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MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH OFFICE

21 East Main Street
Mountville, PA 17554

HOURS

Mon. - Fri.: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Break and Borough errands
between 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.*

TELEPHONE

Office: (717) 285-5547
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www.mountvilleborough.com

MEETING DATES

Council Meetings
*Second Monday - 7:00 p.m.
Fourth Monday - 7:00 p.m.*

Borough Authority
Second Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission
*Third Monday - 7:00 p.m.
(as needed)*

Zoning Hearing
(as needed)

MOUNTVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

120 College Avenue
Mountville, PA 17554
(717) 285-3231

www.lancaster.lib.pa.us

HOURS

Mon. - Thurs.: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH AUTHORITY UPDATE

The Mountville Borough Authority will soon be installing a plaque at the Mountville Area Community Center (MACC) in honor of former Mountville Borough Authority member Ron Wachob. At the time of his death, Ron bequeathed to Mountville Borough Authority a gift of \$5,000 to be used for the Community Center. New Lighting, landscaping and a bench have been completed at the front of the 1901 Building with his bequest. Ron also was a generous supporter of the Mountville Museum, Boy Scouts and other organizations in the Borough of Mountville.



Ron Wachob

The Mountville Borough Authority is currently looking for a member to fill a vacancy on its board. Interested persons should submit a letter to the Mountville Borough Council. Contact the Borough Office with any questions.

MACC tenants include Susquehanna Dance Center, Dayspring Christian Academy and the Mountville Library. Various types of rooms are also available for hourly, daily, or extended rentals. Inquiries about rentals for meetings, private parties and sporting activities can be directed to the Borough Office at (717) 285-5547.

Mountville Historical Society and Museum News



The Mountville Museum continues to be open from now until the end of December, every second and fourth Sunday of the month, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, free of charge. The current display titled "*Home Sweet Home*" features items that Mountville residents used everyday.

The new exhibit for spring 2018, will be called "*Faith and Farms*" and emphasizes the roles that local churches and family farms have played in Mountville's history. Anyone having items to donate/loan to the Museum may contact Museum Curator, Elaine Savukas at (717) 285-4910. Special group tours can also be scheduled for times other than the regular Museum hours by contacting Elaine.

This year the Mountville Historical Society has installed two new display cabinets and plans to order three additional cases for the Museum. A laminator has been purchased especially for preserving old news articles, and a clothing steamer has been donated to the Museum. In the spring, the Society volunteers cleaned up the old Mountville Cemetery on Hoover Street.

Anyone interested in joining the Mountville Historical Society can pick up membership forms at the Museum on College Avenue or at the Mountville Borough Hall.

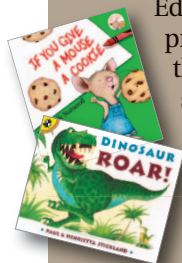


Don't Take Our Word For It!

In its pursuit to advance culture and inspire lifelong learning, the Mountville Branch Library offers valuable programs throughout the year. Upcoming programs include:

Mother Goose Storytime: Children ages 2-5 and their adult caregivers, can come join Mamma Goose for storytime every Thursday at 10:15 a.m.

Dog-Wagging Read Aloud: Is your child looking to become more confident in his/her reading skills? Reading to the registered therapy dogs in the Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) program can help children improve their reading and communication skills. Readers in first through fourth grade should bring their favorite book to the Library on the first Saturday of every month from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.



Did you know you could check out musical instruments from the Mountville Branch? The ukulele is experiencing a revival so now is a great time to check one out of the library! It comes with a protective carrying case, starter guide and chromatic tuner. Patrons can also borrow a beautiful **Marini Made Harp**. Sylvia Woods' *"Teach Yourself to Play the Harp"* and tuning instructions are included. Both instruments are available for check-out for a one-week period, and must be picked up at and delivered back to the Mountville Branch during library hours. Drop box returns are not allowed.

The Mountville Branch has so much to offer but don't take our word for it – stop by and see for yourself!



COMING SOON:

Mountville Borough E-Mail Notification Program

Get E-mail alerts from Mountville Borough concerning things that happen in the Borough, such as: altered trash pick-up days; Borough meetings; upcoming community events; office and road closings; and other miscellaneous happenings.

To be included in our E-mail list, please contact the Borough Office.

(Your E-mail address will NOT be sold or distributed.)



Mountville Business Spotlight

Not only is Mountville Borough a wonderful place to live and to raise a family---it also has numerous business ventures. Here's one family-operated establishment to check out!

Roy Ressler & Son, Inc.

Ressler Propane is a fifth-generation family-run company with a long tradition of "customer first" service and reliable delivery. Along with commitment to customers, Ressler Propane is also committed to the Mountville community and intends to maintain its long-standing presence on Main Street. Recent acquisitions of property surrounding the Main Street office will allow further company growth within the area. Company facilities on Hempland Road and in Lebanon County enable the experienced, knowledgeable delivery personnel to provide the comfort of clean, environmentally-friendly, economical propane heat to customers.

