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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.

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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)

MOUNTVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

120 College Avenue
Mountville, PA 17554
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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

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717-285-5191

Stormwater Management: Best Management Practices (BMP's)

As an ongoing series of providing information to Mountville residents on MS4 requirements, our newsletters are providing you with helpful tips to assist in reducing the amount of runoff.

What are BMP's?

Stormwater management reduces or eliminates the negative impacts of stormwater runoff. Today, stormwater management includes controlling flooding, reducing erosion and improving water quality. This can be accomplished by implementing what are known as Best Management Practices (BMPs). BMPs are structural, vegetative or managerial practices used to treat, prevent or reduce water pollution.

The goal of BMPs is to reduce the impact of development on downstream streams and lakes by:

- minimizing the amount of runoff
- slowing down the runoff
- infiltrating runoff
- evapotranspiring runoff
- filtering runoff

Numerous practices exist for managing stormwater runoff on your property. In this edition, we are focusing on the installation of rain barrels. Rain barrels provide a way to capture rainwater from your roof and store it for later use. Water collected from rain barrels can be used to water lawns, gardens and indoor plants. This water would otherwise run off your roof or through downspouts and become stormwater, picking up pollutants on its way to a storm drain, stream or lake. You can lower your water bill, conserve water in the dry season and reduce polluted stormwater runoff.

Installation: A rain barrel is placed on a level surface. If you have gutters, place the rain barrel beneath the downspout so the water flows onto the screen on top of the barrel. You may need to have your downspout cut to an appropriate height above the rain barrel.

Elevate the rain barrel by placing it on cinder blocks or a sturdy wooden frame. Raising it allows the barrel to drain properly, and to easily fit a watering can underneath the spout, or attach a hose so you can recover the rainwater you have collected. Soaker hoses can also be attached to the rain barrel to slowly release water into gardens and recharge groundwater.

Materials: Rain barrels are available in many sizes and styles, and range in price from \$60 to over \$200. Contact your local hardware store, garden center or nursery or order them online. An open barrel can also be used to collect rainwater. Keep in mind that this water should be used within two weeks because the development of a mosquito from egg to adult takes 10 to 14 days.

Maintenance:

- In the fall, empty the rain barrel before the water could freeze.
- Rinse out the barrel to remove any accumulated sediment.
- Do not reconnect the barrel until spring. During the winter months, connect a piece of flexible gutter to the end of the downspout and direct the outlet to a grassy area of the yard.

Safety note! Water in a rain barrel is **NOT** suitable for consumption without treatment.

*Sources: Conservation for Homeowners Factsheet Series – Maine DEP
Pennsylvania DEP - Homeowners Guide to Stormwater BMP Maintenance Booklet*



Meet Our New Mayor Steve Mitchell



Mountville's new Mayor is Steve Mitchell. A Lancaster County native, Steve was originally from the suburbs of Terre Hill, moving to Mountville in 1981. Also in 1981, married Pamela, who retired from the Borough's Secretary/Treasurer position in 2020, and later having two awesome sons, and much later having two amazing daughters-in-law. Steve and Pam have three grandkids and enjoy as much time as they can with them.

Steve started working at what was then Sperry New Holland, now CNH, right after graduating from high school. New Holland was a great place to work, had lots of good benefits, and many fun and friendly employees. Steve feels especially fortunate to have had a wide variety of jobs in the almost 41 years he was with CNH – and was able to retire at the age of 58. Steve was appointed to fill a vacancy on Borough Council back in the late eighties; a member of the Mountville Swim Club board, helping with the pool start up at Froelich Park; was a member of the Mountville Zoning Board; and now currently a member of the Mountville Authority overseeing the Mountville Area Community Center.

Since retiring, Steve obtained a library card, completed some home projects and became familiar with some of his neighborhood's daytime activities. Time is spent too every week grocery shopping for his 92 year old mother, along with mowing and trimming the two and a half acres of lawn where his mother resides. Leisure time includes lots of reading of almost any kind (favorite quote – from historian Daniel Boorstin – “The greatest obstacle to discovery is not ignorance – it is the illusion of knowledge.”), watching a favorite movie, and doing a little landscaping. Steve can be engrossed for inordinate periods of time just moving rocks around on their property.

Mountville is a great little town and Steve hopes to do or help with anything that can make Mountville an even better place to live and visit. Steve is looking forward to serving the residents of Mountville the next four years.

