. After all, even those of us who have yet to receive a COVID-19 vaccine can remain safe and socially distanced while planting a tree. Don't hesitate to call on the Commission for tree advice as you ponder the planting possibilities.

Two upcoming holidays provide extra inspiration for planting trees: Earth Day on April 22nd and Arbor Day on April 30th. These two days represent our belief in a better future—a future with cleaner air and water, a stable climate, and more natural beauty.



Some historical context shows how April came to be such a big month for trees. In 1872, a newspaper editor challenged his fellow Nebraskans to plant trees in and around the state's dusty, windswept prairie towns and farms. They responded by planting an estimated one million trees that year. It's considered the first Arbor Day event organized in the United States—a concept borrowed from European communities that have celebrated similar tree-planting holidays for centuries. Today, all 50 states and at least 25 countries designate a specific date for Arbor Day, usually during the optimal tree-planting season in each locality. In Pennsylvania, we observe Arbor Day on the last Friday in April.

While Arbor Day is all about trees, Earth Day is centered on activism in defense of the planet. It dates back to 1970, when concerned environmentalists staged a day of activities designed to draw attention to pollution, deforestation, and other assaults on nature. Organizers chose April 22nd for the original Earth Day to maximize the participation of college students; fortunately, the date serves well for tree-planting and community cleanups. In 2010, EarthDay.org launched the Canopy Project, which so far has planted tens of millions of trees worldwide.



This spring, celebrate Earth Day or Arbor Day—or any other day, for that matter—by planting a tree.

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 within 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.

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Crime Prevention Tips Every Homeowner Should Know

No matter where you live, you can protect yourself more effectively by planning ahead. The Emmaus Police Department suggests that homeowners looking to make their home burglar resistant should take a three-fold approach: deter, detect, and delay. Here are essential crime prevention tips to help keep your home a less desirable target for burglary:

- Eyes of a Burglar:** Walk around your home with the eyes of a burglar. Look for weaknesses such as sliding glass doors that could be jimmied off the track, glass that could be broken to gain entry, window unit air conditioners that could be easily removed, and so forth. A burglar can usually find a way into a house, but you can make it more difficult for them. This starts with knowing your property and potential entry points for a break-in. Take a walk around the outside as well and note what pricey items are in view, tempting would-be burglars.
- Lock it:** Some home owners unknowingly create an easy target for burglars by leaving their doors and windows unlocked or open. Remember to lock all doors and windows. Also, remember to lock the door leading from the garage to the house, even if the garage door is down.
- Don't hide a key:** One day, you forget your keys, and you decide it's a good idea to hide one under the doormat or one of those fake rocks. That's a terrible idea. Get rid of that idea right now, and pretend you never even considered it. Instead, give

a key to a neighbor. If you absolutely must leave a spare key outside, put it in a combination lockbox.

- Mailbox and wall plaques:** Limit the information that you put on your mailbox. Do not display your whole name on the mail box or exterior wall plaques. It's easy to look you up, find your phone numbers, maybe even your workplace, and begin to track your movements or assume your identity.
- Secure windows and sliding doors:** Many sliding doors can be popped off the frame, even when locked. Prevent this by placing a strong steel bar or two-by-four in the back groove, which prevents the door from sliding along the groove and opening. Place either an auxiliary lock or pin in the door frame. You can do the same with windows.
- Be modest:** Prevent your home from being a target by tucking away expensive items. Keep cars and bikes locked and/or in the garage. After purchasing a new piece of expensive electronic equipment, dispose of the box directly instead of leaving it next to your trash can, which lets would-be burglars know you have something new that could be pawned or re-sold. Consider keeping expensive jewelry, cash and treasures in a safe deposit box or hidden safe.
- Create the illusion you're always home:** The majority of burglaries take place when people are not home, particularly during the day, while the victims are at work. Deter burglars by creating the impression that you're always home by leaving on lights, the

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radio, or the television. If you're going on vacation for a while, don't advertise your absence on social media. Arrange for someone to pick up the mail, newspapers, mow the lawn, set out trash cans regularly, and park in your driveway.