J. A. Ressler started his plumbing business in Mountville in 1912. At that time transportation was via horse and wagon and then progressed to a "lunger" Reo chain drive truck and then to two RUSH trucks. Acetylene gas lighting systems were installed as part of the plumbing business back then. In the 1920's, J. A. Ressler became one of the pioneers of the oil heating business and this phase of the business grew to serve customers countywide with the installation of many Williams Oil-O-Matic burners.

Upon the decease of J. A. Ressler in 1938, his son, Roy continued the plumbing business under his own name and began distributing "bottled" gas (now called propane), which was used mostly for cooking at that time. In 1945, William Ressler (Roy's son) joined the family business. The plumbing and propane gas business was incorporated in 1961 as Roy Ressler & Son, Inc. The fuel business continued as an important part of the operation and eventually a change from 100 lb. tank delivery to bulk service was made, prompting Ressler to develop its own storage facilities in Mountville. This change gave Ressler control of the product from the refinery to the customer's tank.

James Ressler (William's son) joined the firm in 1971, after working as a junior accountant for Ernst & Ernst. During the ensuing years, Ressler Propane expanded several times adding increased storage capacity and facilities in order to meet the demands of a growing customer base.

In June of 2008, Bryce Ressler (James' son) joined the company after spending several years in the business analysis department of an accounting firm in North Carolina. Bryce is committed to continuing the traditions of Ressler Propane as well as developing new and innovative ideas for customer service.

The firm continues today as a heating and air conditioning business in residential and commercial structures, and also as one of the largest independent suppliers of propane fuel to homes, farms and industries. Ressler Propane offers sales, service and installation of the dependable, name brand appliances you need for safe propane use. They are continually striving to improve service to customers. The modernized and safety-equipped fleet of service and delivery vehicles provides prompt deliveries within the service area. The company's customized computer software and electronic communications equipment enables the administrative staff to process customer communications more accurately and efficiently. Ressler Propane looks forward to many more years of making Mountville their home and base of operation.

Contact information:

Roy Ressler & Son, Inc., 27 West Main Street, Mountville PA 17554
(717) 285-5916 ■ (800) 745-8092 ■ www.resslerpropane.com



Mountville Memories...

We lived just outside of Mountville to the west along then Route 30, the old Lincoln Highway, in the early 1960's. But my memories do include Mountville. My association with Mountville has been throughout my entire life. I am the fifth and my son, Scott, is the sixth generation to have this connection. My great-great grandparents lived on a farm outside of town along Stony Battery Road. I was told the original portion of their farmhouse was built from re-used logs from a house taken down in Mountville. When they would go to "town"...they meant Mountville and did their shopping and business there.

Church was important and my entire extended family belonged to and attended the Mountville Church of the Brethren on the corner of Clay and Hoover Streets. Back then it was still the brick meeting house style building, built in 1888 – not the large colonial style building standing there today. There was a small parking lot to the north of the church, but many folks did pull in parking against the sidewalk along the east side of the property. Today those vehicles would be out onto Clay Street, creating a driving issue.

I attended Mountville Elementary School in the 1960's. I remember riding the bus along Main Street and making the turn onto College Avenue. Back then the "new" school was built in 1963 and was state of the art for the times. It was attached to the old school that fronted on College Avenue by a covered breezeway. We kids traveled that breezeway between the buildings for lunchtime, the Library and other functions. It was also a great source of entertainment during recess. The playground was edged to the east with large shade trees that the kids used for forts and houses at recess time. Some familiar teacher names would be Mrs. Wiggins for first grade, Miss Naomi Hartman for second grade and Mrs. Kathryn Froelich Drybred for third grade. Some others included Miss Lobach (first grade) and Mrs. Miller (third grade). Most of the teachers were Mountville residents. I recall a field trip in second grade when Miss Hartman lead a walking group of over thirty students from the school to Lockard's Greenhouse located on East Main Street.

On the corner of Main and North Manor Streets was Fowler's Store run by two sisters, who were to my young eyes, very old. They sold grocery items and penny candy. "Don't touch...point.", was what we kids were told by them. They also had a soda fountain with drinks served in paper cones that fit into chrome bases. I also remember an honor system for the Sunday paper. The papers were stacked on the front porch and you put your money in the can and took your paper.

I have some distinct memories of Mountville's Sesquicentennial in 1964. We had great viewing spots on Hoover Street as the parade passed by. There were displays at the Civic Center (which are now apartments) on Hoover Street. There was square dancing and other celebratory functions. The entire community turned out for this time of celebration.

I also remember when the new Route 30 came through the area. Road traffic on our streets, College, Clay, and Hill were disrupted as bridges were put in place to cross over the new road below.

