

MILLVALE BULLETIN

Event Calendar

Annual Bike Rodeo

10 am Sat May 16
Kiwanis Park, Shaler Twp

Bike Meet Up

5:30 pm Wednesday June 24
GAPP

GOM Cooking Class

11 am Sunday June 28
Community Center Kitchen

Millvale Movie Night

Dusk Wed June 17 & 24
GAPP

Allegheny SolarFest

Sat June 20
Riverfront Park

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. May 5, June 2, July 7
(Workshop)
7:00 p.m. May 12, June 9, July 14
Millvale Borough Building

**The Millvale Borough Offices
will be closed on May 25 for
Memorial Day and July 3 for
Independence Day.**

Borough of Millvale Honored as a 2015 Banner Community

Borough of Millvale has been named a 2015 Banner Community by the Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM) for a second year in a row. The recognition was provided because of the municipality's efforts to provide effective, efficient and accountable services to its residents and businesses. The designation also acknowledges Millvale Borough's efforts to inform and engage citizens through frequent and open communication, public and community events, and mentoring.

"Our region continues to be recognized for its many successes and we are seeing growth and a vibrancy that many other communities wish they could duplicate," said Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald. "That success is due to the efforts of our many communities which each do their part to ensure that its residents are provided with the services they depend on. Millvale Borough and its officials accomplish that by working together to provide community activities, educational programs, civic performance, and fiscal accountability."

"We're extremely excited about the good things happening in Millvale Borough and to be recognized as a Banner Community for the second time reinforces that we are doing great things," said Jim Machajewski, council president. "All of the officials work together to provide effective, professional services to our residents and businesses and we are proud to continue to learn and challenge ourselves to always improve the quality of our operations."

Some of the best practices that Millvale Borough implements are: being an active member in good standing in a Council of Governments; conducting community events such as Millvale Days; and participation in the Junior Councilperson Program.

Millvale Borough was designated as a 2015 Banner Community during an April 7, 2015 press conference at the Allegheny County Courthouse by County Executive Fitzgerald. There were a total of 42 communities so designated this year.



In the Borough



Note from State Rep Dom Costa

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 8:30-4:30pm and Thursday 8:30-7:00pm.

Currently, we are scheduling appointments to do FREE income tax returns in our District Office for low income seniors. Call our office today to see if you qualify and to make an appointment.

Our next shredding event will be taking place on Saturday, May 23rd from 9:00am-12:00 in Morningside at St. Raphael's School parking lot. Please call our office for more details.

My office can help you with many issues. We also have and can help you complete LIHEAP applications, Property Tax Rent Rebate applications, as well as PennDoT forms and much more.

Remember to visit my website at <http://www.pahouse.com/Dcosta/> for more information about legislation I am working on, and any other events we will be holding in the upcoming months.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact my office at 412-361-2040.

Note from State Senator Randy Vulakovich

State Senator Randy Vulakovich is sponsoring a Senior and Disability Resource Expo on Friday May 22, 2015 from 10am-2pm. It will be held at the Pittsburgh Mills Mall, 590 Pittsburgh Mills Circle, Tarentum, PA 15084.

The Expo will feature a variety of information booths geared toward senior citizens, individuals with a disability or multiple disabilities and their caregivers. Exhibitors will range from state and federal agencies to local 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.

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

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.

For rental information and availability, call the Borough Office at 412.821.2777 Monday through Friday from 9:00am - 4:00pm.

SOLARIZE MILLVALE-ETNA

As we continue to look for ways to decrease costs and recude our carbon footprint, we have joined with the Borough of Etna for the Solarize Allegheny Campaign. Solarize Millvale & Etna is a community-supported solar campaign which will see if your home is a good fit for solar. Once established, they will find best solar solutions for homes and businesses. The campaign will also provide multiple quotes from qualified, local installers for you to find the best price and application for your home or business. Please contact our Solar Ambassador, Mandy Wolovich or visit <http://www.solarizeallegheny.org/our-communities/solarize-etna-millvale/> to begin your solar exploration.

NEW AIR QUALITY PROGRAM AND OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE

Open burning is a regulated operation within the Borough of Millvale and Allegheny County. Safe and lawful practices should be followed during all open burning. Take time to review some of the new regulations listed below.

NO MATERIAL OTHER THAN CLEAN WOOD, PROPANE, OR NATURAL GAS MAY BE OPEN BURNED EXCEPT for:

- Commercially available fire logs, paraffin logs, or wood pellets;
- Paper or commercial smokeless fire starters in order to start a fire;
- Charcoal for the preparation of food only.

Fires may be no larger than 3' wide by 3' long by 2' high.
Always have adequate means of extinguishment available.

Fires must be at least 15 feet from the nearest neighbor's dwelling or inhabited area, including:

- Property line, Roadway, Sidewalk, Public access area

Wood burning activities are prohibited on Air Quality Action days. Subscribe to receive notifications of burn ban days at www.alleghenycounty.us/alerts.