- **Secure the area surrounding your house:** Trim bushes and trees to discourage burglars from using them as hiding places. Avoid planting low shrubs in front of windows. You may even consider planting thorny shrubs for an added deterrent and be sure to add lighting outside your home.
- **Get to know the neighbors:** Tight-knit communities suffer fewer burglaries because people look out for each other and strangers stick out.
- **Install an alarm system:** Alarm systems are available at a number of price points, but an effective one should include sensors at entry points, motion detectors inside the house, and a loud outdoor alarm

that alerts the entire neighborhood when someone has forced entry.

- **Routine:** Change your routine; leave the house at different times and take different routes.
- **Lighting:** Check your exterior lighting for broken bulbs, dirty covers and insufficient coverage. Repair, replace, clean and or install additional lights. Do not give criminals the cover of darkness to commit their criminal activities.

Complying with the above recommended guidelines will not guarantee to make the site criminal proof but may be a deterrent.

Remember, if you see something, say something by calling the Emmaus Police immediately at (610) 437-5252. We would rather investigate suspicious activity in your neighborhood than to investigate a burglary involving you or your neighbors.



Safety Tips for Runner, Walkers and Bike Riders

Before You Leave:

- Plan your outing. Always tell someone where you are going and when you will return.
- Share your favorite exercise routes with your friends and family.
- Carry identification in case you are injured and cannot communicate.
- Do not wear jewelry or carry cash.
- Wear reflective material.

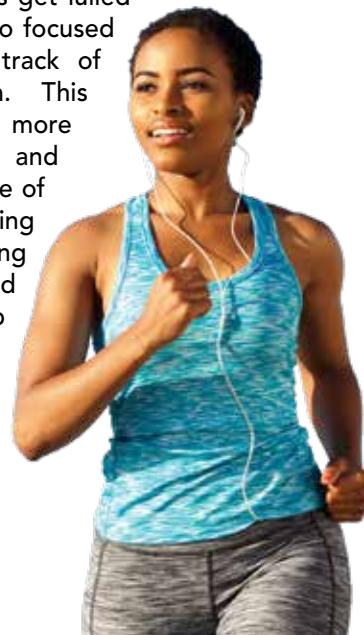
While on the Road:

- Tell a family member or friend where you are going and your anticipated return time.
- Stay alert at all times. The more aware you are, the less vulnerable you are.
- Run or walk with a partner or a dog, especially at night.
- Do not wear headsets, or at least keep the volume to a level as to be able to hear an approaching vehicle or attacker. Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Know your location. Be aware of street signs and landmark locations. Always carry a cell phone and/or be aware of any public telephones. There is never a charge for a 9-1-1 call.
- Exercise in familiar areas. Know which merchants and stores are open.
- Avoid unpopulated areas, deserted streets, and overgrown trails. Avoid poorly lighted areas at night.
- Run clear of parked cars, trees and shrubbery.
- Use discretion in acknowledging strangers. Look directly at others and be observant, but keep your distance and keep moving.

- Run against traffic so you can observe approaching vehicles and pedestrians.
- Trust your intuition about a person or an area. Avoid areas you are unsure of or unfamiliar with.
- Be careful if anyone in a vehicle asks you for directions. If you answer, keep at least a full arm's length from the car.
- If you think you are being followed, change direction and head for open stores, theaters or a lighted house.
- Have your door key ready before you reach your home.
- Call police immediately by dialing 9-1-1 if something appears suspicious or you notice anyone out of the ordinary.

Stay Alert:

- Sometimes runners and walkers get lulled into a "zone" where they are so focused on their exercise, they lose track of what's going on around them. This makes runners and walkers more vulnerable to attacks. Walk and run with confidence and a sense of purpose. If you get bored running without music, practice identifying characteristics of strangers and memorizing license tags to keep you from becoming distracted.



Running, Walking and Biking in the Evening or Early Morning:

If you missed the opportunity to exercise during the light of day, but still want to get in a quick three miles before

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Safety Tips for Runner, Walkers and Bike Riders

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turning in for the night or before the sun rises, head to the security of a well-lighted outdoor track or consider running on an indoor track or tread mill. If you are a walker, consider laps around an indoor shopping mall. If these options are not available, the following is encouraged:

- Make sure people can see you. Think about where you are going and how well-lit it may or may not be. Going out at dusk or at night is dangerous without some type of reflective device(s) on your clothing. Many athletic shoes have reflective qualities built in, but also consider a vest complete with reflective tape.
- Watch the road. Wet or icy spots are considerably harder to see in the dark.

