

MILLVALE BULLETIN

Event Calendar

December

3rd - Millvale Yuletide Tour @ 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Tree Lighting - Business District @ 5:30 p.m.

Yuletide Christmas Party @ 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

- MCC

(Pre-register with Northern Area Boys & Girls Club at 100 Howard Street or online at "Millvale's Yuletide Christmas Carnival" event page on Facebook)

4th - Mayor and Council Senior Holiday Lunch -

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - MCC

6th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.

12th - MCDC - @ 5:30 p.m. - MCC

13th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.

Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

14th - Borough and MCDC Offices close at 2

p.m.

January

3rd - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.

9th - MCDC - @ 5:30 p.m. - MCC

10th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.

Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

February

7th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.

13th - MCDC - @ 5:30 p.m. - MCC

14th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.

Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

March

7th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.

13th - MCDC - @ 5:30 p.m. - MCC

14th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.

Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Borough and MCDC offices are closed for the following holidays: 11/24 & 11/25 in observance of Thanksgiving, 12/23-12/26 in observance of Christmas and 1/2/17 in observance of New Years' Day



Millvale recognized as a Platinum certified sustainable municipality

Millvale is the first borough and the fourth municipality in Pennsylvania to earn Platinum Certification (highest performance level) through the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification program. The municipality completed

the program's rigorous assessment/checklist which tracks 131 policies and practices that define a sustainable community. In order to achieve Platinum, a municipality must provide justification in the form of web links to supporting publically available material located on the municipal website for at least 90% of their certification claims.

Millvale stands out as a leading Sustainable Community by demonstrating their commitment to the performance program's certification criteria in areas of both policy and practice. The municipality's adherence to sustainability in operations, management, and provision of public services is apparent through many actions; a small sampling of which includes:

- A balanced taxation approach covering all sectors of borough services, open civic engagement, public participation and transparency in all areas of government.
- The borough utilizes Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreements (ICA) to engage in multi-municipal endeavors with neighboring communities, as well as continuing to adopt sustainability policies, goals, and principles.
- The Gardens of Millvale is an active community production garden.
- The borough, along with its municipal neighbors Sharpsburg and Etna, have created a working comprehensive plan.
- The borough, along with the Millvale Community Development Corporation and Millvale Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, have worked together to create shared roadways and a "Share the Road" education campaign.

These are only a small sample of the many practices, operations and projects that have contributed to Millvale's success. The borough is continuously looking for ways to advance its sustainability practices.

The Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification is intended to bring recognition to municipalities that are applying the policy and practice of sustainability as their way of operating in order to advance community prosperity. It also serves as a mechanism for sharing best practices for creating a more sustainable Pennsylvania. "Municipalities that earn the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification are standouts in demonstrating adherence to best practices that elevate them as communities of choice to live, work, and play. Commitment to continuous improvement is at the heart of sustainability and the certification program is a means to accelerate municipal performance," said Court Gould, Executive Director, Sustainable Pittsburgh.

In the Borough



Public Works Department News

With fall now here, we ask that owners of trees please clean up the leaf litter from your tree as they tend to gather around storm sewer inlets and impede access for water drainage in that area. And as we know, winter is just around the corner.

Remember, it is illegal to shovel or blow snow into borough streets. Keep storm sewer inlets free and clear from snow blockage. Water can back up onto the street which will cause frozen conditions to occur on the street. Please remember it is the residents' responsibility to keep their sidewalk clear and passable.

You will notice salt bins placed throughout the borough, these are for emergency use only. They are placed there for when cars are stuck, not for personal use for clearing sidewalks.

When shoveling snow, please remember do not block the fire hydrants. Packed snow around a fire hydrant makes it impossible to utilize the hydrant. As an added assist to the fire crews, when every second counts, keep a three foot clearance shoveled around a fire hydrant. This provides the quickest access for the volunteer firefighters.

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 Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sustainable Millvale Updates

We have been hard at work hosting community meetings on air quality and education workshops on energy efficiency.

On November 16th, residents and business owners got together to learn about the Millvale Library's Air Quality monitoring initiatives, and provided feedback on how to help our residents avoid the harmful impacts of pollution. Participants also got to learn about planned future development for the Millvale Riverfront. Attending community meetings like this has been one of the ways Millvale residents have been making their voice heard beyond the elections!

On November 30th, we welcome you to join us at the Boys & Girls Club for an energy efficiency workshop! Families in attendance will get an energy efficiency kit to help them save their energy at home! Visit the Millvale Community Library Facebook page to register. Do it soon because spots are limited!

A Note From State Rep Dom Costa

Please spread the word that I am hosting a FREE Financial Aid Night for students and parents on Thursday, December 8th, 2016 at 6:30pm at the Morningside VFW located at 1820 Morningside Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

High school students and their parents are encouraged to attend this informative session to get a better understanding of the financial aid process and how to best begin planning to fund their higher education. A student aid expert from PHEAA will be available to provide information and answer any of your questions. Please feel free to call our office for more information 412-361-2040

With it being the end of the year I am looking forward to everyone enjoying their Holidays and wishing you all a Prosperous New Year!



