



# Mountville Borough

## NEWSLETTER

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### MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH OFFICE

21 East Main Street  
Mountville, PA 17554

#### HOURS

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

#### TELEPHONE

Office: 717-285-5547  
Fax: 717-285-2094

[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



## STORMWATER 101

Stormwater is the water that runs off the land after precipitation, either rain or snowmelt. Rain or snow can drain down into the soil (called infiltration), evaporate back into the atmosphere, be used by plants, or flow into streams or water bodies. The water that runs off the land to streams or lakes is referred to as stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff happens in natural, undeveloped areas, but typically only for larger storms. For most areas in Pennsylvania that are wooded or natural meadows, it takes about an inch or more of rain to produce runoff. After development, the natural wooded or meadow areas are replaced with roofs, driveways, sidewalks, and streets. These hard surfaces are called impervious surfaces, and they do not allow water to drain through them, unlike how rain can drain into soil (which is called a pervious surface). When rain falls on impervious surfaces, it runs off rather than infiltrating into the soil or being taken up for vegetation.

Negative impacts of stormwater runoff can include flooding, erosion of streams, sediment build up in lakes, and pollution of streams and lakes. Stormwater flows much faster along a road than it does in the woods. The faster moving water is able to pick up more pollutants like sediment, fertilizers, pesticides, bacteria (from pet waste), and other contaminants, and carry the pollutants to streams and lakes. An increase in the amount of water that runs off after development and how quickly it runs off can cause erosion and instability in streams. Stormwater runoff can cause streams to become wider, deeper, and straighter, losing their natural bends (or meanders) and decreasing habitat for fish and other animals that live in streams. Stormwater from developed areas can also be hotter than natural stream sources. Warmer water holds less dissolved oxygen so stormwater can be harmful to fish like trout that need more oxygen. It is easy to notice the flooding impacts of large rain storms, but over time, smaller storms can have an impact on streams, too. Across the state, about 95% of the rainfall volume occurs in small events (less than 2.4 to 3.2 inches depending on your location.)

Rainwater that falls on your house, yard, or driveway, may run to the street and into the storm drains. These pipes carry the stormwater runoff and all the pollutants that it has picked up to streams. Even if you can't see a stream or lake from your house, stormwater runoff from your house is still draining to these waters.

*Source: Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection - Homeowners Guide to Stormwater BMP booklet*

## Appliance and Tire Pick-up – October 22nd, 2021

Tires and appliances (washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, water heaters, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, microwaves, and freezers) are collected in the Borough during special pick-ups in October and April each year.

Items must be placed curbside on Thursday evening before the scheduled pickup. Appliance stickers (\$15.00 each) can be purchased at the Borough Offices during regular business hours. Rimless tires require one tag and tires with rims two tags (\$3.00 each). Each item must have the appropriate tag/sticker attached or the item will not be taken. If you need to purchase stickers or tags, please do so before noon **Thursday, October 21st**. Call the Borough Office at 717-285-5547 for more information. (If you previously purchased stickers/tags, please contact the Office to register your name and address to ensure pick-up.)



## Meet the Manager



Mountville Borough welcomes its new Borough Manager, Derrick Millhouse, who began working in this capacity in May. Derrick has been a lifelong resident of the Borough and he and his wife have enjoyed raising their two sons, who are now teenagers, in Mountville. Derrick has served his community as an active volunteer in the Mountville Fire Department for over 35 years. Additionally, he was a coach of MYAA football for nearly ten years. In April 2021, Derrick retired as a Lieutenant from the York City Police Department after 21 years of service to the city.

## The 411 on Manager Millhouse

**Favorite vacation destination:** Cancun, Mexico – The beaches are clean and the water is crystal clear. My wife and I love the all-inclusive resorts. The service is top-notch and we feel like royalty when we are there.

**Bucket list – Already checked off:** Traveling outside of the country to Mexico, Jamaica, and the Dominican Republic.

**Bucket list - I'd really like to accomplish:**

- To visit all fifty states -- America is a beautiful and diverse country and I would love to see all that this great country has to offer.
- Fly an airplane. I have always dreamed of doing it, but have never acted upon it.

**My first job:** I delivered newspapers in Mountville Borough for the Columbia News and made around \$100.00 a month.

**Dream job:** Since I love fast and powerful cars, I think it would be awesome to be a professional NASCAR or NHRA driver.

