



# Gettysburg

BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2014

## NEW BOROUGH MANAGER FOR GETTYSBURG

### Borough Council

#### Mayor:

William Troxell

#### First Ward:

Michael Birkner  
Rebecca Brown  
Scot Pitzer

#### Second Ward:

Kyle Leinbach  
Jacob Schindel  
Robert Krummerich

#### Third Ward:

John Butterfield  
Susan Naugle  
Graham Weaver

#### Borough Manager

Peter Marshall (Interim)

The Borough Council recently selected a new manager. His name is Charles Robert Gable and he will begin his new job on May 5th. Charles was one of 73 applicants from 21 states to apply for this highly sought-after position. As one of only 12 candidates selected for interviews with Council, his education, experience and personality caused him to stand out.

Charles is currently the Borough Manager for Brookville, PA in Jefferson County. He is also the Manager for the Brookville Municipal Authority. He has had extensive experience with planning, zoning and economic development as a member of both the State College and Centre Region Planning Commissions. His varied background includes a Bachelors Degree in Meteorology from Penn State and a work history that includes The Weather Channel in Atlanta and AccuWeather based in State College. Since 2010, he has been the Chief Financial Officer and Executive Board Member for Central Pennsylvania 4<sup>th</sup> Fest, a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to celebrating America's independence with a day of family fun and fireworks. His interest in municipal government and involvement with development of the Fraser Center in State College led him to a Masters Degree in Public Administration in 2010.

Charles brings extensive work, civic, academic and bargaining unit experience to Gettysburg. A strong believer in public service, he occasionally speaks at colleges and universities about challenging issues facing our nation which call for talented individuals to devote their efforts to finding solutions. He also brings with him an interest in Civil War history. A few years ago he was given a Civil War Bible that has been handed down to each generation of Gables. It was given to Joseph T. Banes in the army hospital following the Battle of Vicksburg. Since becoming the keeper of the Bible, he has become a Civil War enthusiast and, in some way, finds it to be destiny that his career path has led him to Gettysburg.

His strong communication skills and his emphasis on growing professionally, forging cooperative relationships and giving back to the community, left a positive impression on Council. We are anxious to welcome our new manager and introduce him to this great community.



### WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

Gettysburg Borough, Cumberland Township, and Straban Township, with assistance from the Adams County Office of Planning and Development, are collaborating to develop a regional comprehensive plan which will be known as the Central Adams Joint Comprehensive Plan. The Joint Plan Steering Committee requests your feedback to help identify challenges and set priorities.

Please complete the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/P6JH263>

When completed, the Central Adams Joint Comprehensive Plan will provide important guidance as municipalities work together to plan our future growth and development.

**Your input is important!**

#### Important

#### Numbers:

Borough 334-1160  
Police Dept 334-1168  
Emergency 911  
After Hours  
Non-Emergency  
334-8101  
Highway Dept 334-4666  
Rec Park 334-2028  
GMA 334-6738

*If anyone needs special accommodations when attending any borough meeting, please notify the Borough Secretary (334-1160 ext. 240) at least five (5) business days prior to attending the meeting.*

## AMUSEMENTS, ADMISSIONS and TOURS - TIME TO REGISTER WITH THE BOROUGH

The taxing authority of the Borough is limited by state law. It is important that we take advantage of all available tax and fee options to help reduce reliance on property taxes. Three such taxes/fees are Admissions, Amusement Devices and Guided Walking Tours.

**Admissions** . . . A taxable admission applies to any charge or fee for attending an “amusement” within the Borough. An amusement applies to entertainment which includes theatrical performances, circuses, shows, tours (such as ghost tours and historic tours) sporting events, tourist attractions or other diversion for which an admission is charged. There are some exceptions for certain entertainment sponsors. The tax is 10% of the price of admission – 5% for the Borough and 5% for the school district. The person or company must also obtain an Amusement License which is \$50 annually. Entities charging admission within the Borough, or wishing to determine if they are exempt from collecting the tax, must contact Borough Secretary Sara Stull at extension 240. Failure to pay the tax on each and every admission may result in a substantial penalty.

