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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
717-285-3231

www.lancasterpubliclibrary.org

HOURS

Mon. - Thurs.: 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 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 Management: Best Management Practices (BMP's)

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

In this edition, the focus is on rain gardens. Rain gardens are attractive and functional landscaped areas that are designed to capture and filter stormwater from roofs, driveways and other hard surfaces. They collect water in bowl-shaped, vegetated areas and allow it to slowly soak into the ground. This reduces the potential for erosion and minimizes the amounts of pollutants flowing from lawns into a storm drain and eventually into streams and lakes.⁽¹⁾ While an individual rain garden may seem like a small thing, collectively they produce substantial neighborhood and community environmental benefits.

Rain gardens have numerous benefits:

- Increasing the amount of water that filters into the ground, which recharges local and regional aquifers;
- Helping protect communities from flooding and drainage problems;
- Helping protect streams and lakes from pollutants carried by urban stormwater – lawn fertilizers and pesticides, oil and other fluids that leak from cars and numerous harmful substances that wash off roofs and paved areas;
- Enhancing the beauty of yards and neighborhoods;
- Providing valuable habitat for birds, butterflies and many beneficial insects.⁽²⁾

To help you get the project started, here are some resources that may be of assistance:

- **Rain Gardens: Saving Streams One Yard at a Time**
<http://www.stormwaterpa.org/raingarden.html>
- **Rain Garden Brochure – PA Assoc. of Conservation Districts – Lehigh County PA**
<https://pacd.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Rain-Garden-Brochure.pdf>
- **Rain Gardens – Kids Gardening**
<https://kidsgardening.org/resources/lesson-plans-rain-gardens/>
- **PA Native Plant List**
<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/WildPlants/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Plant a Rain Garden – Partnership for the Delaware Estuary**
<https://delawareestuary.org/plant-a-rain-garden/>

Now is the perfect time to create plans for a rain garden at your property for a spring installation. If you install a rain garden, contact the Borough office and a photo of it may be featured on our Facebook page.

Sources:

(1) Conservation for Homeowners Factsheet Series – Maine DEP (2006)

(2) Rain Gardens – A How-to Manual for Homeowners – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (2003)





UPCOMING BOROUGH PROJECTS

ROADS:

■ The seal coating of Pennridge Avenue, Georgetown Court, Rockford Road, Fairmont Terrace, and a portion of Spring Hill Lane will take place in the spring of 2023. This process should extend the life of these roadways for ten years or more.

■ The Borough is currently seeking funds to repair and repave a portion of Huntington Drive and Providence Place. If supplemental funding is received, the work will be planned for spring of 2023. If supplemental funding is not received, the project may have to be completed in sections over several years.

■ The final design for the Main Street and Manor Street intersection upgrade has been completed. The project will include all new traffic signal structures and hardware, traffic control software, lighting, sidewalk repair and accessible ramps. The construction start date will be scheduled for spring of 2023 however, some preliminary work may begin as early as fall of this year.

MS4:

■ The drainage basin along Spring Hill Lane in the Summit Hills is scheduled to be reconstructed. This work will include retention, diversion and plantings, which will help "filter" the drainage of contaminants before sending the drainage downstream. When completed, the Borough will be compliant with mandated MS4 requirements for the next several years.

PARK UPGRADES:

■ Mountville Borough has received grant money from the DCNR to upgrade the tennis courts, basketball courts and ball-field at the Borough Park. The upgrades are in the very early stages of design with a projected construction date of fall 2023 or spring 2024.

Mountville Museum News

~ The Mountville National Bank ~

How would you like to design your own dollar bill with your name and signature prominently printed on it and be able to issue it as legal tender? Well, this is what the board of directors of the Mountville National Bank could do in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The five-dollar bill (pictured below) on display at the Mountville Museum looks very different from the one we are used to seeing in circulation today. Instead of Abraham Lincoln, President Benjamin Harrison, who served from 1899 to 1893, is depicted on this bill issued in 1901. In large bold letters appears the name MOUNTVILLE NATIONAL BANK and below are the signatures of the bank's chief officers. On the reverse side is an artistic rendering of the landing of the Pilgrims from the Mayflower.

The Mountville National Bank was organized in 1887 by local businessmen, with John M. Froelich serving as its first president. Chartered as a national bank with the U. S. government, the Mountville Bank was required to be capitalized with assets of \$50,000 and was permitted to print and issue its own currency. As a national bank, Mountville could issue money in the form of National Bank Notes, which were backed by Treasury bonds that the bank deposited with the federal government. These bank notes would include the name of the issuing bank and were accepted as legal tender. The Benjamin Harrison bill is an example of one of the Mountville National Bank Notes. A later bank note issued by Mountville features Abraham Lincoln.



In 1889, the Mountville National Bank building was erected at 21 East Main Street, which is now the home of Borough Hall. Visitors can still see the bank vault located in the Borough Council's meeting space.

In 1948, the Mountville Bank was sold to the Fulton National Bank, becoming its first branch. The bank was robbed four times in its history on Main Street. The last attempt in 1971 was thwarted by Mountville Police Chief Donald Metzger who, armed with a shotgun, captured the two suspects inside the bank.

Outgrowing its original facility, the bank was moved in 1980 to a new site on Highland Drive. The old building was sold to Mountville Borough to be used for Borough offices.

