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MEETING DATES

Council Meetings
2nd & 4th Monday - 7:00 p.m.

Borough Authority
2nd Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission
3rd Monday - 7:00 p.m. (as needed)

Zoning Hearing
(as needed)

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Mon. - Thurs.: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



NEWS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Greetings! This is Chief Layden and I am the new Chief of Police for West Hempfield Township and Mountville Borough. I have about twenty-four years of policing experience, and have served the Spring Grove area community in York County as a Patrol Officer, Patrol Sergeant, and for my last twelve years, Detective Sergeant. I am originally from Wayne County, PA, but have lived in York County since 1984 and currently live in West York Borough. I am married to an over-the-road truck driver, who has been semi-retired since last year, and have two grown sons.

With the beginning of the School Year upon us, I would like to share some Traffic Safety Tips for Parents:

- Young children need adult help in the street environment, and regular opportunities to develop and practice skills together with adults.
- Children learn street safety habits by watching and copying others, so always set a good example.
- Talk with your children about streets, signs, traffic, and how and where we cross the street safely.
- Check that your child always stops, looks, listens and thinks when crossing the street. Ask them to explain to you what they are doing and why to ensure

they understand the safest way to cross.

- Discuss traffic safety when going for regular walks and rides with your child.

- Plan with your child the safest routes to school and to other places they may visit.

- Make sure your child wears bright colors that can be easily seen by motorists.

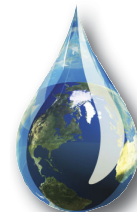


STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND CLEAN WATER

Stormwater, rain that runs off hard surfaces and eventually into local waterways, is a major and fast-growing source of pollution that affects every watershed. This runoff may carry sediment, nutrients from lawns, waste from farms and pets, oil and litter from streets, and other contaminants into streams or storm drains. We all care about clean water and should play a role in keeping it that way.

The following tips will help Mountville property owners and residents to partner with the Borough to manage stormwater and battle water pollution.

- S** - Scoop your dog's poop and properly dispose of it.
- T** - Turn home downspouts to drain onto grass or gravel.
- O** - Opt to use permeable paving on driveways and patios.
- R** - Reduce the amount of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides that you use.
- M** - Mulch or compost lawn clippings
- W** - Wash your car on your lawn or at a commercial car wash.
- A** - Aerate your lawn.
- T** - Trees hold rainfall, so preserve existing ones or plant new ones.
- E** - Educate yourself and your family about your local watershed.
- R** - Replace part of your lawn with native, drought-resistant plants.



How Do I Know When I Should CALL 9-1-1?

Knowing what to do in a medical emergency can help save a life. A medical emergency is a sudden injury or serious illness that, if not treated right away, could cause death or serious harm to you or someone you care for.

If you or a loved one are experiencing any of the following call 9-1-1 immediately.

- Severe difficulty breathing, especially that does not improve with rest
- Chest pain
- A fast heartbeat (more than 120-150) at rest, especially if associated with shortness of breath or feeling faint
- You witness someone faint/pass out or someone is unresponsive (comatose)
- Difficulty speaking, numbness, or weakness of any part of the body
- Sudden dizziness, weakness or mental changes (confusion, very odd behavior, difficulty walking)
- Sudden blindness or vision changes
- Heavy bleeding from your mouth or nose
- Bleeding from any wound that won't stop with direct pressure
- Broken bones visible through an open wound or a broken leg
- Drowning
- Choking
- Severe burns
- Allergic reaction, especially if there is any difficulty breathing
- Extremely hot or cold to the touch
- Poisoning or drug overdose
- Severe headache that won't go away
- Sudden intense severe pain
- Someone is threatening to hurt or kill themselves or someone else

Call 9-1-1 if you are experiencing a medical emergency and are alone. Do not drive yourself to the hospital. Paramedics and EMTs can deliver lifesaving care to you while in route to the hospital. They are highly trained to administer the medical treatment you need and communicate with physicians in the Emergency Department about your condition so the necessary hospital services will be ready when you arrive.

If you are not sure whether the situation is truly an emergency, call 9-1-1 and let the dispatcher decide whether you need emergency help. This is a better choice than not getting help to someone who really needs it very quickly.

Information provided by Susquehanna Valley EMS who provides emergency and non-emergency care to the residents of Lancaster County.



THINK 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 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 storm 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. Don't forget to check on your elderly neighbors to see if they need errands run or snow removed on their property.

Borough Residents Concerns

The Mountville Borough office quite often will receive calls, emails, and in-person complaints about possible Ordinance violations that are occurring within the Borough. Among these are numerous anonymous concerns, of which the Borough staff WILL NOT investigate.

