



Mountville Borough

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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

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www.mountvilleborough.com

[facebook.com/
BoroughofMountville](https://facebook.com/BoroughofMountville)

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. - 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

Neighborhood Celebration, Tree Planting, and Ribbon Cutting Event

On **Saturday, October 7th**, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., there will be a neighborhood celebration event at Spring Hill Park located in Summit Hills at Spring Hill Lane and Huntington Drive. This event is being organized by members of the Lancaster Watershed Leadership Academy, in partnership with Mountville Borough, to commemorate the completion of Phase I of the Spring Hill Basin retrofit and enhancements to the park.

The stream restoration work includes the removal of the concrete stream channel and the return of the stream bed to a more natural state, with meanders and native plantings. This will restore the floodplain which will reduce the flooding the park experiences after heavy rain events. The restoration will also provide a habitat for birds and will improve water quality in this tributary of the Chesapeake Bay.

The neighborhood event will include the opportunity to plant native trees and shrubs in the park, to learn more about the stream restoration from Borough officials, and to enjoy kid-friendly activities. A food truck or two may be in attendance as well. Door hangers with more details will be distributed in the neighborhood closer to the event date.

The event organizers from the Academy are **Stephanie Lower**, who lives just down the street from Spring Hill Park, **Lettice Brown**, the MS4 Stormwater Coordinator for the City of York, and **Sally Reynolds**, who works in digital marketing for LNP newspaper. The native trees and shrubs are being provided at no cost to the Borough through **Emily Broich**, the Pennsylvania Green Infrastructure Projects Coordinator for the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.

We hope you will join us to celebrate and to participate in this project that beautifies and improves your Borough Park and neighborhood!





ROAD PROJECT UPDATES

Numerous street projects throughout the Borough were started in the summer and should be nearing completion (if not already completed.) Those include:

- Milling and paving done by D. H. Funk on a portion of Huntington Drive and Spring Hill Lane (South of Huntington Drive to Providence Place) and all of Providence Place. Handicap accessible crosswalks into Spring Hill Park will also be installed.
- Resurfacing of Lemon Street from Hoover Street to the Borough Community Park done by D. H. Funk.

Upcoming Projects:

- Work should begin in September and be completed before the end of the year on the traffic signal upgrade at Main and Manor Streets. JVI Group has been contracted to perform this work.
- The underground stormwater pipe at the intersection of Village Drive and East Main Street has deteriorated. Flyway Excavating has been awarded the contract in the amount of \$14,900.00 to replace the pipe and repair the roadway. Funding was made possible with monies received from the American Rescue Plan Act.

FRIENDLY REMINDER!

WHEN TRANSPORTING WASTE, ALL COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS MUST SECURE OPEN LOADS WITH A TARP.

A \$20 PENALTY is now in effect for loads arriving at LCSWMA facilities without a secured tarp. (Second offenders will be turned away)