Burning may be prohibited or reduced if it is considered a nuisance, based on the following criteria:

- The severity of the amount of air pollutants;
- The duration or frequency of open burning;
- The topography of the surroundings;
- The meteorological conditions.

Burning Permits are required by Allegheny County for the following activities:

- The warmth of work crews
- The abatement of a fire or public health hazard when the burning is conducted under the supervision of a public officer;
- The instruction of personnel in firefighting, except that instruction using only propane does not require a permit;
- The fostering of agriculture, clearing and grubbing wastes;
- The conducting of a ceremony.
- The permit application is made through Allegheny County by the property owner at least 15 days prior to the proposed burning date(s).
- An approved permit shall be at the site of the permitted open burning at all times and shall be available for inspection upon request by any Borough and or County personnel, law enforcement officer, or fire protection officer.
- The property owner must notify the Borough Zoning Officer when receiving a County permit. It is the sole responsibility of the property owner to notify the Borough at least 48 hours prior to County permit initiation.

Financial Crimes against the Elderly

There are two general categories of financial crimes against the elderly: fraud committed by strangers, and financial exploitation by relatives and caregivers. Elders may seem to be easily targeted due to the stereotypes of being poorly informed, being alone, and potentially suffering from mental deterioration. Furthermore, most seniors do not know the warning signs and indicators of financial fraud, and make their decisions based on either a promise to receive goods and/or services, or on advice from someone they trust.

Researchers agree that elder fraud is gravely underreported. The underreporting of these crimes makes it difficult to apply problem solving, and the opportunity to form community partnerships lessens. One way to decrease elder fraud is to educate seniors on the warning signs and indicators of financial crimes.

Warning signs of consumer fraud:

- Excessive number of magazine subscriptions
- Checks and withdrawals that the elder cannot explain
- Unsolicited phone calls from marketing companies offering fantastic opportunities

Indicators of financial exploitation

- A recent acquaintance expressed interest in finances
- A caregiver or relative has no means of support and is overly interested in the elder's financial efforts
- Checking account and credit card statements are sent to a relative or caregiver and are not accessible to the elder

Public Works Department

Spring and summer work will have the Public Works Department out cleaning streets and cutting grass. It is the residents' responsibility to maintain the sidewalk and clean up the grass and weeds. Please watch for our workers and slow down as you pass them. Our safety is your safety.

As you maintain your property please remember, do not dump grass clippings and debris into the street and sewer systems. Not only is this a violation, it can lead to backups in the system causing damage to homeowners' property. Dumping of oils and other contaminants is also a violation which could result in fines and damages. Dumping debris into Girty's Run is another prohibited action. Please properly dispose of your waste. Please notify the Borough of any trees which have fallen and landed in the creek. Help us, help you.

Curb painting is only to be done by the Public Works Department in approved areas. If you have any question whether or not you have an approved area, please contact the office at 412-821-2777 ext. 3138.

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.

Police Department/Mayor's Note

The primary goal of the Borough of Millvale Police Department is to continue to make the Borough of Millvale a safe and secure community for everyone that lives, visits and works within our community. As we enter into spring and summer we remind all residents to lock their homes and vehicles at all times. This is the time when thieves and con artists are out. Always lock your doors and windows, even if you are only going to be gone for a few minutes.

The Millvale Police Department will be partnering together again this year with Shaler and Etna Police Departments with the yearly Bicycle Rodeo. This event will be held on May 16th, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Kiwanis Park located on Wetzell Road in Shaler Township. There will be bicycle safety information and instruction along with safety equipment provided. We hope to see you there.

-Chief Derek Miller



In the Borough



Code Enforcement

RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

With the beginning of spring and summer remember to keep your sidewalks clear of weeds and your grass cut. Property OWNERS and RENTERS are responsible for their sidewalks and yards.

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 a new tenant moves in, the owner must report this to the Borough. There has been a price increase for occupancy permits. The cost is now \$105.00 per unit.

Building permits are required for home repairs such as roof replacement, siding, fencing and many other projects. 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.

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 secured lid in place. Property owners or renters placing trash out earlier than the specified time are subject to fines.

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

Fire Department News

Free smoke detectors! Must be a resident of Millvale. If you are interested, contact the Fire Department at 412-760-2932. Make sure you check out the section of the newsletter which details the new Air Quality Program and Burning Ordinance.

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. 2564, Dumpster Ordinance, passed in May 2014, regulates the use of refuse dumpsters in the Borough and requires permitting with the Borough Office.

Ordinance No. 2566, Floodplain Ordinance, requiring permits for all construction and development in the Borough and providing regulations for properties located within the floodplain.

Ordinance No. 2567, Solar Ordinance, provides for provisions and definitions of certain solar photovoltaic systems.