If you wish to voice a concern about a property or an issue within the Borough, you must provide the full address of the property along with the possible violation(s). In addition, complaints must have YOUR contact information (address, phone number) included. Residents who wish to register a concern in person at the Borough office will complete a Borough Residents Concern form which includes your contact information. All information provided will be kept confidential or disclosed only in accordance with State and Federal laws.

What is Lycorma Delicatula and Why Should You Care?

Lycorma Delicatula, commonly known as the Spotted Lanternfly, is a new invasive insect that has spread throughout southeastern Pennsylvania since its discovery in Berks County in 2014. The Spotted Lanternfly presents a significant threat to Pennsylvania agriculture, including the grape, tree-fruit, hardwood and nursery industries, which collectively are worth nearly \$18 billion to the state's economy.

How can you help?

- REPORT sightings at extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly or call 1-888-4BAD-FLY (1-888-422-3359).
- DESTROY all life stages that you find. Check your car and outdoor equipment and make sure that you are not moving any life stages of the spotted lanternfly when traveling within or out of the quarantine zone.
- SHARE your knowledge of the spotted lanternfly with friends, family, and neighbors.

For additional information and resources about the Spotted Lanternfly visit: <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>





Mountville Memories...

So many memories in the 60 plus years of living in Mountville.

- Main Street was busy and noisy. There were trains running at all hours both ways as there were two tracks at that time. Electric trains with overhead wires my how they sparked on an icy day! There were planes from the small airport down the highway. Traffic because there wasn't a bypass. Last, but not least, was the fire alarm on a pole where the post office is now.
- The Memorial Parade formed where the Turkey Hill is now.
- Lockards with its greenhouse and banana tree.
- I remember fireworks set off in Smitty's field where the park is now. We could watch them from our house.
- My children walking and not worrying about them. You knew they were safe with Mrs. Bemserderfer and Mrs. Metzger. Besides the fact that you knew all your neighbors.
- There was Frank and Dot Enders store. Got our first appliances there. They had everything. If they didn't have it, he could get it, and could fix it. Dot could sew anything.
- There was a neighborhood grocery: Betty's and then Kendig's. I remember saving brown stamps that were redeemable for groceries. Of course, Mrs. Showers for a touch of days gone by.
- Roy and Chris Martin's was where the Post Office is. You could get meat and cheese and help with planning a party as they could tell you how much that you needed. Then there was B & G Cheese. Best longhorn cheese in the state! Can't forget Ralph Greenawalt and his butcher wagon. He always had what you needed. Later Clay Frackman came to the house. So much nicer than going to a store.
- How many remember the delicious crab cakes and oysters from Trinity Reformed Church and the amazing fastnachts from the Brethren Church?
- Dr. Buch delivered all our children. His waiting area had so many fascinating things to look at.
- The VFW housed Brooks Barber Shop and the library. Upstairs was where my children went to see Santa.
- So much to do. There were festivals at the Civic Center and pot pie suppers. The Lions Club and Fire Company Auxiliary worked together. There was bingo at the Fire Hall. My girls were in Scouts and 4H.
- The Fire Company had a pie sale to raise money for an in-home kidney machine. Seems like my house was always filled with Girl Scout cookies or pies.
- I remember a donkey baseball game at the ballfield. At that time there were wooden bleachers.
- All events needed to be reported and who better to do it than Betty Metzger, wife of our Police Chief, who reported to the Columbia News. For the Lancaster Newspapers, it was Lorna King.
- We were a busy community with churches, bars, beauty shops a bank, two gas stations, antique shops and when you needed a break, you could have ice cream at Fowlers and then Gramps.

Living in Mountville has been a wonderful experience and I am glad that I was able to enjoy my married life and raise my family in this community.

Submitted by Gladys Drybred who has been a Mountville resident for over 60 years and who was the wife of the late Lloyd Drybred a lifelong resident of Mountville.

CHECK IT OUT AT YOUR COMMUNITY LIBRARY

In its pursuit to inspire, empower, and strengthen the community, the Mountville Branch Library offers valuable programs throughout the year. The Mountville Branch Library has so much to offer but do not take our word for it - stop by and see for yourself! Upcoming programs include:

Mamma Goose Storytime: Come join Mamma Goosie for story time most Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. Appropriate for children ages 2-5 and their adult caregivers.

Friends of the Mountville Branch Library Fall Book Sale: Friday, September 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Mountville Church of the Brethren. This year's sale features thousands of books, CDs, and DVDs all at great prices! Special deals start Saturday at noon. Credit cards are accepted. On-site parking is free.

