



# 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.

### TELEPHONE

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

[www.mountvilleborough.com](http://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](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

## "Good" News - Mountville Borough Has a New Council Member



Mountville Borough welcomes a new Council member, **Danny Good**, who was elected to Council in November and sworn in at the biennial Council reorganization meeting on January

2, 2024. Danny and his wife of 44 years, Shari, have lived in Mountville for those 44 years and were one of the first families to live in the Summit Hills development. His family consists of three married children and thirteen grandchildren. He is grateful to be blessed with children who have their own God honoring families. Danny retired from his family business, Good Transport Services, about five years ago. Founded by his father 80 years ago in 1943, Danny and his brother operated the business for 45 years until his retirement, with one of Danny's sons now at the helm.

### Danny's Vision for Mountville Borough:

To help Mountville remain a quiet, family-friendly community.

## The "GOODS" on Danny Good

### Shows I could binge watch:

- Blue Bloods
- Newsmax

### Things I can't live without:

- Driver's license - I need the mobility
- Christian relationships

### Something you'll always find in my refrigerator/freezer:

- Orange juice
- Ice cream - with mint chocolate chip and black cherry being my favorite flavors.

### Interesting facts:

- As a child I watched Route 441 being built through my family's farm.
- My dad was a poultry broker, so I spent time in my childhood catching chickens.
- I still have my CDL and occasionally make deliveries of bulk feed to farms that raise Bell and Evans chickens.



## Solicitation Permits Are Required

Under Mountville Borough Ordinance, persons soliciting within the Borough are required to obtain a permit through the West Hempfield Police Department. Exceptions include non-profit organizations (e.g. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Lions Club, Rotary, etc.), school children selling items for school, and insurance and real estate agents licensed by the State. Each solicitor must display the permit in a manner visible to those from whom they are soliciting. Solicitation may occur Monday through Saturday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., except by prior appointment. To protect you from unwanted solicitation, if a solicitor at your door does not have the required solicitation identification, please contact the West Hempfield Police Department at 717-285-5191 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, (or at 800-957-2677 after hours), to determine their status.

## Mountville Borough Office Assistant Hired



When you visit the Borough Offices, you will see a new employee, **Marsha Kline**, who joined the staff in December as another part-time office assistant. Marsha's employment history consists of 28 years of

customer service and office management experience in the wastewater and waste management industries.

Marsha grew up in Salunga and is a graduate of Hempfield High School. She lived in Summit Hills for ten years and currently resides in Lower Windsor Township in York County with her husband, Brian Weitzel, and their two cats, Alfred and Henry. She is the proud mother of two grown children, Kati and Chad. In January, Marsha became a first-time grandmother to her grandson, Quincy, and she is looking forward to her role as a grandmother.

Marsha has quite a green thumb and is excited to be starting her own greenhouse this year. She likes to swim and enjoys hosting friends and family at her pool each summer.

She is excited about her responsibilities as an office assistant and is anxious to meet and serve the residents of Mountville Borough. Welcome, Marsha!

## Bidding a Fond Farewell...

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

## ...and a Warm Welcome (Back)

Mountville Borough Council welcomes back **Christine Eshleman** as a member of Council who was appointed to a vacancy on Council in February. Welcome back, Christine!



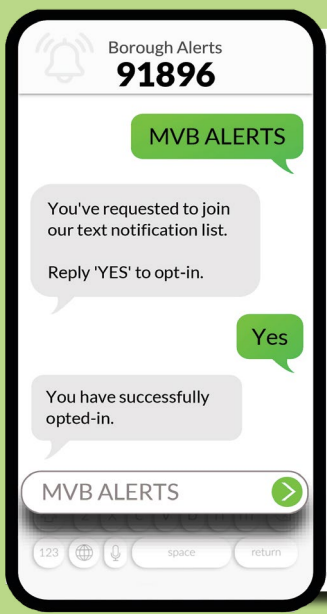
# TextMyGov

Mountville Borough has implemented a new communication text service to keep residents informed with important updates, news and events in the Borough. You can sign up to be notified for All Borough-wide notifications when it is necessary to relay messages for scheduled road work, street closures, street sweeping, trash delays, snow emergencies or other unforeseen/unplanned events. Or you can opt-in to Emergency Only alerts such as emergency road closures, water main breaks or events that are emergency in nature. The purpose of this communication tool is to deliver time-sensitive text updates that could possibly impact your day-to-day life in a timely manner.

