

MILLVALE BULLETIN

Event Calendar

April

- 5th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
- 11th - MCDC Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. - MCC
- 12th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 15th - Millvale Library Fundraiser @ 6:00 p.m.
- MCC
- 22nd - Earth Day CleanSweep @ 10:00 a.m.

May

- 3rd - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
- 6th - May Days Celebration @ 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. - Business District
- 7th - May Days Celebration @ 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Business District
- 9th - MCDC Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. - MCC
- 10th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

June

- 7th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
- 7th - Meditation @ 7:00 p.m. - MRFP
- 13th - MCDC Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. - MCC
- 14th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 14th - Meditation @ 7:00 p.m. - MRFP
- 15th - Millvale Movie Night @ Dusk - GAPP
- 21st - Meditation @ 7:00 p.m. - MRFP
- 22nd - Millvale Movie Night @ Dusk - GAPP
- 28th - Meditation @ 7:00 p.m. - MRFP
- 29th - Millvale Movie Night @ Dusk - GAPP

July

- 5th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
- 5th - Meditation @ 7:00 p.m. - MRFP
- 11th - MCDC Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. - MCC

Council News

Council continually works to establish policies to make Millvale a safe place to live, work and play. In December, the Borough of Millvale adopted an updated Zoning Ordinance in conjunction with our neighbors in Etna and Sharpsburg. This ordinance comes after a four year process of establishing a comprehensive plan and a complete overhaul of the zoning ordinance. Please contact the borough office to confirm if your home or business renovations will require permitting. Also remember, even if your project may not need a building permit, all projects require a zoning permit and a flood plain review by the borough. It is always best to confirm with the borough before starting any project for the local and federal requirements.

For the third year in a row, the Borough of Millvale has been awarded the Banner Community Designation from the Allegheny League of Municipalities. The community is evaluated on commitment to professional development, prudent fiscal management, transparency, accountability and proactive communications to engage community stakeholders. Council is pleased to be recognized for the community's efforts and engagement in moving towards the goals outlined in our comprehensive plan.

Council is happy to announce that the Brown Street Stormwater Project is finished and was possible thanks to a cooperation with the Allegheny County Conservation District. The new work consists of stormwater collection points and a new block wall supporting Brown Street. This repair was funded through the Low Volume Road Program introduced last year through the Conservation District.

New name, same great partner. The Millvale Borough Development Corporation has changed its name to the Millvale Community Development Corporation. As we continue to expand on economic development in the borough, look for projects sponsored by the MCDC. Council welcomes a new organization to the borough, the Business Association of Millvale. BAM is again working to coordinate the May Days Celebration to be held on May 6-7, 2016. Visit our website for additional details.

In the Borough



Event Calendar Continued

July continued...

- 12th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 12th - Meditation @ 7:00 p.m. - MRFP
- 13th - Millvale Movie Night @ Dusk - GAPP
- 19th - Meditation @ 7:00 p.m. - MRFP
- 20th - Millvale Movie Night @ Dusk - GAPP
- 26th - Meditation @ 7:00 p.m. - MRFP
- 27th - Millvale Movie Night @ Dusk - GAPP

August

- 2nd - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
- 2nd - Meditation @ 7:00 p.m. - MRFP
- 8th - MCDC Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. - MCC
- 9th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 9th - Meditation @ 7:00 p.m. - MRFP
- 13th - Brew Fest @ 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.; 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. - MRFP
- 16th - Meditation @ 7:00 p.m. - MRFP
- 17th - Millvale Movie Night @ Dusk - GAPP
- 23rd - Meditation @ 7:00 p.m. - MRFP
- 24th - Millvale Movie Night @ Dusk - GAPP
- 27th - Steel City Mods vs. Rockers @ Noon- 5 p.m., Grant & North Ave.

September

- 6th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
- 10th - Harvest Moon Wine Fest @ 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. - MRFP
- 12th - MCDC Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. - MCC
- 13th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 15th - 17th Millvale Days Celebration

Borough and MCDC offices are closed for the following holidays: 5/30 in observance of Memorial Day; 7/4 in observance of Independence Day; and 9/5 in observance of Labor Day.

A NOTE FROM STATE REP DOM COSTA

Looking forward to spring it's time to mark your calendar for upcoming events I will be holding in my district. Events are always FREE to the public. If you have any questions, please contact my office.

On Friday, April 22nd from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. I will be holding my annual Job Fair at the Ross Community Center. There will be over 50 employers attending that will be hiring in and around the Pittsburgh area. Those attending are encouraged to dress professional and bring several copies of their resume.

