

MILLVALE BULLETIN

Event Calendar

January

- 4th - Council Reorganization @ 6:00pm
 TBD - MBDC Meeting @ 5:30pm - MCC
 12th - Council Workshop @ 6:00pm
 Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
 28th - Eco District Meeting @ 6:00pm - MCC

February

- 2nd - Council Workshop @ 6pm
 8th - MBDC Meeting @ 5:30pm - MCC
 9th - Council Workshop @ 6:00pm
 Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
 28th - Gardens of Millvale Cooking Class: Soup @ 11:00am - MCC

March

- 1st - Council Workshop @ 6:00pm
 8th - Council Workshop @ 6:00pm
 Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
 14th - MBDC Meeting @ 5:30pm - MCC
 19th - Great Millvale Egg Hunt @ 10:00am-11:30am - MRFP

April

- 5th - Council Workshop @ 6:00pm
 11th - MBDC Meeting @ 5:30pm - MCC
 12th - Council Workshop @ 6:00pm
 Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
 15th - Millvale Library Fundraiser @ 6:00pm - MCC
 22nd - Earth Day CleanSweep @ 10:00am

Council News

Council would like to welcome our new Deputy Chief of Police, Tim Komoroski. Deputy Chief Komoroski comes to the Borough with over twenty years of experience as a law enforcement officer. He most recently completed 19 years with the Port Authority Police Department of Allegheny County. Deputy Chief Komoroski began his career with the Borough of Millvale and is excited to return to the community where he grew up. "It's great to come back to my roots and I'm excited to see Millvale moving in such a positive direction," Deputy Chief Komoroski said.

The Deputy Chief Position acts as a managerial position and is second in command of our full-time police department. The Deputy Chief will continue to develop and track our training programs, ensuring the professionalism of our department. Deputy Chief Komoroski states, "Progressive training in today's policing is vital to providing the service the citizens of Millvale deserve."

As the Council reflects on 2015 in the Borough of Millvale, we are pleased to see things growing and emerging. With the adoption of our Comprehensive Plan and updated Zoning Ordinances, we have installed the building blocks for a strong community. Another key building block is our residents and businesses. In light of this, we welcome the Business Association of Millvale (BAM) and look forward to working with them on many activities. A special thank you to all who participated in the Yuletide Tour and Tree Lighting ceremony. Santa and his reindeer made their way down North Avenue to our celebration at McCarthy Park. With a flick of his hand, Santa lit the tree and began the celebration.

Council wishes to thank the Seniors who came out for the Senior Holiday Luncheon at the Millvale Community Center. Council, volunteers and their chef, Sharon Funderlich, prepared a lovely meal specifically for Millvale Seniors. If you missed this luncheon, make sure to sign up next year to participate.

We wish you the happiest of holidays and a happy healthy New Year from the Council and Mayor of the Borough of Millvale!

In the Borough



Event Calendar Continued

April continued...

24th - Gardens of Millvale Cooking Class:
Sushi @ 11:00am - MCC

May

3rd - Council Workshop @ 6:00pm
6th - May Days Celebration @ 10:00am-
7:00pm - Business District
7th - May Days Celebration @ 9:00am -
5:00pm - Business District
9th - MBDC Meeting @ 5:30pm - MCC
10th - Council Workshop @ 6:00pm
Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
22nd - Gardens of Millvale Cooking Class:
Spring Brunch @ 11:00am - MCC

June

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

The Borough and MBDC offices will close at noon on December 23 and will be closed on December 24 & 25 in observance of Christmas. The offices will also be closed on January 1 in observance of New Years' Day, March 25 for Easter and May 30 for Memorial Day.

A NOTE FROM STATE REP DOM COSTA

I would like to Wish all of you a safe and Happy Holiday Season and New Year!

And looking forward, with help from my staff, I will be holding another Financial Aid Night for Students and Parents on Thursday, January 28th 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Sharpsburg Borough Building 1611 Main Street Sharpsburg Pa 15215.

