

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Borough of Marietta Newsletter, Fall & Winter 2016

The purpose of this newsletter is to communicate important information about borough business, town council, seasonal topics, and upcoming Marietta events. This newsletter will honor and celebrate our unique, historic, river town community. It will work to create strong, healthy and appreciative communications among all of us. Brief interviews with a wide range of citizens will enhance our perspective of life in Marietta. Business and organization features will highlight their respective valuable contributions to the community.

## 2016 SUMMARY & LOOKING AHEAD TO 2017

A new team of citizens was elected to take the helm of Marietta's Council last fall. The efforts of this group have had it's challenges and triumphs.

Through many grueling meetings came much new and updated legislation. For example, the new Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance was crafted in addition to a Form Based Zoning Ordinance and the beginning stages of code

codification (updating laws from prior years such as the rule about bikes having to be licensed).

New committees were formed, each having their own set of responsibilities. The Borough Council upgraded to business email for all members. The website got a complete overhaul. This newsletter finished it's first year of publication; keeping citizens aware of changes and in

tune with local government.

In 2017, we hope to see the trail paved and complete! The council has settled into their respective committees and duties, each setting forth goals for the coming year including better communication with the public and navigating the changes that come with the MS4 legislation.

Cheers to a new year of teamwork and progress!

## MEETING SCHEDULE

### **BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

2nd Tuesdays at 7 pm - Borough Hall

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

3rd Tuesdays at 7pm - Borough Hall

### **ZONING HEARING BOARD**

Meets as necessary.



The bridge over Evan's Run has journeyed to its final destination on the North West River Trail after a long detour!

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# THANKS{GIVING}

*"Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action." W. J. Cameron*

At a time when most of us are ready to feast, some folks are on the verge of famine. Did you know that we have a local food bank that gives away holiday food boxes to hundreds of hungry people in our area. You can help with this wonderful season of giving by donating food, hygiene items, money, or your time. The bags that the Boy Scouts just hung on your door, for example go strait to the Donegal / Conoy area Food Bank. So fill-er-up! Located at Coffee Goss Road & Peach Street, Maytown, PA, you could offer people a ride on Wednesday's from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM or volunteer to organize food. Contact Pat Vogel @ 426-2360 for more information.

*tree fighting & santa!*

Saturday, November 26  
6:30 pm to 8:80 pm @  
Union Meeting House



*candlelight tour of homes*

Sunday, December 4th  
11 am to 6pm

Check out the Borough Website! Email your community event dates to LNagle@boroughofmarietta.com now to be included in local advertising guides and calendars for 2017.

# MARIETTA ON THE MOVE!

Can you guess where this photo was taken?



Rural Moldova

*It was kind of like a Rebel Soldier sitting beside a Yankee Soldier in a stage coach...*

on leave, meeting at a shared relative's house. I've never been a soldier and neither has my brother, but we assume that we share wrenchingly different political views. During the week of the election it was very hard not to talk politics, even though it is our practice to steer away from the topic. The two of us were in my brother's car for a two-hour drive to the 90th birthday party of a

family friend. When we arrived, we saw childhood buddies we hadn't seen in decades. We immediately began sharing memories, poking fun at each other, and as the saying goes, "it was like no time had passed." We share a kinship with each other from the days of kids playing freely in neighborhoods, where all the moms and dads knew all the kids, and actual dinner bells would ring at 5 pm. Well, the topic of the election did come up toward the end of the party. We could sense right away that many of us shared very different views. One friend said, "But let's not assume we know what each other believes." Another said, "And wasn't democracy supposed to be about conversation and dialogue." "But who has time to really sit down and talk about politics? And



# SNOW REMOVAL MATTERS

Streets are prioritized for the application of salt and antiskid material, with the main arteries receiving attention first and other selected areas being handled after the main arteries are treated.

Plowing operations begin on major arteries when the snow depth reaches at least 3 inches. When the main arteries have been cleared, plowing begins on the balance of the streets in the Borough. Total plowing time for a 6" to 8" snow fall is usually between 6 and 8 hours.

