



# Mountville Borough

## NEWSLETTER

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### MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH OFFICE

21 East Main Street  
Mountville, PA 17554

#### HOURS

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

#### TELEPHONE

Office: 717-285-5547  
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[www.mountvilleborough.com](http://www.mountvilleborough.com)

### 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)*

### MOUNTVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

[www.lancasterpubliclibrary.org](http://www.lancasterpubliclibrary.org)

#### HOURS

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.

### WEST HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP POLICE

3476 Marietta Avenue  
Lancaster, PA 17601

Non-emergency Calls:  
717-285-5191



## Many Thanks and Best Wishes!

It is with gratitude that Mountville Borough Council and staff honor Pam Mitchell for her service to Mountville. Her employment began in 1996 as Assistant Secretary and she became the Borough's Secretary/Treasurer in 2005. She served in that capacity until her retirement in December, 2020. Pam was conscientious and her dedication to the Borough was of utmost importance to her. From assisting Council members to answering questions from residents, she was a knowledgeable resource to the Borough and its residents.

In retirement, Pam is looking forward to spending more time with her husband and children and to spoiling her grandchildren. Relaxing and catching up on her reading are also items on her post-working to do list.

Members of the Mountville Community share their thoughts:

"I had the pleasure of meeting Pam while serving on a committee with her, but got more acquainted while she was working for the Borough. Pam was always very helpful with any concerns I had and pleasant when I would need to stop into the Borough office. I will miss seeing her there but know she will enjoy retirement, especially spending more time with her family."

-- Linda Butler - Resident

"Pam served Mountville faithfully and diligently during her career with the Borough. She often went above and beyond what was expected and required of her position. We appreciate her dedication and wish her the best in her well-deserved retirement."

-- Lenny Heisey - President,  
Mountville Borough Council

"It was an absolute delight to be able to interact with Pam on almost a daily basis over the past several years. As Property Manager of the Mountville Area Community Center (the old elementary school), I needed to work closely with the Borough

and Pam was my contact. I would always double check with her for the State and Local guidelines when working on bidding a contract. Pam was always very knowledgeable of the many complex rules and regulations and very pleasant to work with. I wish her all the best in her retirement!"

-- John Hess - Property Manager -  
Mountville Area Community Center

"Where should I start? Pam was so dedicated to her job, plus she willingly and skillfully took on learning and doing so much more than was required by the secretary/treasurer, all making her invaluable to the residents of Mountville, Borough Council, and to me, the Mayor. No matter who asked a question, she had the answer, or she knew where to find the answer, and promptly took care of it. Pam was always on top of every situation. The residents, Council and myself were very lucky to have had the pleasure of her many years of service to the Borough of Mountville, and we will all miss her, but also wish her the very best in the future and good health to enjoy her retirement. Thank you, Pam Mitchell!"

-- Phil Kresge - Mountville Mayor

"I sat and thought for a few minutes regarding my 10 years of association with retired Borough employee, Pam Mitchell. I will say that in her role as the public face in the office, she handled a diverse group of residents with humor and tact. When I first started on Council, she was very helpful in making sure I was doing my job well. I also recall her sitting across the room from the Council members taking notes at Borough meetings. Her knowledge kept our meetings running smoothly and she kept us in line when the subject strayed. Congratulations on a job well done and a retirement full of family fun and memories!"

-- Lee Martin - Resident and  
former Council Member


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## Mountville Historical Society and Museum News

The Mountville Museum, like many other historic sites and museums, had to close its doors for the 2020 season due to the COVID pandemic. The Museum staff is looking forward to re-opening this summer, if the COVID situation allows. The display will feature items from the Robert Zink family collection of Mountville memorabilia that Bob, Lois, and their daughter have gathered over forty years. Items in the collection range from badges from the fraternal lodge of the Knights of the Mystic Chain to a plot drawing of a site when Mountville was known as Mount Pleasant to relics from Mountville Civil War veterans. The Zinks have graciously donated this collection to the Mountville Museum, and the Historical Society is extremely grateful to them for the preservation of such a large amount of Mountville history that might otherwise have been lost. Bob has been a dedicated Historical Society board member and Museum volunteer since 2013. He has also provided a wealth of knowledge about Mountville's history and will gladly share all of this with the public when the museum re-opens. Anyone desiring to donate items to the Museum may contact Elaine Savukas, Museum Curator, at 717-285-4910.

