

# MILLVALE BULLETIN

## Event Calendar

### November

6th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.  
 7th - Election Day - MCC  
 13th - MCDC @ 5:30 p.m. - MCC  
 14th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.  
 Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.  
 23rd - Borough and MCDC offices closed  
 24th - Borough and MCDC offices closed

### December

2nd - Yuletide Holiday Tour  
 3rd - Senior Holiday Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - MCC  
 5th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.  
 6th - Needs Assessment Meeting - MCC  
 11th - MCDC @ 5:30 p.m. - MCC  
 12th - Council Workshop @ 6 p.m.  
 Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.  
 22nd - Borough and MCDC offices closed  
 25th - Borough and MCDC offices closed

### January

1st - Borough and MCDC offices closed  
 2nd - Council Reorganization Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.  
 8th - MCDC @ 5:30 p.m. - MCC  
 9th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.  
 Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

### February

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.

*Borough and MCDC offices are closed for the following holidays:*

*11/23 & 11/24 - Thanksgiving*

*12/22 & 12/25 - Christmas*

*1/1/18 - New Year's Day*

**HAVE A SAFE AND FUN HOLIDAY SEASON!**

## Community News



### NATURAL PLAY SPACE GROUNDBREAKING AND DEDICATION

On Saturday, October 21, 2017, the Millvale community celebrated the groundbreaking and dedication of the natural play space at the Millvale Riverfront Park in honor of Jim Porter.

For those who are new to the Millvale family Jim Porter was very active in our community serving as council president and police chief, active with the Millvale Borough Development Corporation, the Millvale Athletic association and so much more. His hard work and dedication to our town was instrumental in establishing the Millvale Riverfront Park that we have today, along with many other implements to improve Millvale as a whole.

The Borough, along with the Millvale Police, Fire Department and MCDC, worked with Mr. Porter's family to make this celebration possible, and it was an honor to dedicate this new and exciting development to his memory. We are all very excited to see this natural play space come into fruition as a safe and enjoyable place for future generations of Millvale (and beyond!) to learn and grow.

## 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 onto 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 to 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.

## 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](http://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.

## Borough News

### CHANGES COMING TO YOUR PWSA BILL

Effective January 1, 2018 the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority will no longer bill for ALCOSAN, Girty's Run or refuse for Millvale. The Borough of Millvale has engaged the services of Jordan Tax Service to bill and collect for these services. The last combined bill you will receive from PWSA will be in December. Beginning in January, your PWSA bill will only reflect your water usage. A separate bill will be sent to you from Jordan Tax Service for sewage charges calculated by your water usage and refuse. All billing questions regarding your sewage and refuse bill should be directed to Jordan Tax Service. Call JTS at 412-835-5243 option 4 or [sewage@jordantax.com](mailto:sewage@jordantax.com).

### WHAT DO THOSE INITIALS MEAN?

ALCOSAN is the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority. ALCOSAN serves as the sewage treatment facility for the Borough of Millvale. For those residents who qualify, they offer a \$30 credit every three months to qualifying low-income homeowners and to tenants who have accounts in their own names for water or sewage service. To be eligible, applicants must be served by ALCOSAN and meet the family income limits set by the federal government. To apply please contact NHCO – Millvale at 416 Lincoln Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15209 or call 412-408-3830.

GRJSA is the Girty's Run Joint Sewer Authority. GRJSA serves as sewage conveyance for the Borough of Millvale. The authority was established in June 1984 as a joint municipal authority which includes Millvale Borough, Ross Township, Shaler Township, and Reserve Township. The purpose of the GRJSA is to manage the sewer conveyance system within the Girty's Run watershed.

PWSA is the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority which owns, maintains and provides water services to the residents of Millvale. PWSA is also working to assist qualifying low-income customers to prevent water shut offs. They are currently working to develop a program. Customers can call 412-255-2423 to inquire how to apply.

### SENIOR LUNCHEON

The Mayor and Millvale Borough Council cordially invites you to our Annual Senior Holiday Lunch, which will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2017 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Millvale Community Center.

Please R.S.V.P. by either calling 412-821-2777 x 3134 or in person at the Borough building, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



## **A Note From State Representative Dom Costa**

### **PROPERTY TAX RENT REBATE**

If you are not aware, Governor Wolf has extended the 2016 Property Tax Rent Rebate Program until December 31, 2017. Home owners or renters that have not filed may be eligible for a rebate if your annual income does not exceed \$35,000 as a homeowner or \$15,000 as a renter. The program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people that are 100% disabled ages 18 and older. Applications are available at our office.

### **LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)**

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will reopen November 1, 2017. It helps keep families safe and healthy through initiatives that assist families with energy costs. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps low income families pay their heating bills. LIHEAP is a grant. You do not have to repay it. The 2017-2018 income guidelines are \$18,090 for a single household and for each additional person add \$6,270. If you have received assistance in the past look for your application that should be coming soon or if you think you may qualify but are not sure contact our office for assistance.

