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Getting to Know You!

The newest member to join Mountville Borough Council is Jesse Hersh, who has been a life-long resident of Lancaster County and a Mountville Borough resident for the past 3 years. He and his wife Laurie have been married for eleven years.



My first job:

My first job was delivering the morning and afternoon newspaper for Lancaster Newspapers in 1997. Each route took approximately 30 minutes to complete, had roughly 40 customers, and at .08 per paper, I made about \$6.50 per day.

Current job:

For the past ten years, I have been a Realtor with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Homesale Realty and serve clients when they buy or sell a home. I love what I do, every day is a different adventure.

Something on my "bucket list:":

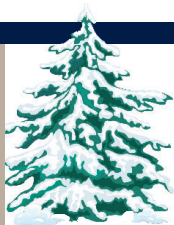
Travel to all 7 continents. Lancaster County is home, but I would love to travel more and experience beauty around the world.

Something interesting about myself:

My buyer clients and I were featured on an episode of "We Bought the Farm" (similar to House Hunters) on HGTV, two years ago. It was a fun, behind the scenes look at what goes into filming a house buying show.

My vision for Mountville Borough:

Seeing Mountville remain true to who we are as a community, while continuing to be a place that attracts others to the area as a great place to live and work.



THINH SNOW

As winter approaches, please remember the following tips to assist our operators to be as efficient as possible in the snow removal process:

- If you have a driveway or garage, park your vehicles off street so streets can be cleared curb to curb and to avoid being plowed in.
- It is impossible for plows to avoid pushing snow in front of driveways. Pile snow to the side of your driveway, away from oncoming traffic, and clear the area immediately to the left to allow the plow to "unload" before your driveway.
- Do not push or throw snow or ice into the street. This creates hazardous driving conditions and is a violation of both State and Borough law.
- The Mountville Borough ordinance states that a pathway of at least three feet (3') in width must be cleared within 24 hours after the snow has ceased. Penalties may apply if not obeyed. This is for the safety of all our residents and school children.
- For both you and your neighbor's safety, please keep drains and fire hydrants near your residence clear of snow.
- Make sure you have emergency supplies for your entire household in case you have to remain in your home for a few days. And don't forget to check on your elderly neighbors to see if they need errands run or snow removed on their property.

NATIVE PLANTS AND STORMWATER

If you have visited Froelich Park recently, you may have noticed the area around Strickler Run is looking much greener. The Borough is planting a native riparian buffer along the stream to reduce the amount of harmful pollutants that would otherwise run into the stream. Native trees and shrubs have larger root systems than turf grass which helps stabilize the stream banks from erosion and promotes infiltration into the ground – the plants use the water for growth and filter the pollutants. They are also great for bringing wildlife to the area and provide various flowers and fruits that have greater visual appeal than mowed grass along the stream.

Homeowner's can benefit from planting native trees and shrubs on their property. The average homeowner spends 40 hours mowing their lawn each season. Removing large areas of grass and planting trees and shrubs instead reduces lawn care maintenance and the need for watering, fertilizing, and mowing.

You can help our community by:

- Replacing dead plants in your garden or yard with natives
- Replacing grass with new landscape beds
- Weeding invasive plants to give natives room to grow
- Avoiding the disturbance of current native habitats

Talk to your local nursery or garden center to find out what plants would be best for you. Penn State Extension and the Pennsylvania Native Plant Society include native plant lists on their websites. We can save maintenance dollars, improve local water quality, and increase wildlife habitat through these practices, so plant native!

Penn State Extension: <https://extension.psu.edu/pennsylvania-native-plants-for-the-perennial-garden>
PA Native Plant Society: <http://www.panativeplantsociety.org/plant-information-and-landscaping.html>



Keep Mountville Beautiful!

On occasion, the Borough Office receives concerns relating to various issues, such as high grass and weeds, abandoned vehicles, dog waste, building and property upkeep, trash disposal, unkempt yards, etc. By maintaining your property, you save your tax dollars because of costs associated with inspections, consultations, mailings and court filings. Thank you to all Borough property owners who take pride in their residences and who look after their properties by keeping them well-groomed, which helps to make Mountville Borough a better community for all.



Mountville Memories...

I Remember When...