High School students and their parents are encouraged to attend this informative session to get a better understanding of the student aid process and how best to begin planning to fund their higher education. For more information please call our office.

The 2015 Property Tax Rent Rebate applications will be available in our office sometime in February. To see if you qualify or for more information stop by our office or call.

Our office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30am until 4:30 pm, and on Thursday we are open from 8:30 am until 7:00pm. Feel free to stop in or call 412-361-2040.

MILLVALE ECO DISTRICT NEWS

On October 26th, over 85 people gathered for a community meeting to discuss Millvale's EcoDistrict Pivot Plan. Created in 2012 by evolveEA with community input, the plan maps out Millvale's redevelopment with a focus on sustainability. The original plan called out Food, Water, and Energy as the three main issue areas around which to develop further programming. With about 70% of goals completed in the original plan, residents gathered to provide input on the addition of Air Quality, Mobility, and Equity as the community's next set of priorities to improve Millvale's environment and economy.

On January 28th, from 6pm-9pm please join us at the Millvale Community Center (416 Lincoln Ave.) as the community gathers to discuss the findings from the October meeting, and use that to continue shaping Millvale's vision for a more just, resilient, and sustainable community. The best community plan is one with input from residents, and we welcome and look forward to your feedback!

Public Works Department News

Residents and property owners can assure the safety and efficiency of Millvale's snow and ice removal control operations in the following ways:

- Do not relocate snow from driveways and sidewalks into the paved street. This is a violation of Pennsylvania law and will cause hazardous street conditions.
- Borough snow removal crews do not clear private driveways or driveway entrances.
- Millvale will conduct snow and ice removal that afford residents a reasonably safe and passable road surfaces as often as possible. To accomplish that snow and ice accumulations will be removed as soon as possible, consistent with state priorities and resources.

Additionally, if you see any street lights out, flickering, or on during the day, please notify the Borough with the address and/or pole number.

The Public Works department also wishes all residents a Happy New Year. Any questions or concerns may be directed to Public Works Supervisor Joe Kypta at 821.2777 ext. 3138.

Prevent Stormwater While Still Having A Safe Winter Season

Snow and ice on roads, parking lots, drive ways and sidewalk create hazards for others. It is best for the environment to remove snow and ice with plows and shovels rather than a chemical treatment. Given the severity of winter, results are not always optimal. The use of rock salt is often necessary to eliminate the hazards of freezing precipitation.

Best Management Practices:

It is best to attempt to remove snow by hand through shoveling or snow blowing. Remember, do not throw the snow in the street, this is a violation of Sidewalk Ordinance of the borough and the Motor Vehicle Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Follow the instructions on the package for salt applications and use only enough to break the ice/pavement bond.

Do not dispose of snow and ice in the creek or on top of storm drains. This will drain directly to our waterways.

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

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Fire Department News

Most people use furnaces to stay warm during winter months. Unfortunately, too many people are unaware of the safeguards needed to safely operate the furnace year round. To help avoid problems, follow these simple rules while operating a furnace:

- Move all flammable materials a safe distance away from the furnace, including things like papers, sawdust, old rags, wood scraps and liquids such as gasoline and kerosene. As an extra precaution, since vapors from flammable liquids easily ignite, you should store these liquids in containers that are tightly sealed.
- Change or clean your furnace filter every month during the winter, or more often if you run your furnace a lot, smoke or have pets.
- Have a professional inspect your furnace every year to make sure it's working well and getting enough fresh air. Ensuring your furnace gets enough air will prevent it from burning improperly, which can end up reducing the oxygen in your home to dangerously low level.
- Have a professional inspect your chimney and flue at least once a year and have them cleaned if necessary. Carbon monoxide levels in your home can become dangerous if smoke can't escape a clogged chimney or flue. Additionally, built-up soot, which is highly flammable, can easily ignite and can send a fireball of flame from your furnace into your house.
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home. Make sure to periodically test the alarms and change the batteries every year or more often if needed.