If you would like to see the bank notes and other artifacts in person, come to the Mountville Museum, located at 120 College Avenue, in the Mountville Area Community Center. The bank memorabilia are part of the Zink Family collection on display through December 2022. The Museum is open on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., until December 11th, when it will close for the winter. Admission is free.

Submitted by Elaine Savukas, Museum Curator, who welcomes donations of Mountville related items to the museum. Contact her at 717-285-4910.



ONLINE BILL PAY NOW AVAILABLE!

Just a reminder that fourth quarter trash bills will be sent out at the end of September. Residents now have the ability to 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 and 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.

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

Sunday, October 9th – Saturday, October 15th

Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific fire killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

This year's theme reinforces the importance of developing a home escape plan with all members of the household and promotes messages that can mean the difference between life and death in a fire. Developing a home escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it regularly ensures that everyone knows what to do when the smoke alarm sounds and uses that time wisely.

- Make sure your home escape plan meets the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of your home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows open easily.
- Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
- Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household, including guests. Practice at least once during the day and at night.

Source: National Fire Protection Association

The following is a resource for children. Complete the challenges and become an official member of Sparky's Fire Safety Club!

<https://www.sparky.org/firetrucks>



Time to Trick-or-Treat
Monday, October 31st – 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Halloween can be a ghoulishly good time but being safe is also important. Hopefully, these trick-or-treating safety tips from the National Safety Council will set you up for a "spook"-tacular holiday.

- Choose a costume that will not cause safety hazards. All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant.
- Choose nontoxic Halloween makeup rather than masks, which can obscure vision; always test makeup in a small area first to see if any irritation develops.
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags or give them glow sticks.
- Remind your child to use good manners --- Saying "Thank you" is a must!
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home and take care to avoid any food allergies.
- Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Motorists should watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs and enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.

Mountville Borough has adopted the county-wide resolution that sets the date of Trick-or-Treat on October 31st from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., regardless of the day of the week or the weather conditions on that evening.

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 Fall Book Sale. Get your shelves ready for winter hibernation without busting your budget! The used book sale will take place Friday, September 16th, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 17th, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Mountville Church of the Brethren. Cash, check, and credit cards are accepted. On-site parking is free.

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.

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-min. timeslot for your 1st-4th grade reader.

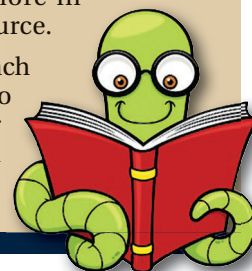
Noveltea Book Club, 3rd Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Come to the library each month to discuss great books with friends both old and new! The cup of tea is optional. Virtual attendance is available upon request.

Read-a-Loud with Raven, 4th 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 date! Winter Reading kicks off in mid-November and we will have programs for children and adults to encourage everyone to keep read during those long winter months!

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. A Library Hotspot is perfect for those who do not have internet access at home or are traveling. Contact the library at 717-285-3231 for more information on this resource.

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



WHEN THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL...

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 tips to assist our operators to be as efficient as possible in the snow removal process:

- **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. There are penalties that may apply if this ordinance is not obeyed. This is for the safety of all pedestrians, especially our school children.

*Thank you in advance for your cooperation
as we prepare for the arrival of
Old Man Winter!!*



Bidding a Fond Farewell and a Warm Welcome Back!

Mountville Borough would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to **Harry Morgan** for his dedicated service during his tenure as a Borough Council member. His commitment to the Borough and its residents for 20+ years is truly appreciated. Best wishes, Harry and many thanks for your service!

Mountville Borough Council welcomes **Rick Spiegel** as a member of Council who was appointed to Council in July and is serving as Chairperson of Public Works: Health and Sanitation.



DATES TO REMEMBER- FALL/WINTER 2022-2023

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| Community Yard Sale | Saturday, September 17th |
| Yard Waste Separation Ends | Friday, September 30th |
| White Goods and Tires Pick-Up | Friday, October 21st (Purchase stickers at Borough Office) |
| Fall Leaf Pick-Up Dates | Friday, October 7th & 21st, November 4th & 18th, December 2nd & 16th |
| Trick-or-Treat Night | Monday, October 31st – 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. |
| Offices Closed | November 24th & 25th, December 26th, January 2nd & 16th, February 20th, and April 9th |
| Christmas Concert & Carol Sing | Sunday, December 4th – 2:30 p.m. – Mountville Church of the Brethren |
| Cookies with Santa | Saturday, December 10th – 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Mountville Fire Company |
| Christmas Tree Pick-Up | Friday, January 6th |

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

BOROUGH COUNCIL

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| 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 |
| Richard Spiegel | Chair-Public Works: Health & Sanitation |
| Matthew Auker..... | Chair-Public Works: Streets |
| Jonah Eastep | Chair-Parks & Recreation |

BOROUGH EMPLOYEES

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



Christmas Tree Recycling

As part of your trash service, Mountville Borough offers curbside collection of your live Christmas tree. It must be placed at the curb for pick-up on **Friday, January 6th, 2023**. All trees must be free of lights, ornaments, bags, stands, wire, and tinsel prior to putting it out for pick-up or it will not be picked up by the trash hauler.



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

