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2012 BUDGET

The 2012 adopted budget, which totals \$3,928,725.11, is projected to spend 1.5% less than the 2011 expenditures. The millage rate will tentatively remain at 9 mills. Sewer rates will be increased .35 (cents) per 1,000 gallons of water usage and water rates will increase by .25 (cents) per thousand gallons of usage. These increases reflect increases by our providers. Refuse rates will remain the same; a new contract will be bid and awarded later this year.

A breakdown of proposed expenditures by department is as follows:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>PERCENT OF BUDGET</u>
Administration.....	6.0%
Police & Fire.....	17.0%
Refuse Collection.....	8.5%
Sewers.....	15.0%
Public Works.....	11.0%
Water.....	14.0%
Recreation.....	3.0%
Miscellaneous*.....	17.0%
Debt Service.....	8.5%

*Miscellaneous includes Economic Development, Insurances (Workmen's Compensation, Liability, Flood Insurance, misc. insurances), Social Security, Borough Property Maintenance, Health Care and Reserve Fund.

GTECH Company, a business devoted to Green initiatives was approached by the Shadyside Academy about the possibility of installing and maintaining a sunflower garden in the Borough of Etna as a school project. The company researched numerous vacant lots located within the Borough (private and public) and tentative plans are being drawn up for a vacant lot on Butler Street that they selected.

The engineering/design portion of the Dewey Street rehabilitation project was completed in December through a grant received from the Community Infrastructure and Tourism fund of Allegheny County. The Borough is working closely with state agencies for the construction phase of this rehabilitation project.

This year as an additional service from our refuse hauler, Waste Management, home generated special waste collections were provided as part of our normal refuse pickup service. This program began on September 1. A summary of what was collected through December 31 is as follows:

- Ewaste: 209.08 lbs; (televisions, keyboards, mouse, etc.)
- Hazardous Waste: 131.75 lbs; (Motor oil, paint related)
- Non-Hazardous Waste:..... 94.50 lbs. (Latex paint)

A total of 435.33 pounds was generated and collected in Etna and 100% of those materials were recycled! Keep up the good work!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

The Etna Economic Development Corporation itself isn't ten years old, but the group that organized into what became the EEDC is! The first town hall meeting of the community to discuss and address the declining occupancy in the business district was held January 17, 2002. This Town Hall meeting was held at the request of our businesses who were concerned about the closing of many of our storefronts at that time. Two hundred concerned residents, business owners and property owners showed up to discuss and face this issue.

A group of forty-three volunteers signed up and began to meet regularly (once a month) for the next ten years! Many of the faces have changed but many have been dedicated to helping since the first meeting. The only time the group stopped was for an eight month hiatus due to the devastation of Ivan in 2004. Many of the businesses on the committee were flooded as was the Municipal Building where the meetings have been held.

This group achieved 501©3 status and through a grant from the Forbes Foundation researched and applied to the State's Main Street Program, and eventually became a Main Street community and hired a Main Street Manager. This grant program comes to an end this April but not the goals or focus of the program – to help revitalize our business district! **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE EFFORTS OVER THE YEARS, WHETHER BY VOLUNTEERING OR SUPPORTING MANY OF THEIR FUND RAISING EFFORTS!** The Borough looks forward to working with you to continue these efforts.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

On November 9, 2011, the Etna Police Department was awarded a gold plaque by the AAA (Triple AAA) Association for its "outstanding performance of traffic safety". This included enforcement of traffic laws, D.U.I.'s, Truck Task Force and child safety activities such as the bike rodeo, the Cops VS Kids basketball game, participation in school programs and annual updated training for the school crossing guards. This was the first year Etna was considered for this annual award and out of four new awardees, the only Department to achieve a gold level award! **CONGRATULATIONS ETNA POLICE DEPARTMENT** – your commitment to the community and its residents is outstanding! Mayor Rengers presented the plaque at the Council meeting in November.

OUR HEARTFELY THANKS! Light the Night!