Borough ordinance dictates the following streets as primary:

- > Market St. from Rte 441 to Decatur Street and Decatur Street from West Market St. to the end of town
- Clay St to Front St to Perry St;
- North & South Bank Street;
- North & South Waterford Avenue;

- North & South Gay Street;
- North Aaron Avenue to Prospect Ave;
- Also the clearing of snow at the Pioneer Fire Company No. 1. Snow will be cleared at bay doors only in order to allow the fire apparatus access in and out of the station.

Throwing, blowing, or plowing snow into the street is prohibited by the Borough ordinance and can cause a dangerous situation for vehicles. If you have a commercial snow removal vendor doing your snow removal, please remind him/her of this ordinance.

Please clear snow from fire hydrants and stormwater drains by your property. Remember that sidewalks must be cleared to a width of 36 inches within 24 hours of the snowfall.

Thanks, in advance for your patience and cooperation.

who wants to?" "But, if we did, who knows, we might learn something from each other." After a few hours with my brother, we did learn that we share a number of common values and beliefs even though we voted differently. He shared in a non-defensive way his fears and concerns and why he voted the way he did. I likewise voiced my fears and hopes and we became closer in the process.

This is kind of what happened on election day, here in Marietta, when two poll greeters, one from the Hillary camp, the other from the Trump camp, rather than ignore each other and avoid eye contact, began to share banter, joking, storytelling, and getting to know each other. At the end, the two men shook hands and, yes, gave each

other a hug. I don't mean to make this sound like such a simple solution, as I know that the situation is deeply troubling and complex; however, civility which is necessary for governance and problem solving, starts with the human to human exchanges we have on the local level, in our communities, in conversation, so that we can

truly understand what underlies the divisions, and can experience our shared humanity. It was, yes, moving, to witness the two unlikely embracing each other. Should they develop a friendship with one another, they might learn what is beneath the anger of each party, what each other fears and longs for, and perhaps solutions.



"Civility from the Bottom Up"  
By Judith Kennedy



The final leaf pick up day is Saturday December 3rd. Bags are available in the Borough Office free of charge for residents.

Christmas Tree Removal will be on Wednesday, Jan 13, 2016. Please set your undecorated tree by the curb with your regular trash.

## RECYCLING INFO FROM LCSWMA

Did you know that the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) has a Waste-to-Energy (WTE) Facility that generates clean, renewable energy (electricity) from burning your trash? The WTE Facility creates renewable energy when steam, from the combustion process, spins a turbine and makes electricity. Some of this electricity is used to power the facility, while the remaining power is sold to a utility company. The WTE Facility generates enough electricity for approximately 30,000 homes in the area.

Also, 13% of the waste at landfills is from yard trimmings. Try not to let your grass grow to more than two or three inches tall. That way when you mow, you will not have to collect or bag grass clippings. The grass will decompose and replenish valuable nutrients back into the soil. Leaves can be placed around trees and shrubs to help them retain their moisture. Woody waste can be recycled for mulch, fuel, animal bedding, or can be made into particle board. (2013, LCSWMA)



# WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

## TOP 10 IN THE BIN

1. CARDBOARD
2. PAPER
3. FOOD BOXES
4. MAIL
5. BEVERAGE CANS
6. FOOD CANS
7. GLASS BOTTLES
8. JARS (GLASS & PLASTIC)
9. JUGS
10. PLASTIC BOTTLES AND CAPS

**ALSO RECYCLABLE BUT NOT IN CURBSIDE BIN**

PLASTIC BAGS AND WRAPS  
@ Local Grocery Stores

ELECTRONICS  
@ Lancaster County Household Hazardous Waste Facility  
1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17603  
(717) 397-9968

TEXTILES  
@ Local Donation Bins & Thrift Stores



Find out about your local recycling options here:  
[www.iwanttoberecycled.org](http://www.iwanttoberecycled.org)