E-Help, Tuesdays, September 10th, October 8th, and December 10th from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Drop in for quick tutorials on how to download e-books, manage e-mail, or manage your online library account. If you have other questions about your cell phone or e-reader, ask away. We are happy to help. Not Available Tuesday? Contact the library for an appointment. Don't forget your device and any passwords needed to operate it when you attend this drop-in program. Walk-ins welcome!

Workin on the Railroad, Tuesday, September 24th at 6:00 p.m. Explore the history of railroading in Pennsylvania via various objects including: tools, clothing, photos and model trains. Registration is required for this all-ages family program.

Story Time with Hank - Teeth! - Monday, September 30th at 10:30 a.m. Did Hank forget to brush his teeth? Join us for Story Time with Hank the Health Hero and find out! After the story, you get to do several activities all about teeth. Program is presented in partnership with CHI St. Joseph Children's Health, and is appropriate for ages 0-7. Registration is required.

Lancaster Public Library 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, the Library Hotspot program allows library cardholders to access high-speed internet service anywhere a T-Mobile signal can be received and is perfect for those who do not have internet access at home or are traveling. For more information, please contact our library. Here are a few common questions:

■ **Who can borrow a hotspot?** Patrons age 18+ with a library card in good standing (i.e. the library card is not blocked due to fines of \$6 or more).

■ **Is there a charge to borrow a Hotspot?** Yes. \$10 for 7 days with payment due at time of checkout and no refunds given for early return or shortened rentals.

■ **How do I borrow a Hotspot?** Just come to the Library and fill out the simple Agreement. A staff member will go over everything you need to know.

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LET'S TALK ABOUT TRASH!



GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- Trash fees are non-refundable for any reason, including missed pick-ups, vacations and vacant properties.
- Trash collection is on Friday, except in the case of a holiday, when the schedule moves to Saturday. Those holidays are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.
- Trash barrels must have handles. A fifty-five gallon drum is not acceptable.
- 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 collected.
- No more than five (5) refuse containers, 30 pounds each or less. Total refuse must weigh less than 150 pounds/week.
- Construction debris (brick, concrete, ceiling tiles, large pieces of wood, etc.) will not be collected.

LEAVES:

- Five (5) fall leaf pick-ups are scheduled from October through December each year, dates are listed on the last page of the Borough newsletter.
- Leaves must be in brown biodegradable bags obtained at the Borough Hall. There are no fees or tags needed. Leaves raked loose to the curb WILL NOT be picked up!

TRASH BILLING INFORMATION:

Trash invoices are mailed quarterly: January 1st, April 1st, July 1st, and October 1st. Payment is due by the 15th of the month billed to avoid a fifteen percent (15%) penalty. One reminder notice will be mailed. If trash bill is not paid within sixty (60) days from the original due date, the account will be turned over to the Boroughs' collection agency and incur an additional 30% fee. Once an account is turned over to the collection agency, payment can no longer be accepted at the Borough office.

HALLOWEEN DOESN'T FRIGHTEN ME!

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

- Make sure costumes are the correct size to prevent trips and falls.
- Face paint may work better than a mask when it comes to visibility.
- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- Remind your child to use good manners ---- Saying Thank You is a must!
- Save all treats until you get home. Screen and toss out anything with opened or damaged wrappers and homemade treats, unless you know the giver personally. Report suspicious treats to police.

Mountville Borough Trick-or-Treat
Thursday, October 31st, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM



DATES TO REMEMBER - FALL/WINTER 2019-2020

Community Yard Sale	.....Saturday, September 21st
Street Sweeping	.....October 8th & 9th – Starting at 7:30 a.m. – Off-street parking is requested on these days
Yard Waste Separation Ends	.....Friday, October 4th
White Goods & Tires Pick-Up	.....Friday, October 18th – Purchase tags at Borough Office
Fall Leaf Pick-Up Dates	.....Friday, October 25th, November 8th & 22nd, and December 6th & 20th
Trick-or-Treat Night	.....Thursday, October 31st – 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Offices Closed	.....November 28th & 29th, December 25th, January 1st, February 17th, and April 10th
Christmas Concert	.....Sunday, December 8th – 2:30 p.m. at Mountville Church of the Brethren
Cookies with Santa	.....Saturday, December 14th – Fire Company on Lemon Street
Christmas Tree Pick-Up	.....Friday, January 10th

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



BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Doris A. Reisinger Assistant Secretary



Check It Out At Your Community Library

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- **How long can I keep it?** Seven days. Plus renewal.
- **Will the hotspot work everywhere?** The Hotspot works wherever there is a T-Mobile cell signal.
- **Can I reserve a Hotspot?** Yes, you can call the library or reserve a Hotspot through the online catalog just like a book.