**Amusement Devices** . . . An amusement device is any machine or device that, when you insert money, a token or similar object, provides a game, entertainment or amusement, whether or not for a score or prize. “Juke boxes” are exempt. Anyone seen one of those lately? This applies to any gaming device licensed by the state for social clubs and, more recently, bars and restaurants. The license period on this tax runs from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The Borough will be inspecting business locations to identify devices and register them. All such devices must be registered with the Borough. Contact Nickie James in our Finance Department at ext. 248 for information and to register taxable devices. There is a tax of \$50 per device per year.

**Guided Walking Tours** . . . All persons or companies conducting guided walking tours for sightseeing or storytelling on or through public spaces, such as on sidewalks, must obtain a Guided Walking Tour License from the Borough. Last year the Borough issued licenses to 13 tour operators. The license must be renewed annually and is valid from April 1 to March 31. A tour license fee is \$125. Tour operators and guides must adhere to certain rules while conducting tours. Walking tours charging a fee for the tour must also collect the Admission Tax. Borough Secretary Sara Stull issues permits for the Borough and will be happy to answer any questions regarding rules and regulations. Sara can be reached at ext. 240.

### THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF TOURISM

A recent analysis by the National Park Service and U.S. Geological Survey of visitation to national parks in 2012 found a clear and substantial economic benefit - \$14.7 billion in direct spending and \$26.75 billion in cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy. Nationally, our parks return \$10 for every \$1 spent. In 2012, the Gettysburg National Military Park and the Eisenhower National Historic Site saw 1,179,863 visitors spending over \$69 million locally while supporting 576 local jobs.

That was 2012! Initial estimates of economic benefits to our local economy from the 150<sup>th</sup> Commemoration in 2013 push that benefit to an estimated \$100 million.

### FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT

If you have been thinking about fixing up the front of your property, there just might be a program to help with the cost.

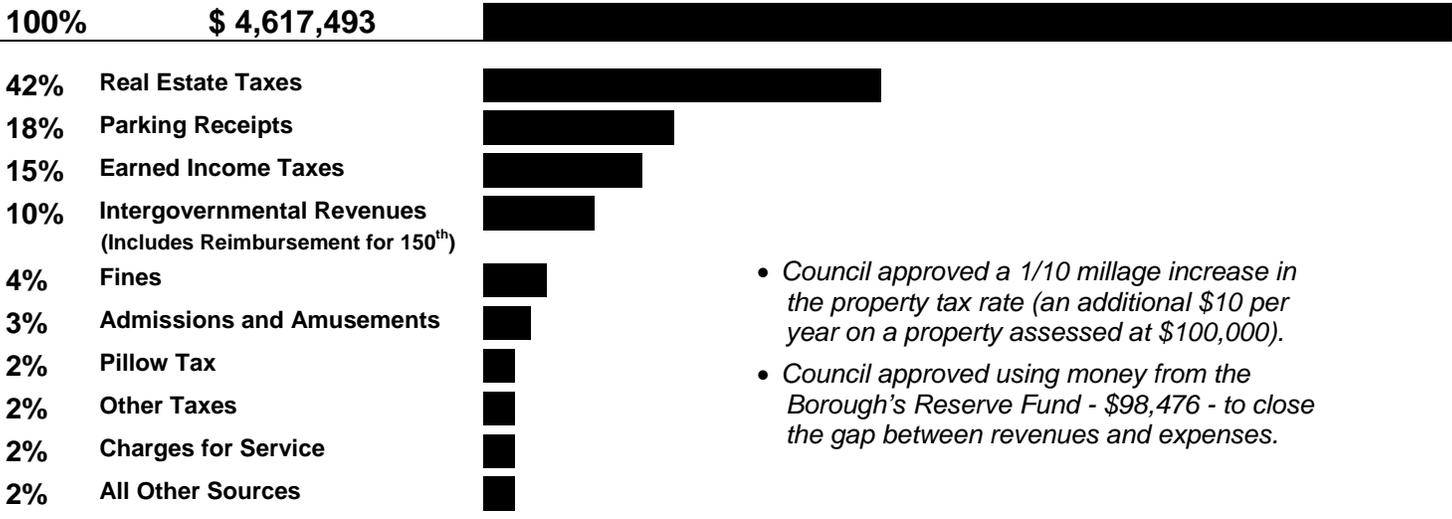
The **Main Street Gettysburg** Façade Improvement Program is for commercial properties within Gettysburg's Historic District. Qualified applicants can be reimbursed for specific sign, painting, design or lighting upgrades. Reimbursement ranges from \$500 to a maximum of \$5,000 and must be matched dollar-for-dollar by the applicant. You need to act fast – there is a deadline!