Police Department/Mayor's Note

TIPS TO KEEP YOU AND YOUR HOME SAFE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

These are some basic safety tips that can help keep you, your family and property safe during the upcoming Holiday Season.

- Avoid displaying packages where they can be seen inside your vehicle or from a window or doorway at your residence.
- Arrange to have packages delivered to a neighbor if you will not be home to receive them.
- Holiday decorations shouldn't obscure the view from your windows.
- Try to maintain a clear view of your property.
- Often, criminals will check garbage that is placed at the curb for pickup and can target you for their next burglary or theft; compact or dispose of packing discreetly.
- Always lock your doors to your residence and vehicle even if you are only going to be gone for a few minutes.
- If you are leaving town, have a trusted friend or relative take care of your home until you return.

Finally, please notify Millvale Police if you plan on leaving town for an extended period of time. We can issue a vacation watch and have directed patrols for your residence.



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

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. Any sidewalk repair requires a permit under this ordinance as well.

Residential trash pick-up is on Fridays, and trash may be placed out at 5:00 pm the night before in sealed bags in a container with a secure lid in place. Placing trash out earlier than 5:00 pm may result in a fine.

Rental Property Owners are required to have their rental units inspected every three years. Please contact the Code Officer to schedule your inspection. Property owners are also required to notify the borough when you change tenants. Occupancy Permits are available in the office and online at www.millvalepa.com.

Ordinance No. 2564 requires all dumpsters, such as for roofing or construction materials, to have a permit. Dumpster Permit Applications are available in the office or online.

A Zoning Permit must be completed for any property improvement, applications are in the office or online. Building permits are required for most home repairs such as roof replacement, siding, fencing and many other projects. Contact the Code Officer if you have any questions if your repair or improvement needs a permit. All information is required to be completed or the permit review will be delayed.

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

New Borough Ordinances

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. Failure to obtain permits will result in work stoppages until proper approvals are in place.

Ordinance No. 2573, Burning Ordinance, amended the open burning guidelines in accordance with Allegheny County Health Department regulations and provides for increased fines for violators. Please check the regulations before you have any type of recreational fire.

Ordinance No. 2572, Abandoned Motor Vehicles, regulated the vehicles that can be left on public streets and stored on private property.

Ordinance No. 2571, Sidewalk Ordinance, regulates the care and maintenance of sidewalks within the Borough. Removal of debris, including snow and ice, must occur within 48 hours or fines will be issued to violators of the ordinance.



2015 MBDC Board

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

As we prepare to turn the page on another year, the MBDC fondly looks back on 2015, which will be remembered as a year of growth for the MBDC. Growth in terms of capacity and revitalization.

Work on 524 Grant Avenue continues; the building is expected to open in March and features two commercial spaces that have already been leased. The second floor occupant is ignite MODE; Food Edition, a provider of management services and consulting for new or established food based businesses. Ignite MODE will offer a series of opportunities for budding social entrepreneurs and/or new non-profits to get hands-on, real time mentorship that can help shape their project and Millvale. Ignite MODE is a project of New Sun Rising.

The MBDC is pleased to announce that 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 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. Tazza D'Oro coffee is roasted by Counter Culture Coffee, through extensive training and a professional certification program, skills and dedication to the craft of coffee and espresso, the baristi of Tazza D'Oro have enabled Tazza D'Oro to be recognized as one of the best espresso bars in Pittsburgh. Tazza D'Oro purchases and carefully prepares some of the finest coffee available, sourcing over 80% of food and milk from local, independent vendors and farms. Tazza D'Oro will share space with Farm Truck Foods, which will provide a variety of produce, meats, dairy products and unique food products along with cooking demonstrations.

Along with the addition of new businesses, the MBDC is pleased to announce the formation of the Business Association of Millvale (BAM). The fledgling group began meeting through the MBDC and organized tremendously successful events including May Days, Halloween Trick or Treat and the Yuletide Celebration and Tree Lighting. BAM will continue to grow and operate as a committee through the MBDC, benefitting from the MBDC'S non-profit status and history as a grant recipient. BAM will reorganize along with the MBDC in early January. Meetings for the MBDC are typically held at 5:30 the second Monday of each month, BAM meets quarterly following the regular MBDC meeting. Check www.millvalepa.com for the 2016 MBDC schedule.