My semi-annual Shredding Event will be held on Saturday, May 21st from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at St. Raphael School in Morningside. This is a great opportunity to safely dispose of those important papers you no longer need. All documents are shredded on site.

The 2015 Property Tax/Rent Rebates are now available. If you are 65 years or older, a widow or widower 50 years or older, or a person with a disability age 18 or older, and make \$35,000 or less as a homeowner, or are a renter making \$15,000 or under you most likely qualify for a rebate. ~Remember you only need to include HALF of your Social Security income.~

If you have any questions or need assistance completing the application, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

As always, a representative from my office is available at the Ross Community Center every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to assist you with any state related issues you may have such as Property Tax/Rent Rebates, LIHEAP applications, food stamps, Medicaid, PennDOT, and more. FREE notary services are also available at this site with an appointment.

If you plan to come to the satellite office, you are encouraged to call my district office ahead of time so we can make sure you bring the proper documents with you .

My district office, located at 6808 Greenwood St, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. You are more than welcome to call 412-361-2040, or stop by any time.

Public Works Department News

Stormwater is rain that falls on Millvale's streets, parking areas, parks, rooftops or other developed land. This water picks up and mixes with what is on the ground. This includes oil and grease from vehicles, fertilizers from gardens and yards, bacteria from pet waste, soaps from car washing, and accidental spills. Contaminated water then runs through the municipal storm drain system and drains directly into Girty's Run Creek and the Allegheny River. This untreated water entering our waterways is a risk to our environment.

How to Help Keep Our Waters Clean:

- Dispose of trash in trash cans or by recycling. Do your part by properly disposing of litter you find in the street or on the sidewalk.
- Washing your car in the street or driveway creates a runoff of soap and chemicals that end up in the nearest storm drain. Take your car to a self-service car wash which is designed for special drains for proper disposal.
- One of the best things to do to improve stormwater quality is to plant trees.
- Pick up pet waste. Pet waste can go straight into Girty's Run and the Allegheny River, contaminating the water. Even waste left on sidewalks, streets, and lawns can allow harmful bacteria to make its way to our waters.
- Capture your rain. Green techniques such as rain gardens, rain barrels, and green roofs can reduce stormwater runoff as well as reduce water consumption and lower utility bills.

Note from State Senator Randy Vulakovich

Senator Randy Vulakovich is hosting several Seniors for Safe Driving courses in 2016. This program is available for drivers 55 years of age and older. The benefits of taking the course are becoming a safer driver and receiving a minimum of 5% discount on your auto insurance. No exam will be given and the course is classroom instruction only. The fee for the class is \$16 payable to Seniors for Safe Driving. The class will be held at the Shaler Township Municipal Building located at 300 Wetzel Road, Glenshaw, PA 15116. The two day course for first time participants is being held on July 14 and 15, 2016 from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. A one day refresher course for previous participants who wish to renew their certificate will be held on April 7, 2016 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or September 8, 2016 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 1-800-559-4880 to register for a class or register online at www.sfsd-pa.com.

Senator Randy Vulakovich is also sponsoring a Senior and Disability Resource Expo. The expo will be held on Friday, May 13, 2016 from 10am-1pm at the Springdale Veteran's Association located at 1151 Pittsburgh Street, Springdale, PA 15144. The Expo will feature a variety of informational booths geared toward senior citizens, individuals of all ages with a disability or multiple disabilities and their caregivers. Exhibitors will range from state and federal agencies to non-profit organizations as well as local disability advocacy groups that provide services affecting the health, safety, and welfare of senior citizens and individuals with a disability.

The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments and door prizes will be offered.

For more information on either event, please call 412-487-6600 or go to www.SenatorVulakovich.com.

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Fire Department News

SPRING FIRE SAFETY TIPS

As spring approaches, thoughts turn to cleaning up from the long winter, making repairs around the home and enjoying the outdoors. Keeping a few safety thoughts in mind will help you make your spring experience much more enjoyable.

Inside the Home

- Check and clean your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Check your fire extinguishers
- Check for overloaded or damaged extension cords
- Practice exit drills with your family so everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency
- Properly store household chemicals and never mix cleaning agents

Outside and Around the Yard

- Make sure your address numbers are up and visible from the street
- Clean up yard debris. Cut back dead limbs and grasses
- Check outdoor electrical outlets and other electrical appliances
- Get your grill cleaned and serviced. Check all propane tanks and lines for leaks and damage

In the Garage or Shed

- Clean up and properly store paints, pool and yard chemicals
- Check fuel containers for leaks and make sure they are properly stored

Police Department/Mayor's Note

The Millvale Borough Police Department would like to remind everyone that as we enter into spring, with warmer temperatures, more people will be out walking, biking and enjoying the weather -- especially children. As we enter into spring and summer, here are a few safety tips for all.