For more information on the opt-in process, see below and the **TextMyGov** flyer on our website at [www.mountvilleborough.com/textmygov](http://www.mountvilleborough.com/textmygov).

Mountville Borough **Text Alerts!** **TextMyGov**

Get borough updates sent directly to your phone via text message.



**Sign up to receive borough text message notifications!**

**Get Started,**  
opt-in to any of the following notification lists:

- For All Borough-wide Notifications, text "MVB ALERTS" to 91896
- For Emergency Only Alerts, text "MVB EM" to 91896

\*Message and data rates may apply. Check with your carrier for more details.

## Mountville Days Carnival



The members of the Mountville Fire Company #1 have announced the scheduling of the 2024 Mountville Days Carnival to be held at Froelich Park, 350 West Main Street, May 15th through May 18th. This annual event is the largest fundraiser for the all-volunteer fire company and it has helped support the operations of the Mountville Fire Company over the years.

### Carnival Hours:

Wednesday and Thursday: 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.\*

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

\*Ride-all-night wrist bands will be available for purchase on Wednesday and Thursday nights only.

More information, announcements and directions can be found on the Mountville Fire Company's website or Facebook page.

[Mountvillefire.com/Carnival](http://Mountvillefire.com/Carnival) ■ [facebook.com/mountvillefire](https://facebook.com/mountvillefire)

## “Good Housekeeping” - Not Just a Magazine

To improve the quality of the water that enters the Chesapeake Bay, Mountville Borough is part of the federally and state mandated MS4 Program. The goals of this initiative are to collect stormwater runoff and to reduce the discharge of pollutants into water sources. As stormwater flows across the ground, it picks up lawn fertilizers, pet waste, garbage, soil, lawn clippings and other items that can harm water quality. The Borough is required to reduce water pollution and we need your help! The following “good housekeeping” practices will reduce the volume of stormwater created and prevent pollutants from contaminating stormwater.

### Automobile Maintenance

- Keep vehicles (and any other motorized equipment) serviced regularly.
- Clean up fluid leaks with cat litter and put an absorbent rag or carpet remnant under the leak to absorb the fluid until it is fixed.

### Car Washing

- Take your vehicle to a local car wash that recycles and reuses the wash water and uses non-toxic cleaners.
- If you choose to wash your vehicle at home, park your car on a grassy or pervious area, use a non-toxic soap and minimize the amount of water you use by running the hose only when needed.

### Yard Care and Landscaping

- Choose native grasses and ground coverings as alternatives to conventional turf lawns. Native plants have evolved and originated in our area and require less water, herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers and trimming.
- When fertilization is necessary, use a slow-release fertilizer to avoid excess nutrients running into the water.
- Aerate your lawn to help the soil breathe and promote stronger root systems.
- Raise and keep your lawn mower at a height of three inches.
- Leave mulched grass clippings on your lawn as a natural fertilizer to prevent evaporation which helps to reduce the amount of water you need to use.

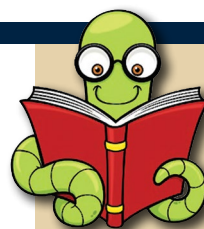
### Reduce Impervious Surfaces

- Limit the amount of impervious surface on your property.
- Replace impervious surfaces with natural, native ground cover or materials that allow rainwater to seep into the ground such as gravel, brick, stepping stones, wood chips or other porous surfaces.
- Direct runoff from impervious areas to pervious ones. For example, direct the downspout from your roof gutter away from your driveway and into a vegetated area such as a swale or garden area.

### Pet Waste

- Take the time to “scoop the poop” and dispose of it properly.
- Pick up pet waste. Flush it down the toilet or put it in the trash.
- Do not put pet waste into storm drains.

REMEMBER: Your everyday choices have a definite impact on our local water resources and will help to protect our water resources for future generations.



## Check It Out...

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

**Friends of the Mountville Branch Plant Sale.** Celebrate spring by shopping at the library-benefit plant sale. The sale will take place on Friday, May 17th, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 18th, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Mountville Church of the Brethren. Cash or checks only!

**Preschool Storytime, most Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** Children ages 3 to 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 aged 12 to 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. Reserve a 15-min. timeslot for your 1st-4th grade reader on our website.

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

*Adventure Begins at Your Library*, and your quest starts on **Saturday, June 1st** when we kick-off our **Summer Reading Program!**

**Scoops Ice Cream & Grille Community Night - Tuesday, August 13th** from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Enjoy dinner and dessert at Scoops and 20% of your food purchase will benefit the Mountville Branch Library!