Away from Home:

Many people run or walk when they are traveling. Remember, just because you are away from home doesn't mean you can let your guard down when you exercise:

- Check with hotel staff or concierge to find safe routes for exercise. If there is not an acceptable place to exercise outdoors, inquire if the hotel can arrange access to a health club or gym.

- Become familiar with the exercise course before you start.
- Remember the street address of the hotel. Carry a card with your hotel address along with your personal identification(s).
- Leave your room key with the front desk.
- Follow your usual safety rules.



Curbside Yard Waste Pick-up

The Borough's waste hauler, Whitetail Disposal, does not collect yard waste. Yard waste pick-up is available through the Emmaus Public Works Department. **Residents desiring curbside yard waste collection must use the following procedures:**

From Monday, April 5th, 2021 through Thursday, October 28, 2021, yard waste will be collected by Public Works personnel on **Mondays and Thursdays**, except holidays*. Yard waste must be placed at the curb in **approved yard waste bags**, which can be purchased at most hardware stores. Yard waste is limited to organic biodegradable materials such as grass, leaves, hedge trimmings, leafy plants and small sticks and twigs. Separate grass, twigs, and hedge trimmings into different bags. **Bags contaminated with stones, trash, mulch or dirt will not be collected.** **Material not separated properly will not be collected.** **Bags exceeding 50 lbs. will not be collected.**



There are three ways to contact the Borough to have your bags collected.

Phone: 610-965-9288, after hours, please leave a message.

Fax: 610-965-0705; or

Email: pweiant@borough.emmaus.pa.us.

Be sure to leave your address and the number of bags. Contact must be made by 11:00 a.m. on the day of pick-up.

***The Borough will not pick up curbside yard waste on:**

Monday, May 31st

Monday, July 5th and

Monday, September 6th

Curbside yard waste will be picked up on the next regularly scheduled pick-up day following the holiday.

Grass, Weed & Tree Trimming Regulations

During the course of the year, especially as the growing season begins, the Borough receives complaints regarding the lack of property maintenance and uncut grass. As a reminder, a property owner is responsible for the property from the **front curbline to the rear curbline**. Please help keep our community beautiful by cutting and/or removing the weeds at your curb.



The Borough of Emmaus Ordinance 675, Chapter 10, Part 3, Section 301, states that weeds and grass may not exceed 6" in height. After given proper notification by way of a door hanger or certified and regular mail, and failure to cut the grass and/or weeds within the allotted 5 days after notification, the property owner may be subject to a fine of up to \$300 per offense per day, together with costs for removing, spraying, trimming, or cutting by the Borough or its contractor. A delinquent property owner is also responsible for associated costs, plus administrative and legal fees as permitted by law.

The Borough of Emmaus Ordinance 675, Chapter 25, Part 1, Section 103, requires that any tree on private property or along the streets or alleys must have a clear height of 14 feet over the street and 10 feet over the sidewalk. Also, any trees, shrubs or hedges located in the clear sight triangle cannot exceed 2 feet above grade. After proper notification by way of certified and regular mail and failure to trim overgrown trees within the allotted 10 days of notification, the property owner may be subject to a fine of up to \$300 per offense, per day, together with costs of trimming by the Borough or its contractor. A delinquent property owner is also responsible for associated costs, plus administrative and legal fees as permitted by law.

Compost Site Hours of Operation

Closed on Friday, April 2nd, Monday, May 31st, Monday, July 5th, Monday, September 6th, and Friday, November 26th

*March 15th to December 4th

Monday, Wednesday, Friday:
7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. to Noon

We only accept organic yard waste. No lumber, root balls with dirt, garbage, dirt, building materials, etc. is allowed.

*Due to COVID-19 precautions, times are subject to change. The site will not be open in the evening and the Public Works Department will not be available to load vehicles.