When operating a motor vehicle or bicycling, share the road. As a motorist, it is important to remember and respect the fact that bicyclists are permitted by law to operate on roads. Bicyclists, however, by law are not permitted to ride on sidewalks in business districts or whenever a bike lane is available.

However, when you must ride on the sidewalk, exercise caution and remember that pedestrians have the right of way. Bicyclists operating on the roadway must obey all traffic laws, signs and signals and are subject to the same penalties and fines motorists are for failing to do the same.

Wearing proper equipment is encouraged by all bike riders, and Pennsylvania state law states that everyone age 12 and under **MUST** wear a helmet while riding a bicycle. Motorists and bicyclists must ride alertly and should always be scanning their surroundings and assume that they may not be seen.



Chief Derek Miller
Mayor Vince Cinski

Emergency Management

To receive alerts from your local agencies, visit www.nixle.com. You can receive alerts to your phone or e-mail keeping you connected to what matters most. Sign up to follow Millvale Emergency Management.

Community Center/ Pavilion Rentals

The Millvale Community Center (416 Lincoln Ave) and the Riverfront Park Pavilion are perfect for small weddings, bridal / baby showers, christenings, communions, graduation parties, holiday parties, picnics and more. Applications are now available online at www.millvalepa.com.

For rental information and availability, call the Borough office at 412.821.2777. We are available to take your request on Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Code Enforcement

RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Know your codes. Every property owner is responsible for maintaining their property, including sidewalks. Grass is required to be cut and weeds need to be cleared according to Millvale Borough Ordinance No. 2527.

Ordinance No. 2564 requires all dumpsters to have a permit through the Borough. Dumpster permit applications are available in the office or online.

Rental property owners are required to have their rental units inspected every three years. Property owners are required to notify the Borough when tenants change. To schedule an inspection, please call the Code Officer at 412-821-2777. Occupancy permits are also available online.

Zoning Permits are required for any property improvement. Applications are available in the office or online.

The Borough of Millvale has updated its Zoning Ordinance. A complete version is available on the website at www.millvalepa.com.

Residential trash pick-up is on Friday, and trash may only be placed out at 5:00 p.m. the night before. Trash must be in sealed bags AND placed in a container with a secured lid in place. Placing trash out any earlier or not in secured containers may result in fines.

To dispose of televisions or computer monitors, please contact At Your Door at 1-800-449-7587 to schedule a pick up. Waste Management is not able to pick up these items on regular trash days.

Any questions, contact Jim Tunstall, Code Enforcement Officer, at 412-821-2777 extension 3135 or at codetunstall@millvaleboro.com.

For additional information not contained in this newsletter, visit the Millvale Borough Website at www.millvalepa.com.

Ordinances To Remember

Ordinance No. 2573, Burning Ordinance, amended the burning guidelines in accordance with Allegheny County Health Department regulations. Please review these before you have any type of recreational fire.

Ordinance No. 2572, Abandoned Motor Vehicles, regulates vehicles which can be left on public streets or stored on private property.

Ordinance No. 2571, Sidewalk Ordinance, regulates the care and maintenance of sidewalks within the borough.

Ordinance No. 2566, Floodplain Ordinance, regulates the construction and development in the floodplain. All property improvements in the Floodplain require a Floodplain Permit.

Ordinance No. 2576, Zoning Ordinance, regulates how zones can be used and for what purposes, and also regulates lot size, placement, bulk and the height of structures.

Failure to obtain any type of permit will result in work stoppage until all permit requirements are met. Please contact the Borough office at 412-821-2777 prior to beginning any project to determine which permits are needed. All improvements will require a Zoning Permit. Please Contact Ed Figas, Zoning Officer, at 412-821-2777 extension 3136.

MCDC News



2016 MCDC Board

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SAVE THE DATE:

August 13, 2016: Brew Fest
2 sessions available
1 p.m.-4 p.m. and 5 p.m. -8 p.m.
September 10, 2016: Harvest
Moon Wine Festival
5 p.m.-8 p.m.
Both events held at Millvale
Riverfront Park

The goal of the MCDC is to stabilize, revitalize and rejuvenate Millvale's neighborhoods, through the development of housing, businesses and skills of individuals. The MCDC recognizes the collaboration of the diverse talents and skills of people within the community as an integral part of the process.

MBDC is now MCDC

The Millvale Borough Development Corporation has officially changed their name to the Millvale Community Development Corporation; the Corporation's new acronym is MCDC.