Moving to Mountville as a nine-year-old in 1971 was an easy transition for me since my family spent so much time here. My grandparents lived east of town along Columbia Avenue and our family's church (St. Paul's UMC) was in town along Main Street. As summer 2018 comes to an end, I am remembering all the fun things I did outside in my neighborhood on Hill Street and as a kid in Mountville. See if any of these sound familiar to you...

- Playing pick-up baseball and kickball games in an empty lot or in the biggest yard in the neighborhood.
- Having fields, barns, and woods to explore at the homes of your friends or open areas around town.
- Playing "Hide and Go Seek", especially after dark!
- Riding your bike safely all over town since there was a lot less traffic on the streets.
- Visiting the Mountville Library located in the basement of the VFW. It was a cool place to visit on a hot summer day. I could check out books, plus visit with my grandma or the ladies from town who volunteered at the Library.
- Having a quarter to spend on penny candy at Mrs. Showers or Fowler's Stores and getting a whole bag of treats. As I grew older, the soda fountain and great subs at Gramps Store (formerly Fowler's) were my favorites.
- Playing in the cool water and catching water creatures in the creeks around town.
- Attending Vacation Bible School at all of the Mountville churches.
- Riding my bike to Twin Oaks Pool on the Ironville Pike (when I was a little older) where the spring water was so refreshing and with only a few dollars you could get into the pool and still have money left over for a snack!



One winter memory to share. Sledding was always one of my favorite snow activities. Big snows meant we could sled down Hill Street (also known as Snake Hill) with someone stationed at the bottom to watch and warn those at the top for oncoming vehicles. I remember one time that the Borough closed Church Street to traffic from Main Street down to Froelich Avenue for sledding. Since there was no curb on Froelich Avenue at that time, you could sled from the side of St. Paul's down the hill almost to the railroad tracks.

I am grateful to have lived in Mountville all these years and feel blessed to have so many good memories. I hope you go outside and see all our town has to offer during every season of the year!

Submitted by: Wendy Weitzel - Mountville Borough Authority Board Member (Secretary), Mountville Welfare Association board member, St. Paul's United Methodist Church member and trustee.

COMCAST BILLS - FYI

Have you noticed that Mountville Borough's phone number is listed on the back of your Comcast/Xfinity bill? This is because we are the Comcast franchise holder as we allow Comcast to run their line as a utility in the Borough. Unfortunately, the Borough Office staff does not have the ability to answer any questions concerning your bill or service. You need to contact Comcast/Xfinity Customer Service directly at either 1-800-266-2278 or 1-800-934-6489 for answers to those questions.



TRICK-OR-TREAT

Trick-or-Treat night will be held on October 31st of each year, unless this date falls on a Saturday or Sunday. When this occurs, it will be held on the Friday prior to October 31st. This year, Trick-or-Treat night will be held Wednesday, October 31st from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

LIBRARY NEWS CHECK IT OUT!

In its pursuit to inspire, empower, and strengthen the community, the Mountville Branch Library offers valuable programs throughout the year. Upcoming programs include:

Mother Goose Storytime: Come join Mamma Goose for story time every Thursday at 10:15 a.m. This story time is appropriate for children ages 2-5 and their adult caregivers.

Additional story times will be held throughout the fall, including a **Celebration of Halloween** on Monday, October 29th and a **Thankful Gathering** on Monday, November 19th. Both story times will feature a craft element!

Friends of the Mountville Branch Library Fall Book Sale: The Friends of the Mountville Branch Library Spring Book Sale will take place in April 2019. Stay tuned for more details!

The Lancaster Public Library has begun lending T-Mobile Hotspots! A hotspot is an easy-to-use device that connects your tablet, laptop and other Wi-Fi-enabled device to the Internet. For a small fee (\$10 for seven days), the Library Hotspot program allows library cardholders eighteen or older in good standing to access high-speed internet service anywhere a T-Mobile cell signal can be received. A Library Hotspot is perfect for those who do not have internet access at home or are traveling.

For more information on how to take advantage of this exciting new resource, please call the library at 717-285-3231.



The Mountville Branch Library has so much to offer but do not take our word for it – stop by and see for yourself!

Stay in the Loop!

