

MILLVALE BULLETIN

Event Calendar

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

October

- 4th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
 10th - MCDC Harvest Dinner @ 5:30p.m. - MCC
 11th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
 Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
 31st - Halloween Main Street Trick or Treat - 6 p.m. - MCL

November

- 1st - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
 7th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
 Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
 8th - Election Day
 11th - Veterans' Day
 14th - MCDC Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. - MCC

December

- 2nd - Millvale Yultide Tour (all day) & Tree Lighting - Business District @ 5:30 p.m.
 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.
 22nd - Borough & MCDC offices close at Noon
 Borough and MCDC offices are closed for the following holidays: 9/5 in observance of Labor Day, 11/24 & 11/25 in observance of Thanksgiving and 12/23-12/26 in observance of Christmas.

Council News

Millvale Borough, along with Shaler Area School District, Etna Borough and Allegheny County, will be participating in the Tri-Cog Land Bank. Laws passed in 2012 allow municipalities to join together to set up public agencies which are designed to obtain blighted properties, repair and maintain them and return the properties to the tax rolls. The Tri-Cog Land Bank will consist of twenty-one municipalities and seven school districts in Allegheny County. Council extends its thanks to the Shaler Area School District for supporting this program on behalf of Millvale and Etna Boroughs. This program will help our communities address vacant and abandoned properties and strengthen and protect our tax base for years to come.

The Borough has designated an area by the gazebo at the Riverfront Park to be the future home of a natural play space which is intended to honor Jim Porter, our former Chief of Police and Council President. The borough has applied for funds through the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to start the project and continues to work on other funding. Earlier this year a public meeting was held allowing residents and, most importantly, Millvale's children to participate in the planning process. We are awaiting notice if the grant will be awarded.

Mark your calendars! Millvale Days will be held on September 15, 16 and 17, 2016. We will begin our events with the car cruise on Thursday night, KSWA wrestling on Friday and Saturday, and the parade Saturday morning at 11:00. Come on out for a family fun time!



MILLVALE DAYS 2016
 SEPTEMBER 15, 16, 17
 Parade, Car Cruise, Rides, Music, Food & Fun

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In the Borough



Public Works Department News

The Borough keeps discussing MS4 programs and stormwater controls, but many do not know how this affects you as property owners. MS4 stands for "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System" and is part of the Clean Water Act. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection is implementing a new permit to meet new federal regulation to attempt to make stormwater cleaner. The permit requires municipalities to implement a stormwater management program. The program is focused on six goals:

- **Public education** The Borough includes articles in the newsletter, such as this, as well as posters to community organizations and businesses.
- **Public involvement** Distribute a flyer, pamphlet or website that includes general information of the stormwater plan.
- **Illicit discharge detection and elimination** Map all outfalls in the community. Conduct field screening of at least 20% of the outfalls each year to determine illicit discharges. Remove or correct the illicit discharge.
- **Construction site stormwater management** Addresses the education of developers and contractors of the enforced stormwater management codes.
- **Post construction stormwater runoff management** Addresses the management of codes dealing with stormwater runoff after construction is complete.
- **Good housekeeping and pollution prevention** Comprehensive pollution prevention program for municipal operations.

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.

Sustainable Millvale Updates

Library's Teen Solar Fellows Program

Are you a Millvale teen interested in learning about how solar energy works, gaining job experience installing solar panels, and making \$100?

Join the Millvale Library's Solar Fellows Program! For more information visit the Library and ask to speak to Lisa or Zaheen.

PennFuture Solar Tour

Speaking of Solar, join us at the Library on October 1st from 12-4pm to learn more about the solar installation at the Library, and what's around the corner for Millvale! After party at Grist House!

Thanks to volunteers!

Thanks to the over 200 volunteers who have helped Millvale become cleaner, greener, and more sustainable. If you or your family are interested in volunteering, visit the Library to find out how!

A Note From State Rep Dom Costa

September 24th 2016 - Children's Safety Event

On Saturday, September 24th, I will be holding my annual Children's Safety Event at the Dougherty Veterans baseball field in Etna (27 Crescent Ave, 15223) from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. From emergency services to various government and local agencies, we will have many representatives on hand with information, activities, and demonstrations to teach the children safety in various aspects of life, such as fire safety, bike safety, car safety, etc. There will be car seat checks and fingerprinting on site as well. There will also be numerous emergency service vehicles for the children to explore, door prizes, appearances by local mascots, a bounce house, and much more! Lunch will also be provided. This is sure to be a very fun and educational day!!

September 29th 2016 - Senior Fair

Our annual Senior Fair will be held on Thursday, September 29th at the Ross Township Community Center from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Seniors are encouraged to come out and get valuable information from numerous agencies about different programs and benefits they may qualify for. The event is free, there will be give-a-ways available during the event, and chances to win door prizes. Flu and Pneumonia shots will be available with your Medicare Part B or insurance cards. Some of the agencies attending are the Pennsylvania Mobile Veteran Service Van, the PA Office of Consumer Advocate, Social Security, the Aging Institute of UPMC, Port Authority, Better Business Bureau, different utility companies, healthcare agencies, home and assisted care agencies, and many, many more. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

October 8th 2016- Fall Shredding Event

My next Shredding Event will take place in the parking lot of the Cherry City Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, October 8th from 9:00 a.m. until 11 a.m. Bring all of the documents you no longer need that contain personal information, including Social Security numbers, credit card numbers, bank account numbers, etc. All paper will be shredded on site. There will be a 5 box (average size) limit. Boxes and/or containers will be given back to the event attendees as we have no way to dispose of them. NO business shredding will be accepted at this event.