We are pleased to share that another Millvale Days is in the books for 2016. The weather was great, and our new music line up, the car cruise and parade were all a huge success. The participation of the businesses and the residents of the town were incredible.

Congratulations to The Business Association of Millvale, better known as BAM, for being the parade Grand Marshal for 2016.

Thanks to our Public Works Department and office staff for the great job they did leading up to and continuing throughout the festivities. Our Police Department did great work patrolling and handling the safety of our streets.

A special thank you to Mike Speranzo and the staff at Mr. Smalls, their participation and expertise were invaluable to the success of the Millvale Days music venue.

At October's public meeting, council took action to officially designate Thursday, September 14th through Saturday, September 16th the 2017 Millvale Days. So mark your calendar for next year.

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Fire Department News

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need you! Millvale Volunteer Fire Department is looking for volunteers. Becoming a member of a volunteer fire department is more than preparing to fight fires. There are many other functions and responsibilities that you can volunteer to help with such as fund raising, office work, maintaining and cleaning equipment, and washing vehicles — all are an important part of running a volunteer fire department. Stop by the station and ask how you can volunteer!

LOTTERY CALENDARS

The Millvale VFD is currently holding their annual lottery calendar fundraiser. Calendars are \$25 and are available from any fire department member. Winners are based off of the PA Daily lottery. Checks for winning numbers are mailed monthly to the winners. We thank you for supporting Millvale VFD!

Winter Tips from the National Fire Protection Association

- Connect no more than THREE strands of mini light sets.
- Two of every five home decoration fires are started by candles. Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns.
- Live Christmas tree fires are not common, but when they do occur they are dangerous. Keep your tree watered every day and away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Always use flame retardant ornaments and U.L. approved lights on your trees. Always remove your tree before it starts to dry.
- Always remember your evacuation route and practice it routinely with your family.

Police Department/Mayor's Note

With the holiday season almost upon us, I would like to remind our citizens of a few things:

- Please be careful to keep your doors and windows locked.
- When you leave your home, it is not a good idea to keep your blinds open if you have lots of wrapped presents placed in view from your doors or windows.
- Keep your car doors locked up and if you have packages in the car, put them in the trunk or cover them up. A thief usually moves on to easier targets if they cannot see items in plain view.
- When you head out to the mall, carry purses over your shoulder instead of loosely in your hands.
- When walking back to your vehicle, if it seems someone is watching you head back inside and ask security to escort you to your vehicle.
- When hanging decorations, make sure the electrical cords are in good working order and watch the placement of decorations that can become hot.
- Also, make sure all of your smoke detectors have fresh batteries and are in good working order.
- Please take the time to check on elderly neighbors or any neighbors that live alone throughout the holiday season. Depression is a very real and complex illness and those suffering with depression have greater difficulty during the holiday season.

The Millvale Police Department has a policy of each officer conducting a one hour park-n-walk for each officer on each shift. We will concentrate a great deal during the holiday season in the business district. Please take the time to say hello to the officers and engage them when you see them on the streets.

Also, if you feel you need more of a police presence on your streets, please feel free to call Chief Miller or myself and request officers to conduct foot patrols.

The Millvale Police Department wishes all of the residents of Millvale a very happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

Chief Miller
Deputy Chief Komoroski
Mayor Vince Cinski





Code Enforcement

RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

With the winter season approaching, remember that snow and ice must be removed within 48 hours. Ordinance No. 2571 requires property owners and tenants to maintain their sidewalks year round. A reminder to those residents who live on Evergreen Avenue, if you have sidewalks on North Avenue you are required to maintain those as well. Additionally, any sidewalk repair requires a permit under this ordinance.

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.

For new businesses looking to open in the Borough, a zoning permit application is required to be approved before the business opens.

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

New Borough Ordinances have been passed regarding permitting and flood zones. Please remember to contact the Borough before starting any project to obtain the proper permits.

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:

December 3:
Yuletide Holiday Tour

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.

MCDC Updates

As we prepare to turn the page on another year, the MCDC fondly looks back on 2016, which will be remembered as a year of progress for the MCDC, progress in terms of function and renewal.

Work on 524 Grant Avenue is close to complete; the building is expected to open before the end of the year and features two commercial spaces that have already been leased. With an open floor plan, local artist designs, public space access and flexible indoor and outdoor area, the building will be a cornerstone of future development moving forward.

The first floor tenant space will be occupied by Tazza D'Oro Café and Espresso Bar. Tazza D'Oro in Italian means "cup of gold". Tazza D'Oro swung open its doors in Highland Park on June 23, 1999; in 2010, they opened their second location at CMU.