Main Street Gettysburg also has a Zero Interest Loan Program (ZILP) offering loans for \$2,500 to \$25,000 with zero interest for commercial business and property owners within the Historic District. It may be possible to use the ZILP as the match for the Façade Improvement Grant Program. Contact Main Street at 337-3491 ext. 1 or [info@mainstreetgettysburg.org](mailto:info@mainstreetgettysburg.org) for details.

**Elm Street / Olde Getty Place** Façade Improvement is available to residential and commercial properties located within the 8-block Elm Street target area bordered by West Middle Street, S. Franklin Street, Lincoln Lane, South Street and Court Alley. Eligible improvements include painting, masonry re-pointing, lighting, and other historically appropriate improvements, usually to the front of the building. It can include the side if viewed from the street. Grants can go up to \$5,000. Owners who live in the property must contribute a 10% match. Owners who do not live in the property must match the grant dollar-for-dollar. Contact the Elm Street Manager, Stephanie McIlwee, at the PICPI office located at 40 East High Street, Gettysburg, by calling 717-334-1518 ext. 229 or email at [smcilwee@adamscha.org](mailto:smcilwee@adamscha.org)

**THE BOROUGH'S 2014 BUDGET**

**WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM - \$4,617,493**



- Council approved a 1/10 millage increase in the property tax rate (an additional \$10 per year on a property assessed at \$100,000).
- Council approved using money from the Borough's Reserve Fund - \$98,476 - to close the gap between revenues and expenses.

**WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES - \$4,715,969**



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<b>Admin&amp;Finance</b> <b>18%</b>	<b>Public Safety</b> <b>45%</b>	<b>Public Works</b> <b>25%</b>	<b>Culture &amp; Recreation</b> <b>3%</b>	<b>Debt Service</b> <b>9%</b>
Administration, Finance Dept. Buildings & Physical plant, Tax Collection	Police & Fire (includes pass-through of Fire Tax), Code Enforcement, Zoning & Planning, Health	Public Works Dept, snow & brush removal, street & alley repair, street lights, vehicle fuel & maintenance	Parks & grounds, payment to GARA, community development, & shade tree	Loans, general obligation notes & bond payments

## GMA AND BUCHART HORN WIN PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Pennsylvania presented an Honor Award to members of the Gettysburg Municipal Authority and to Buchart Horn, Inc. the Authority's consulting engineers. The award recognizes the engineering design for recently completed improvements that upgraded processes and expanded capacity at the GMA's Melvin D. Crouse Waste Water Treatment Facility at 601 Middle Street in Gettysburg, PA. The Honor Award was presented during the Council's 2014 Diamond Awards for Engineering Excellence banquet in Hershey.

The design for upgrades and expansion permitted the Authority and Buchart Horn to control project costs by reusing various existing structures at the facility. That repurposing of infrastructure replaced processes in use since 1985 with state-of-the-art biological nutrient removal technology to meet stringent environmental regulations limiting phosphorus and nitrogen discharges into Rock Creek, which has been on a list of impaired streams.



Increased plant capacity supports reasonable growth in the areas around Gettysburg. The project was completed on schedule without interruption to ongoing wastewater treatment. The design solutions increased average plant capacity by 20% while delivering substantial savings to the Municipal Authority by reusing existing oxidation ditches and equalization tanks and by utilizing the plant's existing ultraviolet disinfection system.

Receiving the Honor Award, left to right, Bill Monahan (GMA), Brian Funkhouser (Buchart Horn), Ted Streeter, Mel Crouse, Timothy Good and Dorothy Puhl (GMA) and Mark Guise (GMA Manager).

## ILLEGAL DUMPING

The Borough has also had an ongoing problem with people dumping brush from outside the Borough at the highway shed.

The use of these services by persons who do not live in the Borough or own property in the Borough is illegal. It is a "theft of service" which can result in a fine. The loss of recycling tonnage and the cost to truck all that brush away is born by the taxpaying residents of the Borough. If you suspect illegal dumping on Borough property, please call the Gettysburg Police Department at 334-8101.