Mountville History

In the 19th and early 20th centuries, tobacco was a major cash crop in Lancaster County and Mountville played an important role in the tobacco industry. In 1854, Isaac Kauffman built the first commercial tobacco warehouse in Lancaster County, located in Mountville on Manor Street along the railroad tracks. Although that building is no longer standing, another warehouse on Spruce Street has been transformed into an apartment complex. Businesses in town also at one time included several cigar makers. Edward Froelich, a Mountville tobacco businessman, willed money upon his death for community use and Froelich Park was established in his memory.

Currently, the Mountville Museum has items on display related to Mountville's tobacco industry from the Robert Zink Family Collection. H. Humphreville's Tobacco Dampener, patented on March 2, 1880, was manufactured in Mountville in a carriage house on Fridy Street, on a property currently owned by Faith Friendship Villa. The dampener, pictured here, was made of tin and featured a long spout and a pinhole opening at the top of the lid. Cured tobacco leaves, especially those used as cigar wrappers, needed to be hydrated somewhat so they were flexible for rolling. Water was poured into the dampener through the spout; then the user blew into the spout, forcing a fine mist out the small opening at the top onto the tobacco leaf. To show his pride in his invention, the manufacturer affixed a brass tag on the back of the dampener stamped with his name and the manufacture location, Mountville PA.



To get a closer look at this unique piece of Mountville history and other memorabilia, visit the Mountville Museum located in the Mountville Area Community Center on College Avenue. (Entrance at portico facing College Ave.)

Open: Second and fourth Sundays – (March - December) – 1:00 - 4:00 PM

*(Tours at other hours can be made by special appointment.
Contact Elaine Savukas at 717-285-4910.)*

Mountville Days Carnival

The Mountville Fire Company No. 1 is planning to host the annual Mountville Days Carnival May 18th through May 21st at Froelich Park. The Carnival is the nonprofit fire company's largest fundraising event of the year with dozens of volunteers amassing hundreds of hours in preparation. So, mark your calendars and bring the family out for some good old-fashioned fun!

Carnival Hours:

Wednesday and Thursday: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 5:00 - 11:00 p.m.

For the most up-to-date information on the Carnival, visit the Mountville Fire Company's website or Facebook page.

www.mountvillefire.com ■ facebook.com/mountvillefire

Online Bill Pay Now Available!

Mountville Borough residents can now pay their trash bills online using a credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express) or electronic check. You can access your account through the Borough website under the Trash & Recycling tab. To complete online transactions, you will need to know your trash account number which can be found on your trash billing card.

PLEASE NOTE: A nominal transaction convenience fee is charged by the payment processing company for both credit card and electronic check payments.



Dear Mountville Community,

After 25 years of Summer Lawn Concerts held on the Lawn of the Mountville Church of the Brethren and the Mountville Area Community Center, the decision has been made to end the concerts starting this year. Over the years, with the generous support of the Mountville Welfare Association/Ed Froelich Trust Fund, the Mountville VFW, Workman Funeral Homes, Mountville Borough and many, many individual donors, we able to run a FIRST CLASS summer series. While we used mostly local groups, we had bands come from up and down the East Coast. One of the highlights was the United States Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus that drew an audience of over 2,500 folks. I am SO PROUD of the town of Mountville for supporting LIVE music. I also would like to thank all of the local community groups that volunteered their time to assist with setup, parking and serving ice cream at intermission.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Director of the series from the beginning but, as you know, the world has changed in the last 25 years and I just feel the time is right for a change.

Tentatively, there will be a concert in conjunction with the Fireworks at Froelich Park and another concert at the Mountville Community picnic, which will be held at the Mountville Borough Community Park. We will continue to hold the Community Christmas concert at the Mountville Church of the Brethren in early December. Publicity for these events will be coming in the future.

Thank you, Mountville for a wonderful 25 years of support!
Sincerely,
John C. Hess



Spring Spruce-Up Campaign

Spring is upon us and the trees, shrubs, flowers and grasses are beginning their yearly renewal as the earth transforms from winter into springtime.

Mountville Borough is seeking your cooperation and is encouraging all homeowners and residents to join in a Spring Spruce-Up Campaign. We ask that you take a good hard look around your home and property. Are both being properly maintained? Is your trash kept in a suitable refuse container? Do you have an unregistered and/or uninspected car parked on your property? What about those old appliances, furniture and tires that are sitting outside? Do you keep your grass and vegetation maintained to Borough code? Please take time to inspect your property and see if you can pitch in and help make our town beautiful! And a huge **"Thank you!"** to all Borough property owners who take pride in their residences by keeping their properties well-maintained, which helps to make Mountville Borough a better community for all.

Reminder: The Borough will be sponsoring the semi-annual appliance and tire pick-up on Friday, April 22nd. Tires and appliances (washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, water heaters, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, microwaves, and freezers) are items for disposal.