As is our custom, we would like to thank all of the businesses, organizations and individuals who helped make *Light the Night*, Friday, November 25, 2011 the tremendous affair that it was. There are so many generous businesses and people who have contributed their time, money or talent to make this event so wonderful for our community. It is a hallmark of Etna. We want to recognize the following for their contributions to that evening: 43rd Street Concrete, A- Locksmith, Aleice, Nancy, Rudy, Greg & Tim Milcic, Allegheny County Sheriff's Dept., Alioto's Restaurant & Sports Bar, Alpine Mountain Spring Water, Amato's Pizza, American Legion Post 597, Andrew Weckman, Baleno Construction, Big Mike's Tavern & Jean Peterson, Bill Grover – Police Chief, Bread of Life Food Pantry, Brian and Holland Reneski, Buchart Horn, Inc., Building Products, Inc., Burke & Haas – Always in Bloom, Cal & Emma Eichhorn, Calvert Memorial Presbyterian Church, Coco Trucking, Code Sys., Cohen Law Group, Cole's Catering, Cathy Bills & Bill Welch & Family, Croatian Fraternal Union, Dave & Judi Becki, Dakota Engineering, Dan Duty & Family, David Klink, Dave & Margie Vinski, DiPofi School of Boxing, Direct Collision Repair Center, Dobil Laboratories, D.O.H. Club of Etna, State Representative Dom Costa, Duquesne Electric, Duquesne Light Company, East Jordan Iron Works, Ed & Kim Burke & Family, Ed & Pat Oresic, Ed Murdy & Family, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Etna Commons residents, Etna Senior Center, Etna Borough Office staff, Etna Borough Council, Etna Boy Scout Troops, Etna Deck Hockey Association, Etna Economic Development Corporation, Etna Express Convenience Store, Etna Fire Police, Etna Police Department, Etna Fire Department, Etna Public Works Department, Etna Garden Club, Etna Girl Scout Troops – 201, 461, 1378 & 1489, Etna Holiday Committee, Etna Democratic Committee, Etna Neighborhood Association, Etna Shaler Rotary, Etna Teen Advisory Board, Etna Technical Center, Etna Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 9197, E-Town Bar & Grille, Executive Mart Partnership, Ferra's Automotive Service, First Commonwealth Bank, First Congregational Church of Etna and Feed the Flock, Ford Family, Frank Ranalli Barber Shop, Furko Family, Garden of Etna, Gary M. Larkin Plumbing, George & Kathy Kristoff, Germaine & Joe Pfeifer, Glassmere Fuel, Greater Pittsburgh Police Federal Credit Union, Guy, Marie & Mike Carricato, Hampton Technical Associates, HDH Group, Hunter Truck Sales, Huntz's Tavern, Ideal Dance Studio, James A. Giel Garage Doors, Janet M. Miller, Jean Smith, Jeff Clark, Jerry DiGennaro, Joanne Ferraro, Jockey Club of Etna, Joe Zeis, John Maseth Etna Service, J & T Tire Service, KMART – Shaler Store, Karen and Joe Tomaszewski, Kress Service Center, Laurel Gardens Tire, Liberty Professional Builders, Lori & Dave Landefeld, Lou, Jan & Louis IV Ferraro, Marcal Group – ISSCO/Tippins, Margaret Grubich, **Marine Lance Corporal Jeff Sears**, Martin Tire Company, John R. Matschner & Co., Mayor & Sandy Rengers, Merten's Landscaping, Millvale Borough, National Road Supply, NC Hair Studio, Nick Selara, Nova Dental, Overhead Door of Pittsburgh, PNC Bank – Etna Branch, Pastor Jennifer McCurry, Paul & Annette Brining & Family, Pete and Mary Ellen Ramage, Pittsburgh Mobile Concrete, Pollak's Candies, Porky's Plain Old Bar, Practical Gifts by Linda, Primrose Flowers, RFG Industries, Rocky & Caroline Rothmeyer, Ron & Chris Heck, Rice's Roadhouse, Rich & Mary Macecevic, Rick & Linda Grubic, Sergeant Ed Winschel, Shirley Voller, Ronald Heck & Associates, Rose Dougherty and family, Staley Communications, Star Fitness, Sue & Ken Brown & Family, Tim, Sue & Bethany Rodman, Terri & Patti Huston, Traffic Control Equipment and Supplies, Vinski Appliance, Vince & Rita Jones, Vince Pascoe – State Farm, Voegel Co., Waves Equipment, Wayne & Bernadette Thompson, Winschel Hardware, Woodland Wood Products, WTM Exotic Wood Flooring and John Zupanic.