- WE CANNOT ACCEPT: Phone Books, Spiral Notebooks, Binders, floppy discs, CD/DVDs, Bound Books or Magazines, Steel Binder Clips, Steel ACCO Fasteners, and other hard metal or plastic materials.

- Iron City Workplace Services cannot operate the mobile shredding equipment in the rain due to the risk of damage to them. If there is inclement weather on the day of a scheduled event, Iron City will determine whether or not the equipment can be operated. If it is raining on the day of the event, please call our office at 412-361-2040 and listen to the voicemail to see if the event will be taking place.

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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!

SAFETY TIPS FOR FALL

As fall approaches, it's time for a reminder about fire safety:

- Remember to check all window and door locks for proper operation.
- Review your fire escape plan with your family.
- Have a heating professional check your heating system and replace your filter.
- Inspect and clean the covers of your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms when you change the batteries.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Halloween Safety: Remember to do the following when dressing the kids for Halloween

- Keep candles and jack-o-lanterns away from areas where children can brush against them.
- Avoid baggy or oversized costumes to prevent contact with candles or open flame.
- Use costumes made with flame-resistant fabrics.

Police Department/Mayor's Note

As I'm sure most everyone has read or have experienced, there is a current opioid / heroin epidemic that is sweeping the boroughs, towns and cities in our country. Millvale has not escaped this epidemic.

While we are not unique and have not been touched any more than any of our neighboring communities, we would be doing the citizens of Millvale an injustice if we refused to confront or talk about this issue. First, we have to understand that once someone is in the grasp of this evil drug, heroin, they have a disease. Heroin is an equal opportunity drug and it effects every social, economic, race and age group. The disease of addiction is no different than any other chronic condition that requires a lifetime of treatment and maintenance.

While the person who purchases and uses heroin has committed an illegal act they are usually doing so to not suffer the effects of withdrawal from the drug. I spent many years working off duty as security in a methadone clinic that served over one thousand patients. After speaking to many that are addicted, I truly believe that if most every one of them could go back to the day they first used the drug, they would change their decision. If you are a parent, spouse, friend or relative of an addict, please understand you are in for a tough battle with this evil drug but your loved one CAN be successful in controlling the addiction.

If you are an addict, please do not give up the fight. Even if you have failed 50 times in recovery, 51 may be the time you succeed. The Millvale Police Department has been trained and are very vigilant in fighting this battle and we will continue to arrest those involved with this illegal drug. Our officers are now trained and equipped with NARCAN, a drug that saves thousands of people that have overdosed on opioids / heroin, but it must be administered immediately.

Anyone that is with someone who has overdosed, please call 911 immediately. Our priority is saving the life of the person who has overdosed not making an arrest. Those arrested for possession will be worked with through the District Court and District Attorney so they have the opportunity to receive treatment.

Those who peddle this evil drug to our citizens on our streets, understand we will not stop until you are arrested and we prosecute you to the fullest extent of the law. If anyone observes possible illegal narcotic activity in Millvale, Chief Miller and I want to hear from you. We will do everything in our power to make those who profit from the sale of this poison understand they are not welcome in our town. Thank you, and as always feel free to contact us if we can be of any assistance.

Chief Miller

Deputy Chief Komoroski

Mayor Vince Cinski





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.

For new businesses looking to open in the Borough, a zoning permit application is required to be filled out 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:

September 10, 2016: Harvest
Moon Wine Festival
5 p.m.-8 p.m.
Event 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.

MCDC Updates

For those of you who are new to Millvale (or not) the Millvale Community Development Corporation (MCDC) is a community volunteer organization. Our meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend to get involved or to find out the latest of what's is happening in our community.

The 10th Annual Millvale Brew Fest was held on August 13th and was once again a success attracting over 1,000 visitors. The MCDC is now busy getting ready for the Millvale Harvest Moon Wine Festival. Tickets are on sale and are going quickly! If you would like to buy tickets you may purchase them online. The wine festival will be held September 10th. Check the Millvale website for more information. www.millvalepa.com.

Anyone that travels through Millvale has seen the big changes that are happening to the corner building at North and Grant Avenues. It's exciting to see how beautiful a neglected building can become. The fantastic balconies were crafted by former Millvale resident and business owner, Peter Lambert.

Once complete, this building will house Tazza D'Oro Espresso Bar & Cafe on the first floor. The second floor will house the MCDC office, and New Sun Rising's Launch Millvale: A Food Incubator Program - sponsoring startup food businesses.