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 need one tag and tires with rims require two tags at a cost of \$3.00 each. Each item must have the appropriate tag/sticker attached or the item will not be taken by the trash hauler. If you need to purchase stickers or tags, please do so before noon on the day prior to the scheduled pick-up date (April 21st). Call the Borough Office at 717-285-5547 for further information. (If you previously purchased the required stickers/tags, please contact the Office to register your name and address to ensure pick-up.)



CHECK IT OUT! AT THE MOUNTVILLE 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:

Friends of the Mountville Branch Plant Sale. Come, celebrate spring at the Friends of the Mountville Branch Plant Sale! The sale will take place Friday, May 13th, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 14th, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Mountville Church of the Brethren. Credit cards are accepted. On-site parking is free.

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.

Preschool Storytime, most Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Children ages 3-5 years and their caregivers are invited to join Miss Rachel for stories, songs, and a craft on Tuesday mornings at 10:30!

Read-a-Loud with Raven, 2nd Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Build reading confidence with the help of Raven, a loving KPETS therapy dog. Visit our website to reserve a 15-min. timeslot for your 1st-4th grade reader.

Save the dates! Summer Reading kicks off on Saturday, June 4th and the Friends of the Mountville Branch Fall Book Sale will take place September 16th and 17th.

The Lancaster Public Library lends out 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 (\$10.00 for 7 days), library cardholders (18 years or older) in good standing can access high-speed internet service anywhere a T-Mobile cell signal can be received. Perfect for anyone without internet or traveling.

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

Like Mountville Borough on Facebook!

We have our own Facebook page. Like and follow us at facebook.com/BoroughofMountville. Check there for important information about events, meetings and other activities happening in the Borough.



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. (See list of 2022 Holidays below right.)
- 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.
- When disposing of ashes, place them in a can lined with a bag and tied shut. A lid should NOT be placed on the trash can.

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. Picked up April and October)
 - White goods: \$15.00 (Picked up 2 times a year – April and October)

Yard Waste:

- Yard waste (garden residues, leaves, shrubbery, and tree trimmings) is collected from April to October and should be placed at the curb for pick up on Friday in yard waste bags or bundles, separate from trash and recyclables.
- Brush, limbs, tree trunks (6" diameter or less) should be tied with biodegradable twine in bundles no more than 3' in length and 30 lbs., do not require a tag.
- Yard waste bags no longer require tags. Bags are for residents only.

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 corrugated cardboard boxes as flat as possible. Boxes can also be broken down and deposited in the cardboard recycling dumpster located at the Veteran's Memorial Park on Spruce Street.
- Remove caps and food residue from plastic bottles, jugs and jars.
- Please consider NOT placing recycle bins out on windy days. If you must, make arrangements for a neighbor to bring it in, so it doesn't blow away. Write your address on your bin so that it can be returned to you. Be a good neighbor and return any wayward bins to their owners! Many thanks!



SPRING/SUMMER 2022 DATES TO REMEMBER

Yard Waste Separation	April 8th - September 30th (FRIDAY Pick-up)
White Goods Pick-up	FRIDAY, April 22nd and FRIDAY, October 21st
Mountville Days Carnival	May 18th - 21st (Froelich Park)
Mountville Memorial Day Parade	Saturday, May 28th - 10:00 a.m.
Fireworks at Froelich Park	Saturday, July 2nd at Dusk (Rain Date: Saturday, July 9th)
National Night Out	Tuesday, August 2nd
Community Yard Sale	Saturday, September 17th (No permit required on this date)

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

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Steve Mitchell	Mayor
Jesse Hersh	President
Christine Eshleman	Vice-President, Chair-General Government
Lenny Heisey	Chair-Public Safety: Planning & Zoning
Philip Kresge	Chair-Public Safety: Police & Fire
Harry Morgan	Chair-Public Works: Health & Sanitation
Matthew Auker	Chair-Public Works: Streets
Jonah Eastep	Chair-Parks & Recreation

BOROUGH EMPLOYEES

Derrick Millhouse	Borough Manager
Doris Reisinger	Administrative Assistant
Edward Benner	Public Works
David Pott	Public Works



2022 Holiday Trash Delays

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

Memorial Day	Friday, June 3rd
July 4th	Friday, July 8th
Labor Day	Friday, Sept. 9th
Thanksgiving	Friday, Nov. 25th
Christmas	Thursday, Dec. 29th (NO DELAY for this holiday)
New Year's Day	Thursday, Jan. 5th (NO DELAY for this holiday)

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