**Favorite weekend activity:** Relax while spending time with my family and friends.

**Show I'd binge watch:** The Walking Dead or The Office.

**Item you'll always find in my fridge:** Pickle juice.

**Interesting fact:** I am a certified NRA firearms instructor for handguns, shotguns and rifles. I also am a Colt and Glock armorer.

## My Vision for the Borough:

I would like to maintain our small-town spirit and traditions, while modernizing our operations. I believe we can provide contemporary facilities and progressive services for our residents and still preserve the neighborly feel of our present community.

## Oh, No!...Here Comes the Snow!

With the approach of winter and the possibility of accumulating snow, Mountville Borough asks for your patience and cooperation during a snow event. The Borough is not permitted to assist residents by clearing their driveway, sidewalk, etc. Please remember the following safety tips to protect yourself and assist our operators to be as efficient as possible in the snow removal process:

- If you have driveways and garages, **park your vehicles off street**. This will allow the snow removal team to clear the Borough streets curb to curb and helps prevent having your vehicle(s) plowed in.
- Unfortunately, it is impossible for snowplows to avoid having snow placed at the bottom of driveways. It will be helpful if you shovel snow in your driveway to the right side of your driveway (as you face the road). In addition, clear the area immediately to the left of your driveway which will allow the plow to unload before reaching your driveway and avoid the bulk of the snow to be pushed back onto the driveway.
- Do not shovel, blow, or plow the snow from your driveway and/or sidewalk into the roadway at any time. This creates hazardous driving conditions and is a violation of State and Borough laws.
- Mountville Borough has an ordinance that states that a pathway on sidewalks 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 pedestrians, especially our school children.
- Please keep storm drains opened and fire hydrants that are near your residence cleared of snow. In addition, shovel snow away from the front of mailboxes to assist with the delivery of mail.
- Make sure you have emergency supplies for your entire household in case you end up having to remain in your home for a few days. Be a good Samaritan and check on your elderly neighbors to see if they need someone to run errands or remove the snow on their property.
- Take caution not to overexert yourself when shoveling snow. Take frequent breaks and drink plenty of fluids. Bend from your knees, not your back, to prevent back injury. Be careful not to overload your shovel. When possible, try to push snow rather than lifting it.
- Make sure that your snowblower is turned off before attempting to clear any snow that may clog the chute or any moving parts of the blower.
- Heavy snow, hard packed snow, or ice on a gas meter could temporarily stop the flow of natural gas and could create a safety hazard.
- If you must drive, make sure to give yourself enough time to get to your destination. Chances are, it will take longer than normal.
- Drivers - please be aware of children playing in the snow or sledding!

## 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**  
**Friday, October 29th, 2021 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM**







## National Fire Prevention Week

**Sunday, October 3rd – Saturday, October 9th**

**Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety**

Is there a beep or a chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? What does it all mean? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family! Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and knows how to respond. Learn the sounds of your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms by checking the user guide or search the brand and model online.

### **What is your alarm telling you?**

#### **SMOKE ALARMS**

- A continued set of three loud beeps — beep, beep, beep — means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single “chirp” every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

#### **CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) ALARMS**

- A continuous set of four loud beeps — beep, beep, beep, beep — means carbon monoxide is present in your home. Go outside, call 9-1-1 and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be replaced.
- CO alarms also have “end of life” sounds that vary by manufacturer. This means it is time to get a new CO alarm.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

**For additional fire safety tips, visit  
[firepreventionweek.org](http://firepreventionweek.org) and [sparky.org](http://sparky.org)**

*Source: National Fire Protection Association – [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)*

## **Support Your Fire Department!**

Just a reminder that the Mountville Fire Company's annual fund drive is in progress. Please support this vital **volunteer** service to our community by making your donation. Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated.

## **Time to “FALL BACK”**

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 7th this year. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 6th. Standard time officially begins at 2:00 a.m. on November 7th, 2021.

With the switch back to standard time, this is the opportune time to change the batteries in all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. This simple act could potentially result in saving a loved one's life or preventing serious injury to them. Until the springtime change back to Daylight Savings Time, remember to test all alarms monthly.



## **CHECK IT OUT... AT YOUR COMMUNITY LIBRARY!**

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

#### **Mamma Goose Storytime, most Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.**

Join Mamma Goose for stories, puppets, songs, and movement activities. This story time is great for children ages 2-5 and their adult caregivers.

#### **Fall Book Sale** - The Friends of the Mountville Branch

Library Fall Book Sale will take place September 23rd - 25th at the Mountville Church of the Brethren. This year's sale features thousands of books, CDs, and DVDs – all at great prices! The book sale runs Thursday, September 23rd, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.; Friday, September 24th, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, September 25th, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Credit cards are accepted. On-site parking is free.