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The Emmaus Recreation and Entertainment Commission, in partnership with the Emmaus Main Street Partners and the Emmaus Arts Commission, are currently planning the 2021 Summer Concert Series and Movie Night.

These events are FREE and open to everyone. This year's line-up of concerts will include a combination of genres, include classic rock, country, blue grass, and many others.

A detailed list of dates and times will be published on our website at <https://www.emmausent.com>, and on the Emmaus Main Street Partners and Arts Commission's social media platform as soon as it becomes available.

All events are subject to cancellation at the discretion of the Commission, the Borough, or if local laws prohibit large gatherings due to COVID-19 restrictions in place.

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

We would love to hear from you! Please send us an email at emmausrec@gmail.com, or attend one of our monthly meetings. The meeting dates/times can be found on the Borough's website at www.borough.emmaus.pa.us

Would you like to help plan our events?

The Recreation and Entertainment Commission is in need of more volunteers to assist us in making these events happen. Please visit our website at www.emmausent.com, for more information on how to become a member.



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Emmaus Community Yard Sale



Emmaus Community Yard Sales are held on the weekends after Memorial Day and Labor Day, when it is not necessary to obtain a permit to have a yard sale and no fee is required. This year, the Community Yard Sales are scheduled for Saturday, May 29, 2021 with a rain date of Sunday, May 30, 2021, and Saturday, September 11, 2021, with a rain date of Sunday, September 12, 2021. Due to the COVID pandemic, please visit the Borough's website for any changes to the dates and social distancing regulations.

NOW HIRING

Help Wanted

Are you looking for a summer job? The Borough of Emmaus is currently accepting applications for Lifeguards, Pool Cashiers, and Concession Stand Attendants for Emmaus Community Park. **Applicants must be able to work from May 22, 2021 through September 6, 2021.** Applicants interested in lifeguard positions may be eligible to get certifications and most costs paid for by the Borough. Applications for positions can be obtained by visiting www.borough.emmaus.pa.us.

The Borough of Emmaus is currently accepting applications for Public Works Summer help. Applicants must work weekends, be willing to learn light construction, have a valid driver's license and be able to lift 50lbs. Applicants will be paid \$9.50 per hour. Applications for positions can be obtained on the Borough's website at www.borough.emmaus.pa.us.

Volunteer

The Borough of Emmaus is looking for volunteers to serve on the Emmaus Arts Commission, Recreation and Entertainment Commission and the Shade Tree Commission. Please send a letter of interest as well as the Board and Commission Volunteer Application located on the Borough's website, www.borough.emmaus.pa.us to Emmaus Borough Manager, 28. S. Fourth Street, Emmaus, PA 18049.



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Permits are Required

Spring is right around the corner, and now is the time that many of us think about starting those home improvement projects we have been planning all winter long. If you are preparing to start a project, please remember that permits are required for many projects. The Borough has a Zoning Ordinance and a Building Code that contain requirements for many indoor and outdoor home improvement projects. Permits are required for: roof repairs, building repairs or remodels (causing structural changes), footers, foundations, framing, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, signs, fences, sheds, dumpsters, demolition, solicitation/peddling, driveways, pools or spas, and zoning. Please remember that if you are planning to install a swimming pool, any swimming pool over twenty-four inches (24") inches in depth and/or has pumping equipment requires a zoning, building, and electrical permit.



Applications for all permits are available online! Download applications for permits from the Borough's website at: www.borough.emmaus.pa.us. On the website under "Residents," click on "Forms and Applications" and choose which application you need. Simply fill it out and either email the completed application to jfarns@borough.emmaus.pa.us or rhammond@borough.emmaus.pa.us or mail the completed application to Borough Hall at 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049 or place it in the box marked "Payments." If you are unsure if you need a permit, or have any questions about permits, please call the Code Enforcement Office at 610-967-1322.

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 in the vestibule located at Town Hall, 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus, PA, or by visiting the Borough website at www.borough.emmaus.pa.us. The permit and the \$1.00 fee can be mailed in or placed in the box marked "Payments" located at Town Hall.