On a sadder note, the Museum volunteers mourn the loss of two of our members, Faye Mowrer and Sue Wile, who passed away in 2020. Faye worked with the displays and exhibits since 2017 and had the patience of a saint when dealing with all the minutiae of labeling and arranging artifacts. She worked with donors to see that the display of their items was satisfactory to them. Sue Wile was a founding Historical Society board member and Museum volunteer since 2013. When things got hectic in the Museum, she was a calming influence and was an expert at arranging the hanging picture display. She and her husband, Ken, were long-time Mountville residents and knew a great deal about the town's history and its people. She had an interest in antiques and donated many items to the Museum. No one can replace these two in our hearts and in their service to preserving Mountville's history. They will be greatly missed.



## Come Out to Play! 2021 Summer Playground in Mountville

This summer, Hempfield recCenter will celebrate 43 years of its Summer Playground Program. The eight-week supervised program, for youth ages 6-13, encourages kids to discover the outdoors, to engage with friends, and to remain active during summer vacation! Held at Mountville Community Park, the Summer Playground offers oodles of outdoor play, games and sports, PLUS optional pool parties\* and field trips\*.

**Monday thru Friday,  
June 14th - August 6th  
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

*\*Field trips and pool parties, as well as the number of participants, contingent upon COVID/CDC guidelines.*

Registration is currently in progress and forms can be downloaded at [hempfieldrec.com](http://hempfieldrec.com) or you can register in person at the Hempfield recCenter, 950 Church Street Landisville. **(Registrations cannot be taken over the phone or online.)**

**Questions: Contact Cristine Maser, Program Director, at  
717-898-3102 Ext.139 or [cmaser@hempfieldrec.com](mailto:cmaser@hempfieldrec.com).**

## It's Back --- Mountville Days Carnival

The Mountville Fire Company No. 1 is planning to host the annual Mountville Days Carnival May 19th through May 22nd at Froelich Park. The Carnival is the non-profit fire company's largest fundraising event of the year with dozens of volunteers amassing hundreds of hours in preparation. COVID had a major impact on the event last year with the event turning into a food truck drive through, but hopes are high that this year's event will be held safely and successfully. So, mark your calendars! Fireworks are planned for Friday, May 21st with a rain date of Saturday, May 22nd.

### Carnival Hours:

Wednesday and Thursday: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday: 5:00 - 11:00 p.m.

*The Mountville Fire Company is appreciative of  
your support of our annual carnival!*

## Check It Out - Virtually!

While in-person events are on hold, the Mountville Branch of Lancaster Public Library is offering virtual programming. To see the library's entire calendar of events and/or to learn more about the Summer Reading Program (starting on Saturday, June 5th), please visit [lancasterpubliclibrary.org](http://lancasterpubliclibrary.org). Whether in a building or online, Lancaster Public Library continues to inspire, empower, and strengthen our community by connecting people with information, ideas, and enriching experiences.

The following are some of the virtual programs the library is offering:

- **Mamma Goosie Story Time:** Join Mamma Goosie for stories, puppets, songs, and movement activities!  
-- Watch most Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. via Facebook Live
- **Let's Draw Together:** Whether you're a beginner, an expert, or somewhere in between, we will help you sharpen your drawing skills. For school-aged children.  
-- Meets third Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **Into the Strange: A Sci-Fi Book Club:** Celebrate your love of science fiction, geek out with fellow fans, explore dystopias, discuss post-apocalyptic titles, and discover new worlds. . . all from the comfort of your own home.  
-- Meets fourth Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

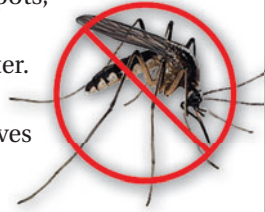


## Take Care of Those Pesky Mosquitos!

An important part of mosquito control around homes is making sure that mosquitoes do not have a place to lay their eggs. It is important to monitor standing water sources because mosquitoes need water for several stages of their life cycle.