Recently, someone dumped garbage in the recycling dumpster at the Borough highway shed, contaminating the entire bin. The Public Works Department will begin locking the bin during non-work hours.

### Spring Brush Collection – May 19

**Borough crews will collect brush during the week of May 19.**

Brush can be piled at the edge of the alley to the rear of the property, on the grass strip between the sidewalk and street, or at the edge of the front yard. Do not pile brush where it can block the sidewalk, street or storm drain. Crews will make two trips around the borough during that week. Having your brush ready by the 19th will aid collection. Borough residents may take brush to the Public Works Building on East Middle Street during business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. If you have any questions or problems with pick-up, call the Public Works Department at 334-4666.

## DON'T MISS SPRING DOWNTOWN ANTIQUE SHOW

**Saturday, May 17, 2014  
7:00 am to 4:00 pm**

*Lots to see, lots to buy, food, fun!*  
**Sponsored by GARMA**

### Farm Markets Open Soon!

**Saturday Market** April 26, 7am to noon  
Lincoln Square

**Wednesday Market** May 7, 2-6 pm  
New location! – 297 Steinwehr Ave.  
EBT / Debit Cards accepted  
Double your SNAP Dollars!

A TRANSIT LIFELINE FOR BOROUGH RESIDENT



Anne is patiently waiting at the Gettysburg Transit Center for the trolley to arrive. Today, she is wearing her McDonald's uniform and will be using Freedom Transit to go to work. Anne has used public transportation all her life. She never had a driver's license. She walks about 8 blocks 5 times a week from her home to the transit center to ride the Lincoln (Red) Line that will stop where she works on Steinwehr Avenue. She has been riding Freedom Transit for over 3 years and couldn't imagine life without this service. Besides going to work, Anne uses Freedom Transit to travel to The Outlet Shoppes at Gettysburg. Transit is very important to Anne because she doesn't drive. "The drivers are pleasant, the buses run on time and are very clean, it is a good service" said Anne as she notices that the trolley has now arrived. It is time to board and go to work.

Freedom Transit Fares - March 1

General Boarding Fare	\$1.00
44" or under in height (children)	Free
Gettysburg College	Free on Campus and anywhere with Gettysburg College I.D.
Gettysburg NPS	Free anywhere with NPS I.D. or proof of purchase
Half Fare	\$0.50 with Half Fare Card or Medicaid Card
Seniors 65+	Free with PA Free Fare Card
Monthly Pass (unlimited rides)	\$27.00
10-Ride Pass	\$9.00
Day Pass (unlimited rides)	\$3.00

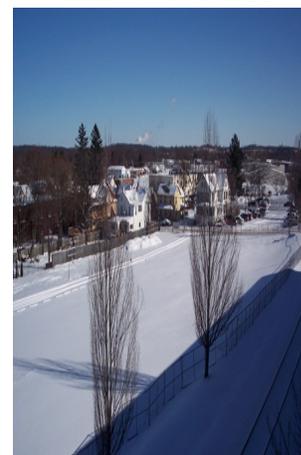
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STRATTON STREET PROJECT UPDATE

The demolition phase of the economic development project at 108 N. Stratton Street (north of the Borough Parking Deck) is finished. The old buildings on the site were torn down at the end of 2013. The site was recently leveled and graded with fencing soon to be removed. The Adams County Office of Planning and Development and property owner, The Adams County Industrial Development Corporation, plan to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) in April inviting developers to submit proposals for developing the site.

This is a very important project for the Borough, but one that languished for a number of years. The Gettysburg Economic Development Corporation folded and the property was foreclosed. Potential developers came and went in a sluggish economy. The County Commissioners, however, saw an opportunity for economic benefit to the County as well as the Borough and stepped in to purchase the property. Since then the County Office of Planning has been working to develop a vision for the property that includes contemporary context sensitive architecture, appropriate building scale, pedestrian friendly mix of uses, and creative public green spaces.



Desired concepts to spur the imagination - developed by County Planning and students at Gettysburg College

Cleared Site



## CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG!

It's springtime and thoughts turn to home projects like planting trees, installing a lamp post or a fence, or building a deck. If it involves digging a hole, you should call 811 (1-800-242-1776). That number will connect you to Pennsylvania's One Call System. Within the Borough, underground utility lines are everywhere. Most lines are less than three feet below the surface.