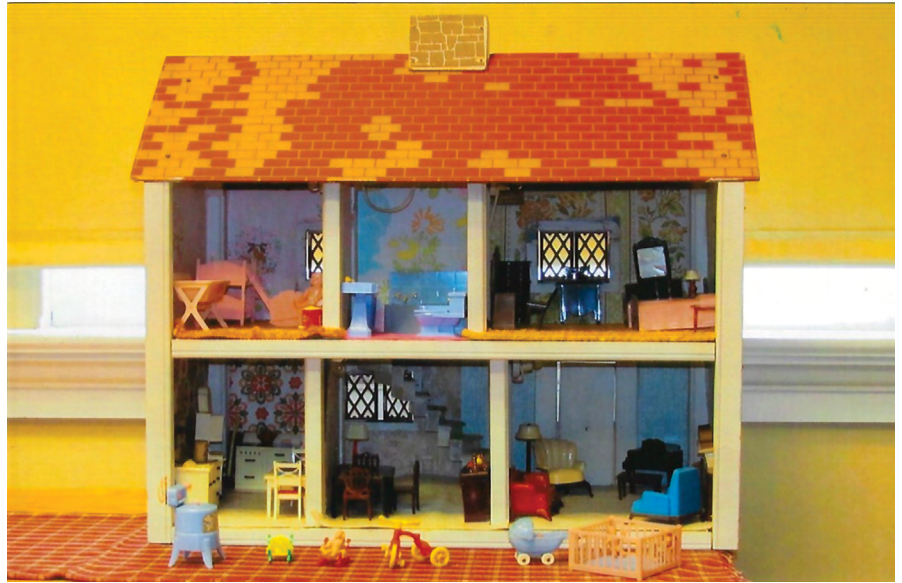
SECURE YOUR LOAD. IT'S THE LAW.
HELP US PREVENT LITTER & SAVE LIVES. LCSWMA

For more information, visit www.lcswma.org

Mountville Museum News

If you are young at heart, you must come to the Mountville Museum to see the current exhibit titled "Growing Up in Mountville" featuring artifacts and memorabilia used by Mountville children and youth from the 1870's to the present. A new addition to the exhibit is a 1940's doll house, complete with miniature furniture, as pictured here. For Barbie doll fans, there is a vintage Barbie on display, with her outfits in a wardrobe.

The Museum, at 120 College Avenue, is open free of charge through December, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., and also by appointment. For additional information, contact Elaine Savukas at 717-285-4910.



Keep Mountville Beautiful!

On occasion, the Borough Office receives concerns relating to various issues, such as high grass and weeds, abandoned vehicles, dog waste, building and property upkeep, trash disposal, unkempt yards, etc. By maintaining your property, you save your tax dollars due to costs associated with inspections, consultations, mailings and court filings. Many thanks to all Borough property owners who take pride in their residences and who look after their properties by keeping them maintained, which helps to make Mountville Borough a better community for all.



NOVEMBER 5, 2023 - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 4th. Standard time officially begins at 2:00 a.m. on November 5th, 2023.

With the switch back to standard time, remember 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. Remember to test all alarms monthly.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Sunday, October 8th – Saturday, October 14th

“Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention!”

This year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, **“Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention”**, focuses on educating everyone about simple but important actions that can be taken to help reduce the risk of fire when cooking at home, to keep them and others safe while cooking.

Did You Know? According to the National Fire Protection Association, cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and related deaths.

What Can You Do? The good news is you can prevent most cooking fires and burns. Help keep your family safer with some simple but effective tips.

- Always keep a close eye on what you are cooking. For foods with longer cook times, such as those that are simmering or baking, set a timer to help monitor them carefully.
- Clear the cooking area of combustible items and keep anything that can burn, such as dish towels, oven mitts, food packaging, and paper towels away from the cooking area.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove.
- Keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.
- Create a “kid and pet free zone” of at least three feet around the cooking area and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

Source: National Fire Protection Association

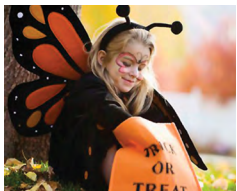
Additional Fire Prevention Week resources for children and caregivers can be found at www.sparky.org and www.sparkyschoolhouse.org.



Halloween Safety Tips

From candy to the costumes, Halloween is a fun-filled and exciting time. Kids love to dress up, go trick-or-treating and eat candy. Here are some tips to make it a safe, trick-free evening for the ghosts, ghouls and goblins that will be haunting our streets.

- H**ave reflective tape on costumes and treat bags.
- A**lways go trick-or-treating with a responsible adult.
- L**ook both ways before crossing the street.
- L**ight up with glo-sticks or flashlights.
- O**nly visit well-lit homes.
- W**alk, don’t run, from house to house.
- E**xamine all treats before eating.
- E**liminate distractions, put electronic devices down. Stay alert.
- N**ever cross the street between parked cars.



Trick-or-Treat
Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

CHECK IT OUT... AT YOUR COMMUNITY LIBRARY!

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

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 crafts!

Toddler Time, most Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Toddlers ages 12-36 months and their caregivers are invited to have fun with stories and music!

Read-a-Loud with Basil, 2nd Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.
Read-a-Loud with Raven, 4th Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Build reading confidence with the help of Basil and Raven, loving KPETs therapy dogs. Visit our website to reserve a 15-minute 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.

Friends of the Mountville Fall Book Sale. Get your bookshelves ready for winter without breaking the budget! The used book sale will take place at the Mountville Church of the Brethren Friday, September 15th, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, September 16th, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Deals begin Saturday at noon! Cash, check, and credit cards are accepted. On-site parking is free.

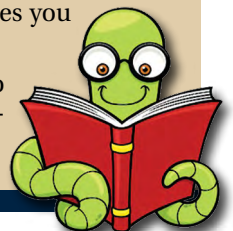
Mountville Branch Library Anniversary Celebration. The Mountville Branch Library is celebrating its 60th anniversary and we’re hosting a party! Save the date for Saturday, October 21st because this is one celebration you don’t want to miss!