We are excited to welcome Tazza D'Oro's business and New Sun Rising's program to our community. A grand opening celebration is being planned for October so keep watch for further information.

Millvale Studios continues to lease space to artists, and will soon have a gallery and event area thanks to manager, Mark Panza, resident and owner of Panza Gallery. Ton Pottery, owned and operated by Dan Kuhn, is a new business next to the Millvale Studios that is scheduled to open in the fall. The renovated building will include retail space and a working/teaching studio. Welcome, Dan!

The community at large is also working to organize and plan a Millvale Arts Festival for October 9...and a Millvale Music Festival sometime next year.

The Bike and Pedestrian Committee has been working to make the Borough safer for bicyclists and pedestrians alike by creating signage to encourage all motorists to share the road with bicyclists. Another idea that is being investigated is improving crosswalks with better visibility.

The MCDC is very pleased to soon welcome world-renowned, California-based artist, Seyed Alavi to Millvale for the Placemaking and Temporary Public Art Program. Seyed has been chosen to work within our community to create a temporary art project thanks to the generosity of Neighborhood Allies and The Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council. The MCDC, Millvale Community Library and The Society to Preserve the Millvale Murals of Maxo Vanka have worked together for months with Neighborhood Allies and The Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council to bring this wonderful artistic opportunity to Millvale. Let the fun begin...you're gonna love Seyed!



Shaler Area School District News

Shaler Area Homecoming

Date: Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016

Time: Parade at 10:30 a.m.; picnic at noon; game at 1:30 p.m.

Location: Mount Royal Blvd. for the parade and Shaler Area Middle School campus and Titan Stadium for the picnic and game.

Details: Shaler Area School District will celebrate Homecoming 2016 with their annual parade, picnic and homecoming game. The parade will include floats, banners and district organizations representing this year's theme "Happily Ever After." See the district website for more information: <http://www.sasd.k12.pa.us>

SAEF Family Wellness 5K Run/Walk

Date: Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016

Time: 6:30-8 a.m. registration at Kiwanis Park; Race starts at 8 a.m. before the Homecoming parade

Details: Shaler Area students, alumni and community members are invited to participate in the inaugural Shaler Area Education Foundation Family Wellness 5K Run/Walk to raise money for educational programs at Shaler Area. See the foundation website for more information:

<http://www.sasd.k12.pa.us/SAEducationFoundation.aspx>

A Note From State Senator Randy Vulakovich

Seniors for Safe Driving

One Day Refresher for previous participants

September 8, 2016

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Shaler Township Municipal Building

300 Wetzel Road

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. Call 1-800-559-4880 to register for a class or register online at www.sfsd-pa.com.

Senior Expo - September 16, 2016

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Allison Park Church, Hampton

2326 Duncan Avenue

State Senator Randy Vulakovich and State Representative Hal English will be cohosting their annual Senior Expo. The Expo will be host to a variety of informational booths geared toward senior citizens and their families or caregivers. Exhibitors will range from state and federal agencies to local non-profit organizations that provide services affecting the health, safety and welfare of senior citizens. Light refreshments will be provided and the event is free to residents of the community. Free health screenings will be provided and a fraud presentation will be offered. In addition, every effort will be made to provide free flu vaccinations to senior citizens age 65 and over, supplies and time permitting. Please be prepared to provide your Medicare card to the pharmacist. For details regarding the event or vaccine availability please contact the office of Senator Vulakovich at 412-487-6600 or the office of Representative English at 412-487-6605.

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



Special Events at the Millvale Community Library this Fall

Adult Maker Programs

Select Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (9/3, 10/8, 11/5, 12/3)

Millvale MASH at Grist House
Second Monday of Every Month,
7:30 p.m. -10:30 p.m.

Britsburgh in Millvale

9/9: Beatrix Potter Story Time
and Tea Party - 10:30 a.m.

9/10: Millvale Tea Party - 10:00 a.m.
Harry Potter Party at the
Library - 12:00 p.m.

Millvale Days: Kidzone at the
Millvale Library
9/17: Begins after the parade.

Local Author Series

Michael Moran

9/24: Begins at 1:00 p.m.

Local Author Series

TBD

10/29: Begins at 1:00 p.m.

Community-wide Halloween

Party at the MCL!

10/31: Begins at 5:30 p.m.

Local Author Series

TBD

11/12: Begins at 1:00 p.m.

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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It is almost time for our Annual Millvale Days Celebration. This year, our community event will be held on September 15, 16 and 17. The Annual Car Cruise will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2016 from 6:00-9:00. Cruise Line up will begin at 6:00 at the Bauerstown Fire Hall. Voting and awards will take place on Grant and North Avenues. Keystone State Wrestling Alliance will be here Friday evening, September 16 as well as Saturday afternoon, September 17. As always there will be rides and games and the annual parade which will begin at 11:00 am on Saturday, September 17.

Hours of operation are Thursday, September 15 at 6 p.m.-10 p.m.; Friday, September 16 at 6 p.m.-11 p.m.; Saturday, September 17 at 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Come join the fun!

Looking to participate in or sponsor Millvale Days? Please contact millvaledays@millvaleboro.com!