#### **Read-a-Loud with Basil, 2nd Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.**

Build reading confidence with the help of Basil, a loving KPETs therapy dog. Visit our website to reserve a 15-minute timeslot for your 1st-4th grade reader.

#### **Storytime with Hank the Health Hero, Friday, October 1st at 10:00 a.m.**

Join Hank as he visits his doctor, learns how to fight germs, and keeps his body strong and healthy! Presented by CHI St. Joseph Children's Health and is appropriate for ages 0-7.

#### **Let's Scare Up Some Fun, Thursday, October 28th at 6:00 p.m.**

Don't be afraid to share your knowledge about Halloween as we scare up some fun facts and investigate some frightening stuff. Costumes are optional. Ages 8-12, please.

#### **Creepy Crawly Storytime, Friday, October 29th at 10:30 a.m.**

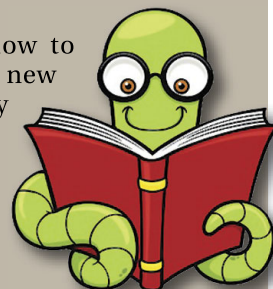
Celebrate Bugtober with us! We'll read about bugs that go bump in the night, learn about what makes a bug a bug, and go on our own bug hunt in the library. Perfect for ages 3-5.

#### **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 (18 years 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 find out for yourself!



# Trash & Recycling Guidelines



## General Guidelines:

- Trash fees are non-refundable for any reason, including missed pick-ups, vacations or 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\*. (\*If the holiday falls on a weekend, trash will not be delayed.)
- Trash barrels must have handles.
- Trash should be placed out for collection the evening before the scheduled pick-up day as the trash haulers start their routes early on the day of collection.
- Empty containers should be removed from the curb the same day collected.
- 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, drywall, etc.) will be collected.

## Tags:

- Additional service tags and yard waste bags 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 two times a year – April and October)

## Recycling:

- Recyclable materials consist of metal food and beverage cans, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and jugs with necks, and corrugated cardboard. (The BIG 4)
- Break down cardboard boxes as flat as possible.
- Remove caps and food residue from plastic bottles, jugs and jars.
- Corrugated cardboard boxes can also be broken down and deposited in the cardboard recycling dumpster located at the Veteran's Memorial Park on Spruce Street.
- Batteries can be placed along side recycling bins in bags that can be obtained at the Borough Offices.

## Leaves:

- Five (5) Fall leaf pick-ups are scheduled from October through December each year, dates to be determined.
- Leaves must be in the brown biodegradable bags that can be obtained at the Borough Hall. There are no fees or tags needed for the brown bags used for leaves. Leaves raked loose to the curb WILL NOT be picked up!



## BOROUGH COUNCIL

Philip S. Kresge.....	Mayor
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Matthew T. Auker.....	Chair-Public Works: Streets
Jonah M. Eastep.....	Chair-Parks & Recreation

## BOROUGH EMPLOYEES

Derrick J. Millhouse.....	Borough Manager
Edward E. Benner .....	Public Works
David N. Pott .....	Public Works
Doris A. Reisinger .....	Administrative Assistant



## Stay in the Loop

Want to be kept up-to-date on the happenings in the Borough? Then sign up for the E-mail Notification Alerts through the Borough. Get alerts from the Borough for things such as altered trash pick-up days, Borough meetings, upcoming Community events, office and road closings, and other miscellaneous happenings. To be included in the E-mail list, please call or e-mail the Borough Office at [info@mountvilleborough.com](mailto:info@mountvilleborough.com).

## DATES TO REMEMBER - FALL/WINTER 2021-2022

Community Yard Sale .....	Saturday, September 18th
Yard Waste Separation Ends .....	Friday, October 8th
White Goods & Tires Pick-Up .....	Friday, October 22nd (Purchase stickers at Borough Office)
Fall Leaf Pick-Up Dates .....	Friday, October 22nd, November 5th & 19th, and December 3rd & 17th
Trick-or-Treat Night .....	Friday, October 29th – 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Offices Closed .....	November 25th & 26th, December 24th, January 3rd & 17th, February 21st, and April 15th
Christmas Concert & Carol Sing .....	Sunday, December 5th – 2:30 p.m. – Mountville Church of the Brethren
Cookies with Santa .....	Saturday, December 11th – 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Mountville Fire Company
Christmas Tree Pick-Up .....	Date to be determined

\*Please note: Dates 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.