Tazza D'Oro loves coffee, loves bicycles and loves creating community centered on a carefully crafted cup of coffee or espresso. Through extensive training and a professional certification program, as well as skills and dedication to the craft of coffee and espresso, the baristi of Tazza D'Oro have enabled them to be recognized as one of the best espresso bars in Pittsburgh. Tazza D'Oro uses Counter Culture roasted beans and carefully prepares some of the finest coffee available, sourcing food and milk from local, independent vendors and farms. Tazza D'Oro will eventually offer a variety of pre-made foods and soups as well as produce, meats, dairy products and unique food products.

Additionally, Ton Pottery is planning to open in the MCDC owned 220 North Avenue. Ton Pottery is a Ceramics Teaching Studio, which offers adults and kids classes in hand building and wheel throwing, along with workshops, baby and me time for parents of young children and open studio time for the more advanced student. Ton Pottery will also feature a small retail shop featuring a few choice potters from the Western Pennsylvania area. Ton Pottery has a goal to create a vibrant teaching space. Ton's mission is to create a community of potters young and old, to instill a want to congregate and create in a well-equipped studio.

Millvale Studios at 216 North Avenue continues to add artists, if you are interested in studio space contact Mark Panza at panzagallery@mac.com.

The Business Association of Millvale (BAM) continues to grow and offer tremendously successful events including May Days, Halloween Trick or Treat and the upcoming Yuletide Celebration and Tree Lighting. BAM also offers businesses a chance to meet on a regular basis and combine resources to attract shoppers to Millvale.

BAM will reorganize along with the MCDC in early January. Meetings for the MCDC are typically held at 5:30 the second Monday of each month, BAM meets quarterly following the regular MCDC meeting. Check www.millvalepa.com for the 2017 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 2017.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE MCDC!

Council News



Pictured (L to R) are: Amy Rockwell, Borough Manager; Jim Machajewski, Council President; Lisa Seel, Library Executive Director; Sara Jane Lowry, Library Board Vice President; Maria Christina,

North Hills Community Outreach Millvale Outreach Manager; Mayor Vince Cinski

Throughout the Borough, residents and organizations are working together to make our town cleaner, greener, and healthier. The Henry L. Hillman Foundation recently provided a \$320,000 grant to the Millvale Community Library in continued support of these efforts. \$89,000 of these funds were recently presented to the Borough of Millvale to pay for new solar panels and better roof access at the Community Center.

As a part of the program, 10 teenagers from Millvale will learn about solar power and jobs, while other children will work with the library maker program to create a piece of public art celebrating solar energy. The Borough and Library partnership project will be completed and celebrated by Earth Day on April 22, 2017. Stay tuned for celebration details.



Shaler Area School District News

High School Spring Musical

Shaler Area High School will present the yet-unannounced spring musical for two weekends in March.

The performances will be 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 3-4 and March 10-11, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 5, at the high school auditorium, located at 381 Wible Run Road.

Tickets are \$10 for reserve seating or \$7 for general admission. Residents with a Silver Titan Pass receive general admission tickets for free. Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door. For more information, contact the high school activities office at 412-492-1200 Press 8 and ext. 1530.

Winter Concert Series

Shaler Area School District Music Department presents the annual Winter Concert Series starting December 2016 through January 2017. All performances are open to the public.

Details are available on the Shaler Area School District Website on the calendar at <http://www.sasd.k12.pa.us/>



- The Millvale Community Library has been serving the Borough of Millvale since 2013, and is a full-service, public library that is part of the Allegheny County Library Association (ACLA).
- A FREE library card is available to all and gives members access to not only the Millvale Community Library's collection, but to over 45 libraries in Allegheny County, including the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. The card also gives members access to a wide variety of free electronic resources (such as magazines, e-books, and reference materials), free programs and events, and a comfortable atmosphere with free wi-fi!
- Tupelo Honey Teas is attached to Millvale Community Library, and has a variety of teas and food available for purchase.
- Our sustainability efforts help to create a better Millvale for all residents! Our Nurture Nature Family Camps happen two times each month, and cover topics such as air and water quality. Families can learn how to make their environments safer and healthier.
- All of our programming is FREE and open to the public. Although some of our programs may require prior registration, we welcome everyone to enjoy our programs. We have special programs for families, children of all ages, and adults. Please see our website, www.millvalelibrary.org for a complete listing of our offerings, including special events like local author visits, our open mic nights at Grist House Brewing, and community meetings.

Since times and details are subject to change, always check for additional events and details on our website: www.millvalelibrary.org. Or, you can call the Millvale Community Library at 412.822.7081. You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

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Officers from the Millvale Police Department will once again join police from across Allegheny County in collecting presents for the patients of Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Through the efforts of Presents from Police children who won't be able to go home for the holiday will be delivered presents collected by these special elves in blue. Presents from Police was founded by Officer David Nemec of the Aspinwall Police Department and other surrounding departments. Unwrapped toys can be dropped off at Millvale Borough offices during office hours from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm until December 19, 2016. For further information please refer to their Facebook page or www.presentsfrompolice.org.