Etna Neighborhood Association's Etna Street Decorating Contest - 2011

A new event for 2011, the Neighborhood Association challenged our neighborhoods to see what street showed the most Holiday Spirit & Etna Pride by decorating their homes for the holiday season! The winner of the first ever Etna Street Decorating Contest 2011 was **ANGLE ALLEY!!!!** The Neighborhood Association presented and placed a banner on that street announcing the accomplishment! Way to Go Angle Alley! And what a sight the street was – virtually every house was decorated and you could see the lights from Grant Avenue along the railroad tracks!

We want to thank the Neighborhood Association for sponsoring this wonderful event. They help with Light the Night, sponsor Etna Community Day and the Talent Show and make up the Welcome to Etna handbooks! If you would like to join this community caring group, they meet on the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Etna on Walnut & Locust Streets.

Etna Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fries!

The Etna Volunteer Department will be hosting their delectable Fish Fries on Ash Wednesday, February 22, Good Friday, April 6 and every Friday during Lent. The Fish Fries on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with delivery available. Every Friday during Lent they will be from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - NO DELIVERY. This year's menu will have the return of some of your favorites, fish sandwiches, shrimp and crab cake dinners. Children's meals are available for kids 10 years old and under. Homemade desserts will be available to "eat in" patrons only. Enjoy a GREAT meal while supporting your local fire department in this major fund raising event.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!!!

We are so very grateful for our Grand Marshall of the event that night, **Marine Lance Corporal Jeff Sears**, who had just returned home from a tour of duty in Afghanistan. Jeff is the son and grandson of the Ford Family who own and operate Huntz's Tavern.

We were honored to have him lead our parade that night and humbled by his quiet grace. Thank you Jeff!



RAMBLINGS.....

It's been said that when generous people work together, all things are possible. That's just what happened on Sunday, November 6, when the **Etna Deck Hockey Association** sponsored an invitational hockey tournament at the rink for one of their eight year old players, Mario Noro, who is battling acute lymphoblast leukemia. The Association was able to raise over \$5,800.00 at their day long event which included raffles, Chinese Auction and bake sale. All proceeds were given to the Noro family. Thanks to all who supported this event and helped with the fund raiser!

Great beginnings start with Etna Deck Hockey!!! **Jeff Fieldhouse**, of Vilsack Street, got his start here with Etna Deck Hockey when he decided at age 5 that he wanted to play hockey. He is now a 16 year old sophomore at Shaler Area High School and plays right along some early thirty year olds in the Minor League Inline Skating Team of the Pittsburgh Bandits. The Bandits are a professional inline hockey team based in Harmar Township. He also plays on the Shaler High School Junior Varsity inline skating team. Jeff certainly isn't going through life without goals. Next step, the pros!!!

Did you know that out of 13 women who competed in the 29th annual Dirty Dozen bike race, **Ann-Marie Alderson**, an Etna resident, won the women's race for the first time? This race was held on November 26th, when cyclists took on 13 of the steepest of steep hills in Pittsburgh. Ann-Marie was also one of only three women to finish every hill. Congratulations, what a spirit! Even the thought of walking up High Street, by some of us, is considered a challenge.

Shaler Area School District has opened nominations for the new group of athletes for its 2012 Athletic Hall of Fame. This will be the twelfth class inducted into the Hall. Nominations are open from January 1 through April 30, 2012. An individual or team can be nominated from Etna, Millvale, or Shaler High School prior to the merger in 1971. You can obtain a nomination form at www.sasd.k12.pa.us and at all school district buildings. Completed forms are to be returned before May 1, 2012. Send them to: Shaler Area School District, Amy Bodenlos, 381 Wible Run Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15209. The banquet honoring those awardees will be held in the fall of this year.

School District Recreational Swimming: Lessons are underway – call to see if you can still sign up at 412-492-1200, ext. 3920 (includes Preschool – Steps 1,2 & 3; Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6; diving classes, adult lessons, adult water exercise, lap swim and recreational swim).

You can still attend on a pay-as-you-go as follows:

Adult Water Exercise – Tuesday & Thursdays through April 12, 8:00 – 9:00 p.m., \$6.00 per night;

Lap Swim: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through May 18, 9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. & Thursdays through May 17 from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., \$6.00 per night, six lanes available;

Recreational Swim: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays through May 18, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., \$5.00 per night; Sundays through May 13, 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., \$5.00 per swim – swim in a congenial environment with friends and family. Scout troops, organizations and birthday parties are welcome!

**GARDENING FOR BEGINNERS!**

Learn how to create the garden you have always wanted! March 24, 9:00 a.m., Fugh Hall, Presented by the Etna Garden Club, donations appreciated; RSVP by email to etnagardens@gmail.com or register at the Borough Building!

