

# MILLVALE BULLETIN

## Event Calendar

### Labor Day

Monday September 7

### Millvale Days

Thursday September 17

Friday September 18

Saturday September 19

### Harvest Party

6-8 pm Friday September 25

Riverfront Park

### Harvest Moon Wine Festival

6-8 pm Saturday September 26

Riverfront Park

### Garden/Tree Meet-Up

5:30 pm Wednesday October 7

GAPP

### MBDC Harvest Dinner

5:30 pm Monday October 12

Millvale Community Center

### GOM Cooking Class

11 am Sunday October 25

Community Center Kitchen

### Halloween Trick or Treat

5:30 - 8 pm Saturday October 31

### Halloween Party

5 pm Saturday October 31

Millvale Community Library

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## Council News

The final draft of the updated Zoning Ordinance is near completion and a public meeting will be announced in the fall for public comment. The new ordinance will provide a more detailed framework for the development of our community. Check our website for updates and announcements.

The Annual Millvale Days Celebration will be held on September 17-19. Please see the complete listing of events on our website, millvalepa.com. Interested in participating or sponsoring our event? Please contact the event organizers at millvaledays@millvaleboro.com. We look forward to another exciting event.

The Borough of Millvale has adopted the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code, and operates under that code accordingly, providing building permits and inspections as required. A reminder that any improvement to property will require a zoning permit. Zoning and Building Permits must be submitted and approved before any project can begin. Any questions regarding permits, please contact the Borough office. Property owners who fail to obtain proper permits will be requested to stop operations until proper permits have been secured.

The Borough of Millvale was awarded a Dirt and Gravel Low Volume Road Grant for stormwater and stabilization on Brown Street. The Allegheny County Conservation District awarded the grant in June and repairs will begin shortly. Property owners will be notified before any work begins.

The Etna/Shaler/Millvale Bike Rodeo was held in Shaler Township this year. This is the second year that the Millvale Police Department participated in the event. Officers from all three departments joined in this annual program which distributes bike helmets and promotes bike safety.



## In the Borough



### Event Calendar Continued

#### **Santa Celebration**

11 am - 1:30 pm Saturday Dec 5  
Millvale Community Center

#### **Mayor & Council Senior Holiday Lunch**

11 am - 1:30 pm Sunday Dec 6  
Millvale Community Center

#### **MBDC Meetings**

5:30 p.m. on the second Monday  
of each month  
Millvale Community Center  
*All meetings are open to the public  
and citizens and business owners  
are encouraged to attend.*

#### **Council Meetings**

6:00 p.m. Sept 1, Oct 6, Nov 2,  
Dec 1 (Workshop)  
7:00 p.m. Sept 8, Oct 13, Nov 10,  
Dec 8  
Millvale Borough Building

**The Millvale Borough Offices  
will be closed on September  
7 in observance of Labor Day  
and on November 26 & 27 in  
observance of Thanksgiving.  
The Borough Offices will close  
at noon on December 23 and be  
closed on December 24 & 25 in  
observance of Christmas.**

### Note from State Rep Dom Costa

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My office will be hosting the following events this fall. As always, all of our events are FREE.

#### September 26th Children's Safety Event

I will be holding my annual Children's Safety Event on Saturday, September 26th at the Dougherty Veteran's Baseball Field in Etna from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The day will be filled with fun and informative activities and demonstrations for the children, including bike safety, fire safety, animal safety, food safety, and more. Children will also be able to explore emergency service vehicles.

#### October 10th Shredding Event

My next Shredding Event will take place in the parking lot of the Cherry City Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, October 10th from 9:00 a.m. until noon. 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.

#### October 30th Senior Fair

From 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. I will be hosting my yearly Senior Fair at the Ross Community Center. More information will follow closer to the date.

There is still time to file your Property Tax Rent Rebate because the program has been extended to December 31st, 2015. Applications are available at my office.

For more information on any of the items mentioned above, please contact our office at 412-361-2040.

Just a reminder, my District Office is located at 6808 Greenwood Street in Morningside and my staff is available to serve you Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30-4:30 p.m. and Thursday 8:30-7:00 p.m.

## **Public Works Department**

### **Effective Stormwater Management Help Prevent Pet-Waste Pollution**

Did you know, pet waste is the third largest contributor of bacterial pollution in urban wetlands?

#### **How it happens:**

If not disposed of properly, pet waste left on streets, pavement, yards, and driveways can be picked up by stormwater runoff and carried into storm drains and nearby water sources. Pet waste can cause significant stormwater pollution and present health risks like infections from disease-causing bacteria and parasites.