**Save the date!** The Friends of the Mountville Branch Fall Book Sale will take place September 13th and 14th.

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

## Mountville Museum News

The new spring exhibit at the Mountville Museum, at 120 College Avenue, is titled “Women in Mountville” and features the accomplishments of women in improving the quality of life in our town. In addition to their roles as homemakers and mothers, women have contributed to various areas: business, religion, education, civic and community affairs, culture, military and government service.

An example of an outstanding woman is **Pearl Lobach**, teacher and Mountville School principal, who organized the Mountville Girl Scouts, the first troop in Lancaster County. Pictured here is some Girl Scout memorabilia on display in the exhibit.

The Museum is open to the public free of charge every 2nd and 4th Sunday, May through December, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Special tours can be arranged, by appointment, by contacting the Museum Curator, Elaine Savukas at 717-285-4910.





**We need the community's help!**

Rechargeable batteries found in many common household items can spark and explode when damaged. Fires in garbage trucks and processing facilities are on the rise. Help protect our employees, haulers, property, and community.

**HERE'S WHAT TO DO:**  
**Alkaline Batteries (single-use: AA, AAA, C, D):** Collect in storage bag. Once full, time for disposal.  
**Rechargeable Batteries:** Don't store. Properly dispose of immediately.

**FREE, Proper Disposal:**  
**Lancaster County Residents:** Bring to LCSWMA's Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17603  
 Mon. - Fri. 7:00 am to 4:00 pm; Sat. 7:00 am to 11:00 am  
 Ask your trash collector if they take filled battery bags. If so, place on curb BESIDE trash. Bags are brought to LCSWMA.

**All Counties:**  
 To find rechargeable battery drop-off locations near you: [www.Call2Recycle.org](http://www.Call2Recycle.org)  
 Participating retail collection points include:  
**Home Depot, Lowes & Staples**



**WOODY WASTE DISPOSAL**

West Hempfield Township is now providing flexible access to its Norwood Road Woody Waste facility to Mountville Borough residents. An access card (one per household) must be purchased from the Township. The cost for a card is \$30/year which is valid from the date of purchase to December 31st of the calendar year. Only residential yard waste and woody materials which originate on your own property can be disposed of at the facility. Material deposited may not exceed 8 inches in diameter or 8 feet in length. Grass clippings must be in brown composting bags. The User Agreement form can be found on the Mountville Borough website, under the Trash and Recycling Tab.

For additional information about the program or to apply for an access card, please contact the West Hempfield Township office at 717-285-5554 located at 3476 Marietta Avenue.



**SPRING/SUMMER 2024 DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Yard Waste Separation** .....April 5th - September 27th (**FRIDAY** Pick-up)
- Trash Bill Due Dates** ..... **MONDAY**, April 15th and **MONDAY**, July 15th
- White Goods Pick-up** ..... **FRIDAY**, April 19th and **FRIDAY**, October 18th
- Mountville Days Carnival**..... May 15th - 18th (Froelich Park)
- Mountville Memorial Day Parade**.....Saturday, May 25th - 10:00 a.m.
- Fireworks at Froelich Park**..... Saturday, June 29th at Dusk (Rain Date: Saturday, July 6th)
- National Night Out** ..... Tuesday, August 6th
- Mountville Community Picnic**.....Sunday, August 25th (Mountville Community Park)
- Community Yard Sale**.....Saturday, September 21st (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.*

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



**BOROUGH COUNCIL**

- Steve Mitchell..... *Mayor*
- Philip Kresge..... *President*
- Richard Spiegel ..... *Vice-President*
- Theresa Baker
- Jonah Eastep
- Christine Eshleman
- Daniel Good
- Lenny Heisey

**BOROUGH EMPLOYEES**

- Derrick Millhouse.....*Borough Manager*
- Marsha Kline .....*Office Assistant*
- Doris Reisinger.....*Office Assistant*
- Edward Benner.....*Public Works*
- David Pott.....*Public Works*

**2024 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, May 31st
- July 4th..... Friday, July 5th
- Labor Day ..... Friday, Sept. 6th
- Thanksgiving.....Friday, Nov. 29th
- Christmas ..... Friday, Dec. 27th
- New Year's Day..... Friday, Jan. 3rd

**2024 Street Sweeping Dates**

**April 24th ■ June 12th**  
**September 11th ■ November 6th**

Please use off-street parking beginning at 7:30 a.m. on the day street sweeping is scheduled to take place. In the case of inclement weather, sweeping will take place the following day.