Want to be kept up-to-date on the happenings in the Borough? Then sign up for our E-mail Notification Alerts. Receive alerts from the Borough for things such as altered trash pick-up days, Borough meetings, upcoming Community events, and office and road closings. To be added to our list, contact the Borough Office.



Mountville Fire Company #1 Update

Submitted by Paul. M. Rossi, President – Mountville Fire Company #1

As 2018 winds down, school days have resumed and the fall season ushers in yet another winter filled with speculation of unpredictable weather, the one constant that continues to raise concerns is the fate of the volunteer fire service as a whole. I've written about this subject in the past and feel the importance and need to revisit some of the startling facts that face the volunteer fire service and the effects placed on our communities. It's an illustration of a "cause and effect" scenario.

Federal, state and local officials would like to attract new volunteer recruits. The stakes are particularly high because volunteers save not only lives but money — more than \$139.8 billion annually for local governments, according to the Fire Protection Association. The time and training needed to become a certified firefighter have also increased. Federal standards enacted to save firefighters' lives have unintentionally created a barrier for volunteer service: It now takes hundreds of hours to be certified, and new firefighters often must cover the cost of training.

For decades, departments have relied on benefit auctions, raffles and community bingo events to cover overhead which generally takes up more than half of the time volunteers spend on active duty. In recent years, however, departments have had to resort to adding fire taxes onto local property-tax bills, or charging homeowners and insurance companies for individual response calls. Others have merged with neighboring departments to cut costs.

The Mountville Fire Company is no different with respect to current issues related to staffing and funding needs. We have taken major steps recently towards minimizing the potentially negative effects of dwindling roles and funding. We have collectively applied for and received our second three-year grant with Rohrerstown, East Petersburg, Hempfield and West Hempfield Fire Companies. Staffing for Adequate and Emergency Response Grant (SAFER) is a federally sponsored award providing funds for recruitment and retention programs.

Therefore, the Mountville Fire Company No. 1 is once again seeking your support during our annual fund drive efforts. This year 2,500 fund raising letters were mailed and to date only 390 have responded with contributions. That equates to approximately a 15% return from both residences and businesses. I used the term earlier in this message; "cause and effect". Based on the hard facts surrounding the costs associated with essentially running a fire company business; the Cause, a short fall in funding may unfortunately have an adverse Effect on over-all operations. We need your support. One way, through proportionally mandated funding, local municipalities are able to meet the financial needs to cover the operating and capital expenditure costs of the fire company providing fire protection to its property owners.

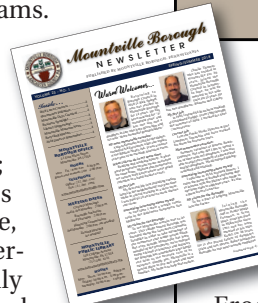
The Mountville Fire Co. No. 1 wishes to extend our sincere appreciation for you, our community and neighbors for your trust in our professional abilities and your continuing support now and during our fundraising events throughout the year. Enjoy a safe, warm and peaceful holiday season.

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Newsletter Reminder

Mountville Borough newsletters are no longer mailed. Residents can still view, print or download each issue on the Borough website at www.mountvilleborough.com.

Free printed copies are also available at the Borough Office, Mountville Branch Library, and Sloan's Pharmacy.

If your Mountville Business would like to provide copies of the newsletter to your customers, please contact the Borough Office at 717-285-5547.



DATES TO REMEMBER - FALL/WINTER 2018-2019

Crime Watch Dates October 23rd, November 27th, January 22nd, February 26th, March 26th, and April 23rd – 6:30 p.m. at Borough Hall
Street Sweeping October 9th & 10th – Starting at 7:30 a.m. – Rain Dates: October 11th & 12th
Yard Waste Separation Ends Saturday, October 13th
White Goods Pick-Up Saturday, October 13th – Purchase tags at Borough Office
Fall Leaf Pick-Up Dates Saturday, October 27th, November 10th & 24th, and December 8th & 22nd
Trick-or-Treat Night Wednesday, October 31st – 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Offices Closed November 22nd & 23rd, December 24th & 25th, and January 1st
Christmas Concert Sunday, December 2nd – 2:30 p.m. at Mountville Church of the Brethren
Cookies with Santa Saturday, December 8th – Fire Company on Lemon Street

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