#### **Steps for prevention:**

There are three simple ways to prevent pet waste from compromising our water quality

1. Use a bag to clean up the waste
2. Dispose of the waste in the trash
3. Tell others to do the same.

#### **Benefits of prevention:**

There are many benefits of preventing pet waste pollution

- \* Cleaner neighborhoods
- \* Lowered potential for disease
- \* Decrease environmental impact

**Reduce pollutants in  
stormwater runoff**

## **Note from State Senator Randy Vulakovich**

State Senator Randy Vulakovich and State Representative Hal English will be co-hosting their annual Senior Expo on Friday, September 18, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hampton Campus of the Allison Park Church. The church is located at 2326 Duncan Avenue, Allison Park, PA 15101. 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. In addition, every effort will be made to provide free flu vaccinations to senior citizens age 65 and over, supplies and time permitting. 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.

Senator Vulakovich is also hosting a Seniors for Safe Driving course. The program is for drivers 55 years of age or older. The course benefits are becoming a safe driver, receive a minimum 5% discount on auto insurance as mandated by PA state law, no exam will be given, classroom instruction only, and no on-the-road driving required. The date is October 1, 2015 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. The class location is the Shaler Township Municipal Building 300 Wetzel Rd. Glenshaw, PA 15116. Call or register online at 1-800-559-4880 or SFSD-PA.COM.

Local Office:  
Shaler Township Municipal  
Building  
300 Wetzel Rd.  
Second Floor Suite 302  
Glenshaw, PA 15116  
412-487-6600

## Fire Department News

As summer turns to fall, it is time to remember your fire safety tips for your household. It is a good idea to always change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors every fall and spring. Verify that everything you need to keep your home warm throughout the fall and winter is in good working order, before the first cold weather arrives. Clear your roof and gutters of unnecessary buildup of debris, such as pine needles and leaves. Learn the outdoor burning regulations of the Borough of Millvale, and do not engage in the illegal burning of leaves and other outdoor debris.

Millvale residents please contact the Fire Department at 412-760-2932 to obtain a free smoke detector.

## Community Center/ Pavilion Rentals

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

For rental information and availability, call the Borough Office at 412.821.2777 Monday-Friday 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

## Police Department/Mayor's Note

The Millvale Police have received numerous complaints filed by local residents regarding a telephone scam. An aggressive and sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers has been occurring throughout the country. Callers claim to be employees of the IRS, but are not. These con artists can sound convincing when they call. These actors use fake names and bogus IRS badge numbers. They usually know a lot about the targets that they are contacting, and alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling.

Victims are being advised by these callers that they owe money to the IRS and that they need to make a payment immediately or they will be arrested. The victims are advised to obtain a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer.

Be advised that the IRS will never call to demand immediate payment, nor will they call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a letter or bill. They will never demand that you pay taxes without proper time to dispute or file an appeal on the amount that you could possibly owe. The IRS will never require you to use specific payment methods or ask for a credit or debit card number over the telephone. If you receive a call in regard to this scam do not release any information to the caller and do not be alarmed if they threaten you with arrest. The IRS will never bring local police or any other law enforcement agency to have you arrested.

Please share this information about these scams with your family and friends, especially senior citizens, and advise them to contact their local police and file a report if they should be contacted by anyone claiming to be from the IRS.

Chief Derek Miller  
Mayor Vince Cinski



## Emergency Management

To receive alerts from your local agencies, visit [www.nixle.com](http://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.

## In the Borough



### Code Enforcement

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#### RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Trash can be put out after 5 p.m. Thursday evening or the day prior to waste pick-up. All bags must be secured and tied shut. Additionally, all bags must be placed in a container with a lid in place. Property owners or renters placing trash out earlier than the specified time are subject to fines.

Sidewalk grass must be cut and weeds must be removed. Property owners/renters are responsible for their sidewalks year-round. A reminder for those living on Evergreen Ave. that have sidewalks in rear on North Ave, you must cut weeds and grass on those also.

Rental property owners are required to have all rental units inspected every three years. Occupancy permit applications are available at the Borough office and online. Also, when you change tenants, you are required to submit resident changes so we can update our files.

Building permits are required for home repairs such as roof replacement, siding, fencing and many other projects. A Zoning permit must also be completed for any property improvement. Contact the Borough Code Enforcement Officer to find out if your projects require a permit. Be advised, there are new permit forms to fill out. Make sure all information is on the permit before returning.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector  
Jim Tunstall Sr.  
412.821.2777 ext. 3135  
codetunstall@millvaleboro.com

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*For additional information not contained in this newsletter, visit the Millvale Borough Website at [www.millvaleboro.com](http://www.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.