According to Pennsylvania's Underground Utility Line Protection Law, anyone who is planning to use power equipment to dig, drill, blast, auger, bore, grade, trench or demolish anywhere in Pennsylvania needs to contact One Call at least 3 business days before work starts.

The PA One Call will notify owners of underground utilities so they can locate and mark any lines under the excavation area, marked by the white "One Call" lettering. The utility owners must respond within 3 business days. If lines are located, utilities will mark them in specific colors.

<i>Red</i>	<i>electric</i>	<i>Yellow</i>	<i>gas, oil steam, petroleum</i>
<i>Blue</i>	<i>potable water</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>sewer and drain lines</i>
<i>Orange</i>	<i>communication lines or cables</i>		

Once lines are marked, it is up to the property owner to protect and preserve them until work is completed. Markings will not show the exact location of lines so careful hand digging may be required to locate lines. Assistance from the utility may be needed so that lines are not disturbed. If you are using a contractor, make sure they make the call. Damaging a utility line can be unsafe, costly and will only delay your project.



If you have any questions about digging on property within the borough or using One Call, don't hesitate to contact the Borough Public Works Department at 334-4666 before you begin to dig. Information is also available at [www.paonecall.org](http://www.paonecall.org).

## MAJOR GAS PROJECT SCHEDULED FOR HANOVER STREET

Columbia Gas has scheduled a major project to upgrade gas lines along **Hanover, Liberty, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Streets; and sections of Hudson and Zerfing Alleys**. The project will begin in the fall. Work will be completed in sections with parking restricted as work progresses. Columbia Gas will be in touch with property owners and residents prior to beginning work. The project will include upgrades to curb ramps and alley crossing to ensure compliance with ADA requirements. Some sidewalks will also be replaced.

This work is part of a long-term project by Columbia Gas to replace aging gas pipes across the country.

## 2014 STREET AND ALLEY WORK SCHEDULE

The Borough Public Works Department will be addressing problem areas on **East Middle Street** in preparation for future repaving. **Queen Street** will be the target of extensive upgrade work beginning with curb ramp construction from June 2 to July 16. This will be followed by milling and base repair of the street by the Public Works crew. This will prepare the street for repaving by a contractor beginning in late July. Work is expected to be completed by the end of August. Beginning June 12, **Lefever Street** will be closed for most of the summer for realignment and rebuilding.

Public Works crews will also repave **Mayor Alley, Cannery Alley and West Legion Alley** between Franklin and West Streets.

## "From The Ground Up" Kicks Off Its 14<sup>th</sup> Year

Community volunteers will again take to the streets on Monday mornings to help keep our downtown shining. The first clean-up will begin at 8 am on April 14. Volunteers meet in front of the Majestic Theater for brooms, bags, gloves and vests. The clean-up is held every Monday into fall except for rainy days and holidays. Volunteers are needed! Children under 14 are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact Susan Naugle at 334-1142 or [snaugle@gettysburg-pa.gov](mailto:snaugle@gettysburg-pa.gov) or simply show up on any Monday.



### Consider Volunteering

We are always eager to talk with citizens who are interested in serving on one of our authorities, boards and commissions. Contact Rebecca Brown at 334-2304 or [rbrown@gettysburg-pa.gov](mailto:rbrown@gettysburg-pa.gov).

## MAIN STREET GETTYSBURG ON TOP 10 LIST

The National Main Street Center has announced that Gettysburg is one of 10 semi-finalists for **The 2014 Great American Main Street Award**. CONGRATULATIONS to the MSG Board, President Deb Adamik, Operations Manager Pat Rucker and MSG community partners!

“Each year the National Main Street Center recognizes exceptional Main Street communities whose successes serve as a model for comprehensive, preservation-based commercial district revitalization. These award-winning communities demonstrate exemplary achievement in the process of strengthening their downtowns and commercial districts based on the following selection criteria:

- Overall strength of the Main Street in creating an exciting place to live, work, play and visit;
- Demonstrated success of the Four-Point Approach in your community, with a focus on economic impacts;
- Commitment to historic preservation;
- Active involvement of Public and Private sector;
- Model Partnerships—Participation of multiple groups, entities and individuals who have been involved in making Main Street a great place.



The 10 semi-finalists advance to the next round with the winner announced at the National Main Streets Conference in May.