So why the change? The name change has been discussed for several years and a variety of reasons have been discussed including; use of the term Borough, movement from an event based organization to a true property development corporation and other mitigating factors resulting in the change.

What has changed? The MCDC intends to focus more on the Community as a whole. As Millvale grows, wonderful businesses and organizations are taking root in the community and the MCDC will support and foster as needed. For example, the Business Association of Millvale (BAM) is a Standing Committee of the MCDC, BAM operates under the Corporation's by-laws but specifically to promote and grow Millvale businesses. The Gardens of Millvale (GOM) is a similar Committee of the MCDC, operating within the framework of the Corporation. The GOM sponsors events and programming through memberships and grant funds.

This does not sound like much of a change. Will I even notice? Yes and No. The MCDC will be working on larger development projects (so yes, you will notice) such as the Food Hub at 524 Grant, the Cobblestone Hotel and development of Millvale Studios and eventually residential rehabilitation. Years of significant disinvestment had compromised Millvale businesses and community pride, but Millvale is now on the cusp of a major revitalization and the MCDC is better prepared to aid the government, businesses and organizations as needed. Events and programs such as the Great Millvale Egg Hunt and Halloween Parade will continue but will be organized through organizations such as the Millvale Community Library, Northern Area Boys and Girls Club, local churches, BAM and other community organizations with financial and organizational support from the MCDC (will not notice any change here).

Will the MCDC still work with the Borough of Millvale? Absolutely. The Borough of Millvale (our local government) has been a great partner through the years, and we will continue to sustain and grow the relationship, which is mutually beneficial to both the Borough and MCDC.

Meetings for the MCDC are held at 5:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month. Check www.millvalepa.com for the 2016 MCDC schedule.

The MCDC is a stand-alone, non-profit economic development corporation. The MCDC raises funds through events, memberships and grant funding. Consider joining the MCDC in 2016.



SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School District News Kindergarten registration

Shaler Area School District is accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2016-2017 school year now.

Registrations require the following items: two proofs of residency (i.e. utility bill or driver's license. Cell phone statements are not acceptable.), the child's original birth certificate, and a current copy of their immunization record.

Kindergarten registrations will be accepted at the District Administration Office, 1800 Mt. Royal Blvd, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information about Shaler Area Schools or to print a registration packet, visit www.sasd.k12.pa.us. For specific registration questions, call 412-492-1200 ext 2813.

Shaler Area STEAM Summer Camp

Shaler Area School District will host its annual STEAM Summer Camp Monday to Thursday, June 13-16, at the Shaler Area Elementary School, 700 Scott Avenue.

The camp welcomes students who just completed grades 3 to 7, to take part in engaging, interactive and educational sessions from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Students can choose from sessions that focus on STEAM subjects and include topics such as robotics with Lego Mindstorms-based robots or science exploration in Shaler Area Elementary's IKS Titan, spaceship simulator.

Additional information and registration information will be posted on the district's website www.sasd.k12.pa.us this spring.

Summer feeding program

For the second year, Shaler Area School District is participating in the free Summer Food Service Program sponsored by the National School Lunch Program.

Free meals will be provided to all children, age 18 and younger, without registration or charge at various locations throughout the Shaler Area community.

Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

The meal distribution sites and times will be posted on the Shaler Area website, www.sasd.k12.pa.us, or interested participants can call 1-866-3-HUNGRY to find the nearest location.



There is SO much happening at the **Millvale Community Library** this summer!

Free Lunch will be provided for kids 18 and under, between 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., **Tuesdays through Fridays**.

All activities are **FREE**, and open to children ages 18 and under.

- **Saturday, June 4** is our Summer Kick-off celebration -- Join us throughout the day for activities, food and on-going registration for our summer programming and camps.
- **June 7, 8 & 9** and **July 26, 27 & 28** are drop-in Mystery Making weeks at the Millvale Community Library...who knows what Miss Nora will have in store!
- **Every Friday - June 10 through August 19**, is Fiber Friday!
- **Saturday, August 20**, is our End-of-Summer Celebration and Showcase. Everyone is invited to celebrate and see what our makers have been up to all summer. Activities, snacks and all-day fun!

For more information or to register for summer camps and activities, visit us on the web at www.millvalelibrary.org or in person at 213 Grant Avenue, Millvale. You can also call us at 412-822-7081

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 15, 2016 - 6:00 p.m. for a fundraising event at the Millvale Community Center

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Go Green and Subscribe to our online newsletter

Attend a Council Meeting, see the schedule inside!

Did you know that the Borough of Millvale has been named
a Banner Community for three years in a row?

Did you know that the Borough of Millvale now has
an active business owners group called the Business
Association of Millvale (BAM)?

Find out More Inside!

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