Here are some precautionary measures Mountville residents and property owners can take to help eliminate mosquito-breeding areas:

- Dispose of cans, buckets, plastic containers, ceramic pots, or containers that hold water.
- Properly dispose of discarded tires that can collect water. Stagnant water is where most mosquitoes breed.
- Have clogged roof gutters cleaned every year as the leaves from trees have a tendency to plug drains.
- Empty plastic wading pools when not in use.
- Turn over wheelbarrows and do not let water stagnate in birdbaths.
- Aerate ornamental ponds or stock them with fish.
- Drain temporary puddles of water or fill with dirt.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools not in use and remove any water that may collect on pool covers.
- Empty and change the water in bird baths, fountains, wading pools, rain barrels and potted plant trays at least once a week to eliminate potential mosquito habitats.



## Are Fido and Fifi Safe?

It's a warm, sunny day and the perfect opportunity for you to take "Fifi" for a stroll around the neighborhood or to let "Fido" outside to soak up the sunshine and fresh air. If you decide to take advantage of the nice weather, remember that it is extremely important to be aware of state and local ordinances regarding dog ownership. As a dog owner you are responsible for your dog along with any personal injury or property damage caused by your dog. Dog owners must keep their dogs under control at all times, to prevent dogs from running at large. Attaching your dog to a leash or lead, or confining dogs to your property using a fence, are a means to establish control.

Dogs are personal property and their owners are responsible for damages caused by their dog. Things can go wrong if you do not control your dog and legal actions could be a consequence. These situations include personal injury from a dog bite, property damage due to dogs digging holes or trampling landscaped yards, dogs becoming aggressive and fighting other dogs. Furthermore, your dog is in potential danger if he/she leaves your property.

Remember that properly confining your dog is not only important for the safety of your dog and everyone around you, but it is the law in Pennsylvania. Failure to do so could cost you money, time, emotional distress and possibly the loss of your dog.



## ONLY RAIN IN THE STORM DRAINS!

Spring and summer are typically the seasons when lawn care professionals and homeowners work to fertilize lawns to make them healthier and more attractive. While you are attempting to improve your yard, you could also be harming the environment.

Doing the following will protect water quality:

■ **Do Not Over-Fertilize Your Yard:** Over-fertilization will not increase plant growth, but the excess will run off your yard and down the storm drain, polluting the stormwater. Fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides, pollute the stormwater and endanger wildlife. In addition, fertilizer nourishes algae that grows in creeks, lake, and rivers, depleting oxygen in the water, which can kill fish and other aquatic wildlife. Statistics show that 40 – 70% of fertilizers run off to surface waters or filter into the groundwater.\* No matter how far away you live from a body of water your property is part of a watershed. So, how you care for your lawn can affect both water quality and water supply.

■ **Do Not Put Leaves or Grass Clippings into the Storm Drain:** Covered or clogged drains significantly contribute to street and yard flooding. Storm drains are not meant to accept debris or garbage, but to take away overflow rainwater to prevent flooding of home and property. Please assist by removing debris from the stormwater drain grids located by your home.

■ **Remember - The Storm Drainage Systems Different from the Sanitary Sewer System:** Some people think storm drains are part of the sewer system that flow to a wastewater treatment plant. Actually, any material that flows into the storm drainage system goes directly to our local rivers and streams. The sanitary sewer system takes wastewater from our homes and businesses and purifies it before returning the water to the river.

Please assist the Borough in its efforts to fight against stormwater pollution. Remember, only rain goes down the storm drain!