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE MBDC!



SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School District News

Shaler Area School District is proud to welcome Sean Aiken as the new Shaler Area Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Aiken has more than 20 years experience in education and is a proven educational leader with a commitment to building a foundation of relationships with all stakeholders. In addition to serving as assistant superintendent at West Allegheny, he has served as principal of Quaker Valley Middle School and assistant principal of Shaler Area Middle School. Mr. Aiken began his career in education as a special education teacher.

"I am excited by this opportunity to return to Shaler Area as superintendent of schools and continue the positive educational growth it has seen in recent years," Mr. Aiken said.

"I feel a special connection

to the district and community after serving as assistant principal in Shaler Area. I know the dedication of the staff and look forward to building upon that as we work together to strengthen the district."

Mr. Aiken started his tenure as Shaler Area Superintendent of Schools on Dec. 1 and his contract runs through June 30, 2019.

Mr. Aiken has a bachelor's degree from Malone University and master's degree from Regent University. He received his Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility from the University of Pittsburgh and is completing his doctorate through the University of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Aiken lives in Ross Township with his wife, Anna, and five children.

Community Spotlight

Farm Truck Foods has been active in the Millvale community since its inception in July of 2015. With the need for a farmer's market to supply our community with fresh produce, it was a perfect partnership. Five months later, Farm Truck Foods is still in our community providing fresh produce and has expanded to include pastas, soups, pickles and jams/jellies. For the winter months they will be operating out of the Millvale Community Center at 416 Lincoln Avenue on Wednesdays from 3:30 until 6:30.

Farm Truck Foods is the brainchild of partners Michelle Lagree, Meredith Neel-Jurinko, and Landon DePaulo. We welcome them to the Borough and look forward to their weekly deliveries.

Millvale Community Library Notes

Library Operating Hours

- Sunday and Monday - Closed
- Tuesday - 12pm - 8pm
- Wednesday - 10am - 6pm
- Thursday - 10pm - 6pm
- Friday - 10am - 2pm
- Saturday - 10am - 5pm

Library Events

Tuesdays

Tween Book Club: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Teen Clubhouse: 4:00pm-8:00pm

Wednesdays

Mini-Maker Wednesdays: 11:00 am-12:00pm

Maker Wednesdays: 3:00pm-6:00pm

G.E.D. Prep Classes: 6:00pm-8:30pm

Teen Clubhouse: 3:00pm-6:00pm

Thursdays

Grown-Ups Color Tool: 12:00pm-3:00pm

Millvale Writers Group: 7:00pm-8:30pm

Teen Clubhouse: 3:00pm-6:00pm

Fridays

Small-Fry Fridays: 10:30am-11:00am

Open Playtime and Snacks: 11:00am-2:00pm

Saturdays

Yoga at the Library: 12:30pm-1:30pm

Kids' Tabletop Gaming Club: 1:00pm-5:00pm

(every other Saturday)

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

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What Is Zoning And What Does It Mean To Me?

Zoning is a restriction on the way land within the Borough of Millvale can be used. Through community planning and development, zoning laws help the borough preserve property values and ensure our community is a functional and safe place to live and work. Without zoning, an adult entertainment club could open up next to a school. Through zoning restrictions, activities are restricted to zoning districts and violators could undergo consequences for noncompliance.

Property owners must be in compliance with all local zoning laws. They must verify that their intended use of the property fits the zoning laws within the borough. If the intended use does not comply with the requirements for that property, the owner must apply for an exception or special use with the zoning hearing board. A zoning permit must be completed for any property improvement prior to beginning the work.

The Borough of Millvale has adopted new Zoning regulations. Please check our website www.millvaleboro.com for the most up-to-date zoning ordinances.

Any questions, please contact our Zoning Officer, Ed Figas, at 412-821-2777 extension 3136.