### A WORD TO BUSINESSES ABOUT RECYCLING

Pennsylvania Act 101, the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, requires that all commercial establishments in the Borough must recycle the following items: aluminum containers; glass containers (not plate glass, light bulbs, blue glass, porcelain, or ceramic); metal cans; plastic bottles and containers (numbers 1-7); newspapers, high grade office paper and corrugated card board.

Businesses must report the weight of recycled items to the Borough. The Borough, in turn, reports the total weight collected to the Department of Environmental Protection. If your contracted waste hauler is the same as the one contracted by the Borough – IESI – you can just use IESI's single stream service and IESI will report the tonnage. If the Adams Rescue Mission is picking up recyclables from your business, they will provide weight information to the Borough.

If you are contracted with another hauler, it is a bit more complicated. You will need to check with that company to determine how they want recyclables handled and how you can collect weight information. If you use a recycling center, you will need to collect the weight information to include in your annual report. If you have any questions about capturing and reporting the weight of your recycled items, contact Borough Planning Director Scott Dellett at 334-1160 ext. 247.

The Recycling Ordinance (Section 20, Part 2) and the form for reporting are on our Borough website [www.gettysburg-pa.gov](http://www.gettysburg-pa.gov) or can be obtained by contacting the Borough office. **Reports are due January 15 of each year.** Compliance with the requirement will be enforced by our Borough Code Enforcement Officer.

The Boroughs' contracted residential trash and recycling hauler is: **IESI**

If you have questions about your service or need to arrange payment, bin delivery or purchase bags, contact them toll free at:

**1-877-709-1700**

### Recycling Caution for IESI Customers!

IESI requests that you set your recyclables out for collection in open recycling bins or open paper bags or boxes. **DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS THAT ARE NOT TRANSPARENT!** If you must use a plastic bag for recycling collection, it must be clear. With dark bags, the collector cannot determine if the recycling has been contaminated with garbage. There is also a risk of injury by sharp objects. Recycling bins are available at the Borough Office, 59 E. High Street or from IESI.

### BATTERY COLLECTION SUSPENDED

Residents responded to our battery collection program, offering up over 2,000 pounds of dead batteries in only a few months! Maybe it was too much of a good thing

that resulted in the loss of our disposal source. Unfortunately, we have been forced to suspend battery collection.

According to battery manufacturers Duracell and Energizer, you can safely dispose of alkaline batteries with your household waste. Duracell reports on its website that they “voluntarily eliminated all of the added mercury from our alkaline batteries since 1993.” However, Duracell cautions to never dispose of batteries in fire because they could explode; and not to dispose of them in a group because of potential safety risks. Even Duracell recommends contacting your local government for disposal sources. The Borough Recycling Committee will continue its effort to establish a safe disposal system.



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**Gettysburg** *JUNE 11 - JUNE 15*  
**★ Fest**

This annual celebration of performance, visual and culinary arts has a new name – **Gettysburg Fest** – and a new logo. It has been condensed from a 10-day festival to an “action-packed 5-day must attend event” for 2014, according to Gettysburg Festival Executive Director, Randy Prasse.

- **55 live performances**
- **3 outdoor stages and 4 indoor venues**
- **Best local, regional and national entertainment**
- **Broadway, Rock, Classical, Country, Blues, R&B**
- **Comedy and Theater**
- **Juried, student, “quick draw” and plein air art**
- **Expanded History Meets the Arts Show**
- **FEST FRINGE events expand the fun**

“Core festival” events, Thursday through Saturday, will be held on the Gettysburg College Campus, returning to the more intimate, tree-lined area of the campus. Watch for event details and check out the website at [www.gettysburgfestival.org](http://www.gettysburgfestival.org).

*You, the residents and community leaders of Gettysburg and Adams County, are our stakeholders. We hope this gets you excited to attend your festival – and invite friends!*

*- Randy Prasse, Gettysburg Festival Director.*

**Shop in Town!**  
**4 to 8 pm**



*Look for the First Friday Flag!*

April 7	Baseball
May 2	Mothers Day
June 6	Welcome Summer
July 4	Red, White and Blue
August 1	Peaches
September 5	Apples
October 3	Salsa on the Square
November 7	Salute the Troops
December 5	Cookie Walk

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