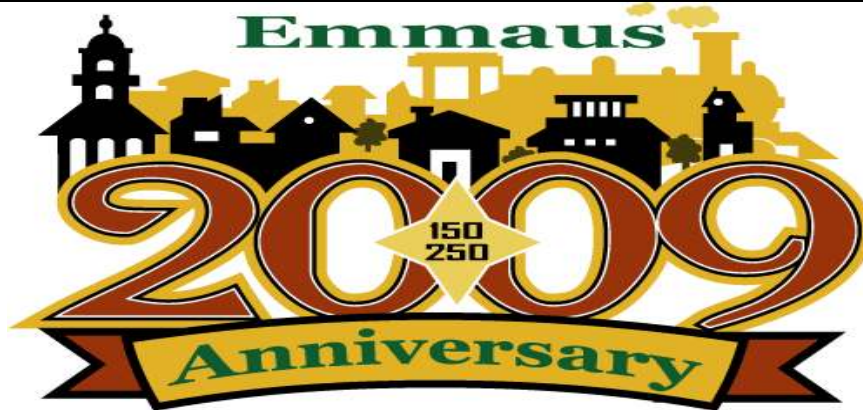


Emmaus 2009 Anniversary Celebration Newsletter

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There'll Be Dancin' In the Streets

Join us on the newly renovated Triangle Park on Friday, August 14 from 6:00 p.m. until midnight as we celebrate 250 years of Emmaus. Following the opening ceremonies it will be time to kick up your heels and dance the evening away to the traditional sounds of the Walt Groller Orchestra and the rockin' and rollin' of Emmaus' own Vinyl Diner. Food and beverages that will tempt even the most discerning palate will be available at the Emmaus eateries. Whether under the giant tent on Main Street or under the stars on the Triangle, Friday's event promises to be a party that Emmaus will never forget.

Triangle Park Dedication

Everyone's been eagerly watching the Emmaus Triangle being transformed into a beautiful space that will serve as a gathering place for generations of Emmaus residents, businesspeople and visitors. On Saturday, August 15 at 9:00 a.m., a formal dedication will be held, which will include many exciting special guests, including esteemed officials and those responsible for the design and construction of the town's centerpiece. Plan to attend to show your appreciation to everyone who worked so hard to make the Emmaus Triangle a showpiece of the community. Look for the kiosk donated by the Emmaus Rotary Club, the drinking fountain donated by the Emmaus Kiwanis Club, the flower planting design developed by the Emmaus Garden Club and the fountain donated by Otterbine-Barebo.

Everyone Loves a Parade

The Anniversary Parade on August 15 will be a monumental one not to be missed. Get your spot along the parade route and cheer your neighbors as they march by. It begins at 10:30 a.m. and will follow the same route as the annual Halloween Parade: starting at Keystone and Ridge Streets, heading west on Ridge to Sixth Street, turning a slight corner to Walnut Street, continuing west to Ninth Street, turning south onto Ninth to Chestnut Street, turning east onto Chestnut Street, continuing to Main Street and then turning north on Keystone. Parade highlights to date are a Mummers Marching group, the Emmaus Sentinel's debut and NASA Challenger Space Shuttle replica Blake, carrying the 1959 Emmaus Time Capsule from the past through the present and into the future. For those of you who traditionally host Halloween Parade parties, the Celebration Parade will be the perfect excuse to host some morning revelry.

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2009 Anniversary souvenirs are on sale in the following Downtown businesses: Out of Our Hands, Emmaus Jewel Shop and Janet's Stained Glass Studio. They will also be available for sale during the Grand Celebration, August 14 and 15, at the Rotary Pavilion at Community Park. Look for ***Souvenirs Sold Here*** signs. Souvenirs are also available for sale July 19, August 9, September 20, October 18 and November 15 at the Emmaus Farmers' Market in the KNBT parking lot at 235 Main Street. Souvenirs are also on sale at the Anniversary Office in the lower level of Town Hall every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. or by appointment.