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Community Joint Effort Needed for Families Facing Hunger

The Emmaus Rotary leads the establishment of the East Penn Food Coalition, along with other community service groups, to meet the hunger needs in the East Penn School District Community. During 2019, representatives from the

Emmaus Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions and Lioness met with the management staff of the East Penn School District to assess the needs of the children in our community. Surprising to many, our own East Penn Community has a large number of food deprived families.

In the summer of 2019, a joint summer lunch and reading program was started at the Lincoln and Jefferson Elementary schools. The goal was to assess the program and address the root causes of the community needs. When COVID- 19 hit, we went from supplying 2 elementary schools with 33 weekend meals each week to feeding over 200 students in the East Penn School District in less than 2 weeks. As of mid-January 2021, we provided over 7,300 weekend meal bags of food to our community's families in need.

In the summer of 2020, the Emmaus Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions/Lioness, East Penn School District, Bethel Food Pantry, Angel Network, Faith Presbyterian Church, Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, YMCA, and St. Ann's Church combined to form The East Penn Food Coalition.

As the result of the increasing need and demand for help in our community, our inventory of food is decreasing.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are seeking businesses, grants, and individual donations to help support the need for over \$20,000.

You can provide help for our neighbors in need in the following ways:

Go Fund Me donations: <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/east-penn-food-coalition>

Check donation made payable to:

Emmaus Rotary Foundation
c/o 2225 Riverbend Road
Allentown, PA 18103

If your group is interested in being part of this organization, please contact either Cindy Hornaman: hornamca@ptd.net, (610) 360-4875 or Rick Zayaitz: richardzayaitz@gmail.com, (484) 357 5780.

Thanks to all of those who have contributed so far. Together we can help the families in our own East Penn Community.

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PAWS Program

About the Program:

Residents will begin to see yellow and orange stickers placed on mailboxes. This serves as a system to communicate with all mail carriers that they should proceed with caution. This tool is especially helpful when carriers are delivering on unfamiliar routes. Along with the stickers, residents received a postcard explaining the program along with the phone number for our local Consumer Affairs office if they have any questions or objections. The only goal of this program is to protect our mail carriers, and reduce the risk of dog owner liability should a dog bite occur.



The postcard residents received reads as follows:

Dear Postal Customer,

The carriers at your local Post Office are working to reduce the risk of dog bites and attacks that occur while delivering the mail. They have developed a system to communicate areas where dogs reside. Carriers will soon be placing a paw sticker on mailboxes to indicate that a dog or dogs live in the area—yellow indicates dog nearby while orange indicates a dog at the residence. The sticker will act as a reminder to the carrier that they should proceed with caution, especially when delivering packages to the door.

If you object to a paw sticker being placed on your mailbox, please call the District Consumer Affairs Office at (717) 257-4801 within 2 weeks of receipt of this card.

It is our expectation that the strategy will reduce the incidents of dog bites and attacks, keeping our employees safe. In addition, we hope to avoid costly dog owner liability in the event of an attack. We are grateful for your support and cooperation in this initiative.

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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 normally held in Borough Hall, Council Chambers, 28 S. Fourth Street, Emmaus, but are currently being held 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
Please Note: All Council Committees have the option of meeting at 6:30 p.m. preceding Council Meetings.		
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	7:00 PM
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

What You Can do if You are at Higher Risk of Severe Illness from COVID-19

Are You at Higher Risk for Severe Illness?



Based on what we know now, those at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 are:

- Older adults

People of any age with the following:

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant
- Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 kg/m² or higher but < 40 kg/m²)
- Severe Obesity (BMI ≥ 40 kg/m²)
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease
- Smoking
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus

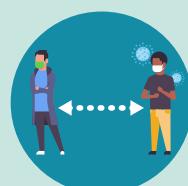
Here's What You Can do to Help Protect Yourself



Limit contact with other people as much as possible.



Wash your hands often.



Avoid close contact (6 feet, which is about 2 arms lengths) with others outside your household.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.



Avoid all unnecessary travel.

Call your healthcare professional if you are sick.

For more information on steps you can take to protect yourself, see CDC's [How to Protect Yourself](#).

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- We don't call you and threaten to cut your service.

Service termination is a last result. 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.

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.

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