\*Source - *Backyard Conservation - What I Can Do to Protect Water Quality* - Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts

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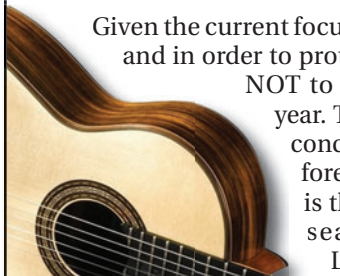
"The members of the Mountville Historical Society and Mountville Museum volunteers wish to thank Pam for her help and support over the years. No problem was too small for her to solve for us, such as where to store fifty-eight plastic drink cups and other souvenir materials from the Bicentennial celebration. She fielded questions from Museum donors and callers who wanted information about the town, including the antique dealer who wanted to know who the manufacturer was of the iron troughs he had in his shop that came from Mountville. She did not faint when twenty-five large archival

boxes intended for the Museum were delivered to Borough Hall. She provided office help when the Museum did not yet have a computer and printer. She was our financial advisor and managed our account with the Borough. She donated items to the Museum and was a booster of all things Mountville! We certainly will miss seeing Pam at the Borough Office, and we wish her a happy retirement!"

-- Elaine Savukas - Curator,  
Mountville Museum

Mountville Borough echoes these sentiments and thanks Pam for her years of service. Hoping this next chapter in her life will be filled with many moments that become cherished memories.

## 2021 Summer Lawn Concerts



Given the current focus on social distancing to combat the Coronavirus and in order to protect our community, the decision has been made NOT to hold the annual Summer Lawn Concerts this year. The health and safety of the concert patrons, of the concert staff and for the performers in the bands were forefront in making this difficult decision. The hope is that the concerts will return for the 2022 summer season. Many thanks for your understanding. Looking forward to seeing you next year!

## 2021 Holiday Trash Delays

Due to the following Holidays, trash pick-up will be delayed to Saturday. Trash should be placed curbside Friday evening, as follows:

Memorial Day..... Friday, June 4th  
 July 4th ..... (NO DELAY for this holiday) Thursday, July 8th  
 Labor Day ..... Friday, September 10th  
 Thanksgiving ..... Friday, November 26th  
 Christmas ..... (NO DELAY for this holiday) Thursday, December 23rd  
 New Year's Day..... (NO DELAY for this holiday) Thursday, December 30th

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

Philip S. Kresge ..... Mayor  
 Lenny D. Heisey ..... President  
 Christine D. Eshleman ..... Vice-President, Chair-General Government  
 Jesse D. Hersh..... Chair-Public Safety: Planning & Zoning  
 Richard D. Spiegel ..... Chair-Public Safety: Police & Fire  
 Harry L. Morgan..... Chair-Public Works: Health & Sanitation  
 Matthew T. Auker..... Chair-Public Works: Streets  
 Jonah M. Eastep..... Chair-Parks & Recreation

## BOROUGH EMPLOYEES

Mark G. Pugliese, I ..... Borough Manager  
 Edward E. Benner ..... Public Works  
 David N. Pott..... Public Works  
 Doris A. Reisinger ..... Administrative Assistant



## SAVE THE DATE

### Mountville Community Picnic

Sunday, August 29th  
 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.



## SPRING/SUMMER 2021 DATES TO REMEMBER

**Yard Waste Separation** ..... April 2nd - October 9th (FRIDAY Pick-up)  
**White Goods Pick-up** ..... FRIDAY, April 23rd and FRIDAY, October 22nd  
**Mountville Days Carnival**..... May 19th - 22nd (Froelich Park)  
**Fireworks at Froelich Park** ..... Saturday, July 3rd at Dusk (Rain Date: Sunday, July 4th)  
**National Night Out**..... Tuesday, August 3rd  
**Community Picnic** ..... Sunday, August 29th (4:00 - 6:30 p.m. at Mountville Community Park)  
**Community Yard Sale** ..... Saturday, September 18th (No permit required on this date)

\*Date listed may be modified or cancelled. Contact the Borough Office or check the Borough's website for updated information.

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