Time Capsule Opening—Once in a Lifetime

For most of us, witnessing the opening of a Time Capsule will be a once in a lifetime opportunity. The 1959 Time Capsule, unearthed from its burial spot on the Triangle, will be opened for public viewing on August 15 at 5:00 p.m., at the Samuel Landis Arts Pavilion at Emmaus Community Park. A preliminary inventory shows all items to be exquisitely preserved. Catch a glimpse of Emmaus in 1959 as artifacts from the Capsule will be on public display for the first time. See the pageantry, the hilarity, and the community spirit that made the 1959 Anniversary Celebration a most special time in Emmaus history. The Capsule contains 49 personal items deposited by individuals and organizations for pick-up on Aug. 15. If you or your organization believes that the Capsule contains an item for you, contact Craig Neely at 610-966-6357 or cneely@borough.emmaus.pa.us so that he can advise you if an item is indeed there. We will be disbursing the items to their intended recipients as part of the ceremony. Enjoy the fun as we relive history through immaculately prepared and maintained photos, records, and memorabilia.



1959 Time Capsule Rocket

Brothers and Belles Recreate History

Witness a recreation of the Emmaus 1959 Celebration come alive with the Brothers of the Brush and the Centennial Belles. At 3:00 p.m. on August 15 at Community Park the Brothers and the Belles will compete for awards based on the Brothers' beards and the Belles' beauty. See the disappointment in the Brothers' eyes as they are subjected to the mandatory post-judging Shave-Off. Relive the past with the creative reverence paid by the Brothers and the Belles to the heroes of the 1959 Celebration.

Emmaus Anniversary Postmark Debut



August 15, 2009

Unforgettable
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Celebration
Station

Emmaus, PA 18049

The U.S. Postal Service will offer a commemorative postmark in honor of Emmaus' 150/250 anniversaries on Saturday, Au-

gust 15. The special postmark will be available at the "Celebration Station" kiosk near the Triangle from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. This special keepsake postmark may be used on letters and small packages with sufficient postage.

Shops of Emmaus

The Shops of Emmaus will hold an Anniversary Sale on Friday, August 14, with extended hours until 8:00 p.m. The Anniversary Sale will continue through Sunday, August 16. Look for balloons at participating stores!



Time to Reminisce and Celebrate Reunions and Kids' Activities will Fill Community Park



On August 15 and 16 from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m., the Borough will host Family and Emmaus High School class reunions at Emmaus Community Park. Food will be available for sale from various vendors and at the Community Park concession stands. The Community Park pool will be open during its normal hours, noon to 8 p.m., and the Emmaus Public Library and the Emmaus Arts Commission will host children's activities at the Rotary Pavilion.

Celebrating a Long-standing Tradition

On Sunday, August 16 at 8:00 a.m., Emmaus Moravian Church's Trombone Choir will perform as part of a service at God's Acre Cemetery, Adrain Street. The event follows in the Moravian Church tradition of trombone choirs heralding important events in Emmaus' history. Following the service at the cemetery, all church bells in Emmaus will ring simultaneously, commemorating the Anniversary Celebration. At 3:00 p.m. there will be an Ecumenical Church Service at St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, led by the Emmaus Ministerium.



Closing Ceremonies to be an Explosive Spectacle



Beginning at 7:30 p.m. on August 16, the Grand Celebration Weekend will close with a bang at the Emmaus High School stadium, Cedar Crest Blvd. and North Street, where music will grace the grandstands, with the likes of the Macungie Band and the Summer Harmony Men's Chorus. Join us as we say farewell to the weekend's festivities and hello to Emmaus' next 50 years. Following a brief ceremony and the concert, the sky will explode with grandeur as fireworks will light the sky, announcing the end to the weekend, but reminding us of the vibrant enthusiasm of the Emmaus community and the brightness of its future.