Save the dates! Looking ahead to 2024, the Friends of the Mountville Branch Spring Book Sale will take place March 22nd and 23rd, and the beloved Plant Sale is scheduled for May 17th and 18th.

Did you know you can access the Mountville Branch Library from (almost) anywhere? Your Lancaster Public Library card provides FREE access to digital books, music, movies, magazines, and more! (eBooks and digital magazines are returned automatically.)

- **OverDrive** and **Libby** give you access to popular eBooks, audiobooks, and more for adults, teens, and children.
- Borrow free movies, music, eBooks, comics, and TV shows with **Hoopla**.
- With **Kanopy** and a Lancaster Public Library card, you can stream over 26,000 independent, international, classic, or documentary films.
- If you love magazines, you’ll love **Flipster** because you get instant access to the magazines you know and love in digital format.

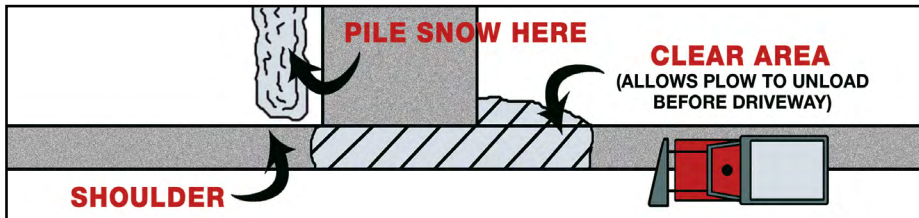
The Mountville Library has so much to offer, but don’t take our word for it --- stop by and find out for yourself!



Walking (Or Shoveling) in a Winter Wonderland!

Winter is on the way and accumulating snow is always a possibility! Mountville Borough asks for your patience and cooperation during snow events. The following tips will 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 will help prevent your vehicle(s) being plowed in.
- 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.
- The Borough is not permitted to assist residents by clearing their driveway, sidewalk, etc.
- Mountville Borough has an ordinance stating 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.
- 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.
- Unfortunately, it is impossible for snowplows to avoid having snow placed at the bottom of driveways as plows are designed to push snow to the right. One solution is when you clear your driveway push the snow to the right side of your drive as you face the street and clear a pocket of snow on the left side of your driveway about ten feet (10') in length. When the snowplow comes through, the accumulated snow on the plow will unload before reaching your driveway and dump most of the snow into the pocket and not in your driveway. (See diagram below for a visual depiction.)



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

BOROUGH COUNCIL

- Steve Mitchell..... *Mayor*
 Phil Kresge..... *President - Chair: Personnel, Public Outreach & Building Committees*
 Christine Eshleman..... *Vice-President - Chair: Budget*
 Matthew Auker *President, Pro Tem - Chair: Streets*
 Jonah Eastep *Chair: Parks & Recreation*
 Theresa Baker *Chair: Health, Sanitation & Environment*
 Lenny Heisey..... *Chair: Planning & Zoning*
 Richard Spiegel *Chair: Police & Fire*

BOROUGH EMPLOYEES

- 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 12th, 2024**. All trees must be contaminant-free prior to being put out for pick-up. No tree stands, tree bags, wire, ornaments, lights, tinsel, etc. can be on the tree or it will not be picked up by the trash hauler.

DATES TO REMEMBER- FALL/WINTER 2023-2024

- Community Yard Sale** Saturday, September 16th
Yard Waste Separation Ends..... **Friday**, September 29th
Appliance and Tires Pick-Up **Friday**, Oct. 20th & **Friday**, April 19th, 2024 (*Purchase stickers at Borough Office*)
Fall Leaf Pick-Up Dates **Friday**, October 6th & 20th, November 3rd & 17th, December 1st & 15th
Trick-or-Treat Night..... Tuesday, October 31st – 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Offices Closed..... November 23rd & 24th, December 25th, January 1st & 15th, February 19th, and March 29th
Christmas Concert & Carol Sing..... Sunday, December 3rd – 2:30 p.m. – Mountville Church of the Brethren
Cookies with Santa Saturday, December 9th – 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Mountville Fire Company #1
Christmas Tree Pick-Up..... **Friday**, January 12th, 2024

**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.

