

OLDE GETTY PLACE GAZETTE

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Breck Squad Wins State Award

The Breck Squad, Olde Getty Place's youth volunteer group, was selected for the 2011 Chairman's Award for Youth Involvement by Pennsylvania Downtown Center (PDC). Stephanie McIlwee, Elm Street Manager, accepted the award on behalf of the group on September 8th, at PDC's annual conference, held this year in Scranton.



The Breck Squad is excited by the honor. "I'm glad we got the award because we're being noticed for what we do. And what we do is being greatly appreciated" said Breck Squad member Brandon Johnson. Area officials say they are proud of The Breck Squad. "To have people of such a young age take an interest in their community, is really refreshing to see" said Chief Joe Dougherty of Gettysburg Borough Police.

Dougherty also credits the group with improving the police department's relationship with the neighborhood. Gettysburg Area School District Superintendent Larry Redding plans to recognize the group for their hard work. "This gives students a concrete example of how they can give back to the community" said Redding.

The Breck Squad was started by Vandessa Johnson and Meda Johnson who were looking to engage their children and grandchildren in positive activities. The group holds monthly litter pick-ups and volunteers for special events such as parades. For the last two years they have made ornaments for the Olde Getty Place Christmas tree.

To view a video about The Breck Squad, please visit Olde Getty Place on Facebook.

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Adams County Arts Council Building to Open

Adams County Arts Council will have the grand opening of its new building in Olde Getty Place on October 29th from 10am-5pm. The new facility on S. Washington St. features a reception room, workspaces for artists and a kitchen for culinary classes. An outdoor sculpture garden will be a focal point of the grounds.

Renovations to the 10,000 square foot building, which formerly housed Glory Gym, and before that a car dealership, continued all summer.



Visit www.adamsarts.org for more information.

Community Room Renovations Underway

Olde Getty Place neighborhood residents have been watching the improvements at 326 S. Washington St. First the windows were replaced, next the siding was painted, then the gables were added over the doorways. The row of homes is being renovated with money from the Elm Street façade improvement fund with matching funds coming from Randy and Amy Naill, the buildings' owners.

The Naills are graciously allowing Olde Getty Place to use one of the units as a community room. The room will have computers with internet access. It will also be a place residents can meet with police. Information about Olde Getty Place, including maps of the walking tour, will be available there.

The community room will be the home of the neighborhood ambassador program. If you are interested in becoming a neighborhood ambassador please contact Stephanie McIlwee, Elm Street Manager, 717-334-1518 x269 or smcilwee@adamscha.org. Free training will be provided to the ambassadors. The room will have its grand opening later this year, with details to follow.



Future home of Olde Getty Place's community room

Adams County Farm Fresh Markets Have Successful Season



Olde Getty Place residents were able to purchase local produce on a weekly basis this summer. Adams County Farm Fresh Markets had a farmer's market each Wednesday from 2:30pm-6:30pm in the Rec Park, just at the edge of Olde Getty Place. Fruit, vegetables, plants, flowers, baked goods and local beef and pork were available.

The market received a special grant allowing those with SNAP (Food Stamps) benefits to double their purchasing power. For every \$10 in SNAP benefits, purchasers received \$20 in produce.

Community Garden Featured in Evening Sun

Olde Getty Place's community garden was featured in a story by Tim Prudente of the Evening Sun on August 19th. Prudente spoke with Maggie Fowler and Jennifer Eckerson about their gardening experiences.

Jennifer and Maggie both had success this year with a healthy crop of tomatoes, eggplant, corn, beans and pumpkins.

The gardeners wish to thank Dan Hilliard and the crew from Gettysburg Borough Public Works for tilling and weed-whacking.

Anyone wishing to have a plot in next year's garden should contact Jennifer Eckerson at: jaeckerson@hotmail.com.



Maggie Fowler speaks with Evening Sun reporter Tim Prudente and photographer Shane Dunlap about the community garden.

Upcoming Events

October 5—Neighborhood Advisory Council meeting, 11am-1pm, 40 E. High St.

October 14—Hispanic Heritage Celebration, HACC, 731 Old Harrisburg Rd, 6pm

October 22—Rick & Sally Myers Shelter SPCA Gala/Auction, Inn of 1863, 6pm

October 25—**Olde Getty Place Halloween Parade** (volunteers needed!)

October 29—Adams County Arts Council Building Grand Opening, 10am-5pm

November 5—Adams County Arts Council Masquerade Party, 8pm, Gettysburg Hotel

November 11—YWCA's Dancing with the Local Stars, 8pm, Majestic Theater

December 3—**Olde Getty Place Welcome Santa Parade** (volunteers needed!)

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