But Remember—It's Not Over Until It's Over

Mark your calendar. Although the Grand Celebration Weekend will end with a bang, the 2009 Anniversary Celebration will continue, as events are planned until the end of the year. Some of them include:

- **The Emmaus 2009 Wildlife Art Festival on September 12, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** This collaboration between the Wildlands Conservancy and the Emmaus Arts Commission will showcase Emmaus' rich heritage while highlighting the Lehigh Valley's award-winning nature and wildlife artists, environmental groups and animal preservation officers. Visitors will be shuttled to and from a yet to be determined Main Street location to the Wildlands Conservancy on Orchid Drive, where the festival will occur.
- **Emmaus Heritage Days Festival on Sept. 12, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.** There will be events throughout the downtown with free trolley rides to the Borough's historic sites, 1803 House, Shelter House and Knauss Homestead, where tours and activities are ongoing from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Emmaus Moravian Church and the Emmaus Historical Society Museum will also be open. Events include concerts on the Triangle, architectural walking tours, Community Heroes Day at the Library, MedEvac helicopter landing at the Kiwanis ball field, Heritage Hunt, God's Acre Cemetery tour, historic cut-out photos, re-enactors and craft demonstrations. The 1803 House's Memory Day will include musical entertainment, a live animal demonstration by the Wildlands Conservancy and a magic show by David Caserta. Children will be able to experience the lifestyles of early 19th century families.
- **On Sept. 19 at 2 p.m., a Carl Arner original Pennsylvania Dutch Play, "Eleckshun,"** will be performed in three acts by members of Huffs Church at St. John's Lutheran Church, Fifth and Chestnut Streets. Tickets are free but limited. Pick up tickets at the Emmaus Anniversary Office, Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **On October 3 and 4, the Emmaus 2009 Train Excursions will be held with departure times from Emmaus at 7:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.** The 7:30 a.m. run each day will be a two-and-a-half hour, 28-mile round trip, from Emmaus to Pennsburg and back (no disembarking, no new passengers). The other three runs each day will be two-hour, 22 mile round trips from Emmaus to Palm and back. Tickets are \$22 for adults, and \$12 for children ages 3 through 12, and are available through the Emmaus 2009 Web site, 2009emmaus.org. A special collectible train car souvenir is available for purchase at the Anniversary office and the Emmaus Jewel Shop, 338 Main St. Don't miss the trip that includes passage through the Dillingersville Tunnel.



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We Just Want to Celebrate!!!

As part of the Borough's yearlong celebration of its 150th Anniversary (Sesquicentennial) and 250th Anniversary (Semiquincentennial), the Emmaus 2009 Anniversary Celebration Committee will be hosting a Grand Celebration Weekend from August 14 to 16. The Committee invites everyone to attend the events and participate in this memorable occasion. It will be the highlight of the summer.

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Helpful Tips and Suggestions

The Committee encourages as many people who can walk to events to do so. Parking will be limited, even though the Committee is arranging for shuttle buses for some events. During the parade and Triangle Dedication on August 15, many streets, including Main Street, will have parking prohibitions. There will be overflow parking with shuttle bus transportation at the Emmaus High School Lot on Macungie Avenue and North Streets. Please take advantage of our pedestrian friendliness as much as possible.

2009 Anniversary Celebration Weekend Calendar

<u>Date—Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
August 14—6:00 p.m.—midnight	Opening Ceremony & Celebration	Triangle Park
August 14—10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.	Children's Activities	Emmaus Public Library
August 15—9:00 a.m.	Triangle Park Dedication	Triangle Park
August 15—10:30 a.m.	2009 Celebration Parade	
August 15—12:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.	Transportation Shuttle	Emmaus High School
August 15—2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.	Family and class reunions	Community Park
August 15—2:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.	Children's activities	Rotary Pavilion
August 15—3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.	Brothers of the Brush Judging/Shave Off, Centennial Belles Judging	Samuel Landis Arts Pavillion
August 15—5:00 p.m.	1959 Time Capsule Opening	Samuel Landis Arts Pavillion
August 15—6:30 p.m.	Red Hill Band Concert	Community Park
August 16—8:00 a.m.	Moravian Church Trombone Choir	God's Acre Cemetery
August 16—2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.	Family and class reunions	Community Park
August 16—7:30 p.m.	Closing Ceremonies: Centennial Concert featuring Macungie Band, Emmaus Celebration Chorus, Summer Harmony Men's Chorus, and the Emmaus High School Marching Band Fireworks	Emmaus High School Stadium