THE GARDEN OF ETNA!

The Garden of Etna is beginning plans for their vegetable gardens this summer. Again, all four large beds will be dedicated to the two Etna food banks that were so grateful for last summer's contributions. If you would like to sign up for a plot (even if you are a returning gardener from last summer) attend a meeting to be held Wednesday, **February 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Bldg.** They will discuss what was done last year (infrastructure building, community relationship building, crop raising) and plans for this year – advanced approach to gardening, more infrastructure construction, role definition, acceptance of new gardeners and continuing to build community relationships! Stop down if you want a plot or want to volunteer to help for the food banks.

**The Drama of the Cross**

In remembrance of the passion and death of Jesus Christ, The Drama of the Cross will take place once again in Etna on Good Friday, April 6th. It begins at 12 noon at the Playground when 20 volunteers hoist an 800 pound cross on their shoulders and begin a procession up to the cemetery on High Street. After the cross is secured in the ground, representatives from all Etna churches will conduct a ceremony of prayers, hymns, and narratives that often brings tears to the eyes of many spectators. The service concludes at 1:00 p.m.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Tabs, Inc. of 90 Sycamore Street moved into the area last year. They offer total commercial asphalt and exterior maintenance services. For inquiries call President Jack Guido or Operations Manager, Jackie Michalik at 412-874-1900.

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ADDITIONAL PHONE NUMBERS,

KEEP HANDY

- FOR EMERGENCIES, CALL911
- Etna Police Station412-781-6271
 Office Hours, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Non-Emergency Dispatch412-486-3201
 After Station Hours
- Magistrate Bob Dzvonic412-487-7630
- Waste Management Garbage Disposal,
 Missed Pick-Ups1-800-458-4090
- Germaine Pfeifer,
 Real Estate Tax Collector.....412-781-0569x24
 Tuesday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Keystone Municipal Collections, Wage,
 Occupation & Mercantile Tax Collector
412-672-5900
- TO REPORT WATER BREAKS AFTER
 BUSINESS HOURS, CALL 412-486-3201**

Etna Borough Council Meetings, Third Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 p.m., Municipal Building. Anyone needing transportation, please call the Borough Office, one week prior to the meeting.

Etna Economic Development Corporation Meetings, Second Tuesday of the Month, 7:00 p.m. Municipal Building.

Etna Planning Commission Meetings, every fourth Thursday. 7:30 p.m. Municipal Building, call in advance for meeting confirmation

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 2..... Senior Friendship Center, 1:00 p.m.
- Mar. 1..... Emmanuel Lutheran Church
- Apr. 5
- Feb. 15..... Garden of Etna meeting, 6:30 p.m., Municipal Bldg.
 Get your own plot or help grow food for the food banks*
- Feb. 22..... Firemen’s Ash Wednesday Fish Fry, 11:00a.m. – 7:00 p.m.*
- Feb. 24 thru Firemen’s Friday Fish Fries, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., NO
- March 30..... Deliveries, Pick Up and Eat In Only*
- Feb. 25..... All Saints Church Christian Mothers Craft Show, Activities
 Bldg., 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., \$15.00 per table. For more
 info, call Cathy at 412-781-4788.
- Mar. 10..... All Saints Church Mothers Card Party, Noon, Activities
 Bldg., \$10.00 per ticket. Call Karen Berner at 412-822-7039.
- Mar. 24..... Garden Club of Etna, *Gardening for Beginners* workshop,
 Fugh Hall, 9:00 a.m.*
- Apr. 6..... Firemen’s Good Friday Fish Fry, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.*
- Apr. 21..... Spaghetti Dinner, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran
 Church
- Apr. 21..... Calvert Memorial Drama Club Movie Night, 7:00 p.m.,
 “Snips and Snails & Puppet Tales”

Neighborhood Nights continues at the Congregational Church. Thursdays, Feb. 2 & 16, March 5, 15 & 29 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. They offer free grilled cheese sandwiches and more. All are welcome.

CALVERT MEMORIAL CHURCH - After School Programs -
 September 11 Teen Group starts 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
 Wear old clothes as they kick-off with some sloppy games.
Kid’s Corner, Monday evenings - 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Drama Club, Saturdays - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Drama Club Movie Night - April 21 at 7:00 p.m.
 For more information call 412-781-3056.

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