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



2015 MBDC Board

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Healing Center

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.

The THX2U party was an enjoyable event for all. Almost 175 people attended the February event. The THX2U party is meant as a way to show appreciation to all of Millvale's friends, partners, and volunteers. The MBDC would like to thank all the local businesses that supported the event and all the volunteers that helped to make it a success.

The Millvale Egg Hunt, held on March 21 at the Millvale RiverFront Park, was an enjoyable Saturday for all. Even the Easter Bunny attended, taking pictures with kids and their families. Over 100 children came out to hunt for eggs, up from previous years.

The members of the Gardens of Millvale have been busy with spring cleanup, planting, weeding and playing in the dirt! Many have already taken advantage of the spring season by planting lettuce, beets, onions, potatoes, radishes and other cold weather crops. The Gardens have also been weeding in the orchard and working on transplanting some red raspberry bushes.

The Gardens of Millvale would like to thank Mandy Wolovich for her years of co-chairing the Gardens of Millvale; family obligations have limited her time and, while she will still be an active gardener, we would like to thank her for her extra time these past seasons. The Gardens welcome Stephanie Davis as she takes over as co-chair with Denise Rudar.

This year, the Gardens of Millvale are planning to complete the hoop house and implement an improved compost program. Presently, there are no garden plots available but they plan to build several more. If you would like to join and volunteer in the gardens, the group meets Thursdays from 6pm to 7:30pm and Sundays from 1:30pm to 3pm. Their email is gardensofmillvale@gmail.com.

During the Townsquare renovations, the former Jerry Kitman building will be occupied by Millvale Studios. Millvale Studios is a new art studio run by Mark Panza, owner of Panza Art Gallery. Artists can rent spaces to work and display their art.

Tickets for Millvale's 9th Annual Brew Fest will go on sale May 1 at Noon. This year's event will be at the Millvale River Front Park on August 8th and will have two sessions, 1pm-4pm and 5pm-8pm. Tickets can be purchased through the Millvale Borough website www.millvalepa.com.



Shaler Area Kindergarten Registration

Is your child signed up to attend school next year?

The Primary School building registration events have ended, but Kindergarten registrations are being accepted at Central Office, 1800 Mt. Royal Blvd. Registrations are accepted daily from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 3:00 p.m.

Any child who will be five (5) years of age ON or BEFORE August 31, 2015 is eligible to attend Kindergarten. Kindergarten registrations received after June 5, 2015 will be subject to placement availability.

Please note, your registration will not be accepted if you do not have the following items: 1.) Two proofs of residency (e.g. utility bill or driver's license; cell phone statements are not acceptable); 2.) Child's original Birth Certificate; and 3.) Current copy of Immunization Record.

For more information, visit www.sasd.k12.pa.us/KindergartenRegistration.aspx or call 412-492-1200 ext. 2813.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Two generous grants from the St. Margaret Foundation and from Allegheny County Department of Economic Development will allow for Free Rides for Seniors with a new shuttle to operate in Millvale and other communities served by North Hills Community Outreach. The shuttle will be staffed by rotating volunteers and scheduled through the program coordinator. Each shift consists of a volunteer driver and dispatcher. Shifts are 9:45 am to 1:00 pm and 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Volunteer drivers are needed! Free training is provided and no special license is needed. Drivers must be between the ages of 25 and 70. The new shuttle will consist of stops at senior high rises and will serve UPMC Medical Facilities for medical transportation only. For further information and to schedule a ride along to see what it is like to volunteer, please call Kerry Keegan Mulhern from North Hills Community Outreach at 412-449-0151 or email kkmulhern@nhco.org.

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

We-Invent @ Millvale Library

WHEN: Tuesday-Friday, library hours, starting June 9th
Join Miss Nora and her friends every Tuesday through Friday for "making" fun! Explore fiber, gardening, electronics, carpentry, art, and much more! Free, all ages welcome.

Lunch With Friends @ Millvale Library

WHEN: Tuesday-Friday from 11am-1pm, starts June 9th
Free lunch is provided for all children aged 0-18

Contact Information

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

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Rain Barrels: 5 things to consider

Rain barrels are a cost effective way to reduce stormwater runoff flowing into the storm sewer.

Collecting water reduces the chances of flooding, which helps protect local waterways, and provides a water source for gardens, plants, and flower beds.

1. Locate your rain barrel on level and stable ground
2. Ensure your rain barrel is watertight and has a smooth interior surface
3. Empty the water in your rain barrel weekly to eliminate the chances of attracting mosquitoes and other bugs
4. Disconnect your rain barrel to prevent freezing during the winter months
5. DO NOT collect the run-off from tar and gravel, asbestos shingle, or treated cedar shake rooftops

Want to install a rain barrel? Visit HarvestH2O.com to learn how.