## MBDC News



### 2015 MBDC Board

#### BOARD OF OFFICERS

President - Tina Walker  
Vice-President - Theresa Farine,  
Franks Pizza & Chicken  
Secretary - Sarah Kramer  
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Director of Administrative  
Services - Eddie Figas

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Lisa Love, Salon 22  
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Jackie Geis  
Tom Gray, A T Electric Company  
Pastor Rich Jones, The Element  
Church  
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Tom Walker  
Janet Zipf, Back to the Earth  
Healing Center  
Stephanie Davis, Gardens of  
Millvale  
Sister Donna Zwigart  
Linda Lang

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.

Revitalization of 524 Grant Avenue continues; the building is being completely renovated and structurally secured. Construction will continue through September with an expected completion date of early October.

Tenant space for the second floor has been leased to 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. Additionally, up to 15 projects will be chosen to participate in a long-term incubation program. The goal is to help project owners move from idea to impact by skill sharing and solution mapping with experts and individualized strategic advice on igniting and growing their organization to expand our local food systems. Ignite MODE is a project of New Sun Rising.

First floor tenant space is currently being negotiated and will feature a fresh food market. The market will offer a variety of produce, meats, dairy products and unique food products along with cooking demonstrations.

The former Jerry Kitman furniture store at 216 and 220 North Avenue is now being used as an event space and artists' studios renamed Millvale Studios. Millvale Studios is a project of the Millvale Development Corporation (MBDC). The MBDC has collaborated with Panza Studios to manage the studio spaces and further develop the project. Currently six artists and a radio station call Millvale Studios home. The River's Edge is a new type of radio station serving Lawrenceville, the Strip District, Millvale and Troy Hill. River's Edge provides radio, news, editorials, politics, sports, entertainment, food and music coverage. If you are interested in acquiring artist space contact Mark at 412.821.0959.

The MBDC is a stand-alone non-profit economic development corporation. The MBDC raises funds through events, memberships and grant funding. Funding for the purchase and redevelopment of 524 Grant and Millvale Studios was funded through numerous private foundations including the Heinz Endowments. The MBDC has also collaborated with regional allies as well as the Borough of Millvale to acquire grant funds through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We look forward to working with our partners and fellow community members to create a better Millvale.



## School District News

Shaler Area School District will expand its STEAM initiatives into the primary level for the 2015-2016 school year with the help of a \$20,000 grant awarded through the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Center for Creativity and provided by the Chevron Corporation, the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation and the Grable Foundation.

The grant will fund Project ENGIN, which will allow students in Kindergarten through third grade to Engage, Network, Grow, Inspire and Navigate through the subjects of STEAM, which stands for science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. The District will have a STEAM integrator oversee the ENGIN program, which will be introduced to second and third-graders in the 2015-2016 school year. Kindergarten and first grade will join the program in the 2016-2017 school year.

## Share the Road

Millvale will soon see new street signs and "sharrows" painted along Grant Avenue and North Avenue. A sharrow is a "shared use arrow" that helps create an awareness in reminding drivers and bicyclists to share the road. The roads with sharrows are not dedicated bike lanes. Cars, motorcycles, and bicycles are legally required to use the road for transportation. State law requires cars and motorcycles passing bicycles to provide at least 4 feet of clearance, and requires that all bicyclists under 12 years of age wear a helmet. Cooperation and understanding by everyone involved helps keep Millvale calm and safe. The funding for this project was provided by The Heinz Endowments in partnership with the Millvale Borough Development Corporation.



## 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

Maker Wednesdays: 10am -6pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays: Teen Center is open 3 pm - 6 pm

Fridays: Small Fry Friday with Family, Infant, Toddler Storytime at 10:30 am, snacks & open play all day

Saturdays: Yoga at the Library, 12:30 pm -1:30 pm (Beginning November 7)

Don't forget to check out the Millvale Teen Scene Facebook page for more information about upcoming events.

### Contact Information

- 213 Grant Avenue, Millvale, PA 15209
- 412.822.7081
- millvalelibrary@gmail.com
- www.MillvaleLibrary.org

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## Millvale Days 2015



It is almost time for our Annual Millvale Days Celebration. This year our community event will be held on September 17, 18 and 19. The Annual Car Cruise will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2015 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 18 as well as Saturday afternoon, September 19. As always there will be rides and games and the annual parade which will begin at 11:00 am on Saturday, September 19.

Hours of operation are Thursday, September 17 6pm-11pm; Friday, September 18 6pm-11pm; Saturday, September 19 10am-11pm. Come join the fun!

Looking to participate in or sponsor Millvale Days, please contact [millvaledays@millvaleboro.com](mailto:millvaledays@millvaleboro.com)!