My wife, Kathy, was a Mountville girl, so when we married back in 1980, we knew that when it came time to purchase our first home it would be in Mountville. When our son came along, he attended Mountville Elementary just like we did. Ironically, Scott's school principal was a former teacher whom my wife and I both had back in our school days!

So, it has come full circle. I cannot think of another area that I would prefer to reside. Mountville has many fond memories for myself and my family. It was and still is a great place to have grown up in and live in today!

Submitted by Mountville Borough Councilperson Lee Martin who has served on Borough Council for the past 10 years and who has had a lifelong association with Mountville.



When It Rains, It Drains

What happens to a drop of rain when it falls onto the ground? It may land on a tree and evaporate; it may land on a farm field and soak into the soil; or it may land on a rooftop, driveway or road and travel down the street into a storm drain or stream. Precipitation in an urban or suburban area that does not evaporate or soak into the ground but instead runs across the land and into the nearest waterway is considered stormwater runoff. Increased development has made stormwater runoff the fastest growing source of pollution to the Chesapeake Bay. Polluted stormwater runoff can also be harmful to plants, animals, and people.

To lessen the impacts of stormwater runoff on the Bay, consider reducing the amount of precipitation that can run off of your property. Install a green roof, rain garden or rain barrel to capture and absorb rainfall; use porous surfaces like gravel or pavers in place of asphalt or concrete; and redirect home downspouts onto grass or gravel rather than paved driveways or sidewalks.

*Source: Chesapeake Bay Project
-- www.chesapeakebay.net*

Trick-or-Treat

Halloween can be a scary time of year but these tips can help ensure your little ghosts and goblins will have a safe and "spook"-tacular time!

- Make sure costumes are correct size to prevent trips and falls.
- Use face paint instead of masks for better visibility.
- Use reflective tape, stickers, glow sticks, and flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- Save all treats until you get home and toss out any open, damaged or homemade treats, unless you know the giver.

**Mountville Borough
Trick-or-Treat Night
Tuesday, October 31st
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**



TRASH TALK!



Republic Services is the contracted trash hauler for Mountville Borough. Below are some reminders about trash collection.

GENERAL TRASH GUIDELINES:

- Trash fees are non-refundable for any reason, including missed pick-ups, vacations and vacant properties.
- Trash collection is on **Friday**, except on the following holidays, when it will be delayed to Saturday: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Trash barrels must have handles.
- Trash should be placed out for collection the evening before the scheduled pick-up day, but not more than 12 hours before pick-up.
- Empty containers should be removed from the curb the same day that collection is made.
- No more than **five (5)** refuse containers, 30 pounds or less. Total refuse must weigh less than 150 pounds/week.
- No construction debris (brick, concrete, ceiling tiles, large pieces of wood, etc.) will be collected.

TAGS:

- Additional service tags are available at the Borough Office. Tags are required for extra refuse and specialty items:
-- Extra refuse: \$1.25; Oversized: \$15.00 (No more than 2 items/week); Tires: \$3.00 (Tires on rims require 2 tags); White goods: \$15.00 (Picked up twice a year – April and October)

LEAVES:

- Five (5) Fall leaf pick-ups are scheduled from **October** thru **December** each year. (See list of dates below.)
- Leaves **MUST** be in the brown biodegradable bags available at the Borough Hall. There are no fees or tags needed for bagged leaves.

Leaves raked loose to the curb WILL NOT be picked up!



Why Not You? JoinTheFD.com

The Mountville Fire Company (MFC) is looking for volunteers to serve as firefighters, junior firefighters, fire police officers, and in administrative support positions. No experience is necessary and the fire company will provide the training and equipment needed. To learn more, visit: www.JoinTheFD.com or stop by the fire station at 26 North Lemon Street.

BOROUGH COUNCIL

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A. Lee Martin	Chair-Public Works, Streets
Michael A. Trimble	Chair-Public Works, Health & Sanitation
Francis Zimmer	Chair-Public Safety, Police & Fire

BOROUGH EMPLOYEES

Steve L. Zeamer	Borough Supervisor
David N. Pott	Assistant Borough Supervisor
Pamela J. Mitchell	Secretary/ Treasurer
Doris A. Reisinger	Assistant Secretary



DATES TO REMEMBER - FALL/WINTER 2017-2018

Crime Watch Dates	September 26th, October 24th, November 28th, January 23rd, February 27th, March 27th, and April 24th (6:30 p.m. at the Mountville Borough Hall)
Yard Waste Separation Ends	Saturday, October 14th
White Goods Pick-Up	Saturday, October 14th
Fall Leaf Pick-Up	Saturday, October 28th, November 11th & 25th, and December 9th & 23rd
Trick-or-Treat Night	Tuesday, October 31st from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Office Closed	November 23rd & 24th, December 25th, and January 1st
Christmas Tree Pick-Up	Saturday, January 13th, 2018

Please clip and save as a reminder of these special dates.