### **DO NOT CALL LIST**

I am often asked how to be added to the DO NOT CALL LIST. It is strongly recommended that you contact the National Registry at 1-888-382-1222 and the State Registry at 1-888-777-3406. You may need to register more than once if you enter a contest or sign up for a promotion as this cancels your Do Not Call registration with that business since authorization to call you was given and a business relationship has commenced. There are also exceptions to the Do Not Call law as it allows politicians, charitable organizations, and entities with whom there is a business relationship to be able to place calls to your phone number. However, consumers can revoke or cancel the business relationship by requesting placement on the business' internal Do Not Call List. Also it is recommended that all adults in a household individually register under Do Not Call, even though they will be listing the same home phone number.

For more information on the items listed above or for assistance with any state related issue please call my office at 412-361-2040.

## **Borough of Millvale Administration**

501 Lincoln Avenue Millvale, PA 15209

P: 412-821-2777 F: 412-821-2717

E: [info@millvaleboro.com](mailto:info@millvaleboro.com)

Business Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.,  
Monday - Friday

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Vincent Cinski

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412-821-3410 x3169

## Fire Department News

### THANK YOU

A special Thank You to all who came out to the fundraiser to support our brother firefighter Cory Eberz who is fighting colon cancer. We appreciate the community support and are proud to call Millvale home. The fundraiser was a success, and after his operation, Cory was found to be cancer free. Cory is looking forward to resuming his duties as a firefighter for Millvale.

### LOTTERY CALENDARS

Lottery Fundraising Calendars are on sale now for \$25. Please contact one of the firemen to purchase yours. Prizes range from \$25 to \$238 a day. The winners are based on the three-digit Pick 3 number drawn each night at 7:00 pm on the PA Lottery. It is the perfect gift for those hard to buy for friends and relatives.

### SUPPORT THE MVFD

The fire department has mailed out the fund drive letters and we thank the businesses and residents who show their annual support. Without your donations, the services we provide of protecting life and property would not be possible. Our department is staffed by volunteers only.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Millvale VFD is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in joining, stop by the fire department on Monday nights to see the trucks and meet our crew.

### SMOKE DETECTORS

Keep your family safe! The Fire Department offers battery operated smoke alarms free of charge and will even install them for you.

## Police Department News

As the holiday season approaches, I want to remind our citizens that there are some holiday grinchers out there. Please take time to lock all of your vehicles and keep any packages off of your seats or in view on the floor of your vehicles. Take the time to secure packages in the trunk of your vehicles or cover items on the floor. Thieves always look for the easiest target so if something of value is not in view they will move onto an easier target. Take time to be sure the doors and windows are locked at home. If you are having packages delivered at your home keep track of when the package is supposed to be delivered. If the package is not at your door when it is marked delivered call 911 and file a report. If you wait too long to report possible thefts, it lessens the chance of recovering your property.


You may also experience phone scam type calls around the holidays. Do not give any of your personal information to anyone on the phone. If anyone claims to be a government agency and requests any type of payment or your personal information it is a scam. Hang up the phone and report the call to the officer on duty via 911.

I receive inquiries about seeing officers walking throughout our town. I require each officer to walk for one hour of their shift. There is not necessarily a problem in the area when you see them; they are just being proactive. I want our officers to interact with our citizens and business owners in the borough so please take a moment to speak with the officers when you see them. When I was growing up in Millvale, we knew each of the Millvale police officers by name and that is my goal now. They are your police officers; they serve you, the residents of Millvale, so take time to introduce yourself. A Millvale police officer visits the Millvale Community Library twice a week and the Millvale Boys and Girls Club once a week. The goal to this is that we want all children to be comfortable approaching a police officer, not fearing them. Please encourage your children to speak to a uniformed police officer even just to say hello.

I hope to see many of you at our Yuletide Celebration on December 2nd. If I do not, I wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season. As always, I am available to talk to any resident or business owner in Millvale. Please feel free to contact me at 412-821-3410.

Timothy R. Komoroski Sr.  
Deputy Chief of Police  
EMA Deputy Coordinator  
412-821-3410



 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 receive 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, 2017. For further information please refer to their Facebook page or [www.presentsfrompolice.org](http://www.presentsfrompolice.org).

## In the Borough

### 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. A complete zoning ordinance is available on the website at [www.millvalepa.com](http://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 pickup is on Friday, and trash may only be placed out no earlier than 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.

For questions, contact Jim Tunstall, Code Enforcement Officer, at 412-821-2777 extension 3135 or at [codetunstall@millvaleboro.com](mailto:codetunstall@millvaleboro.com).

### Millvale EcoDistrict

Our community is growing, and your voice has a big impact on how our community changes. We are always looking to learn and understand how Millvale can reflect the vision community members have.

This past summer, the Millvale Library coordinated the Millvale Community Needs Assessment; a comprehensive survey, mapping the hopes, needs, and dreams of Millvalians. With nearly a third of all households having responded to the survey, the Library is developing a report, to be released in the Spring of 2018, and will host public meetings to continue steering Millvale in the direction the community wants to see it go.

This past fall, thanks to a partnership with CMU's School of Architecture, six Millvale students participated in a camp, learning the basics of community design. The students then worked with a team to develop their own vision to make a safer connection to our Riverfront Park. The students presented their ideas at the old Millvale Moose on November 18th in front of community members, designers, and their families. This is one of the ways we are working to make everyone, including our youth, feel as though they have a voice in how our community grows in the future.



### 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.



## 2017 MCDC Board

### BOARD OF OFFICERS

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### SAVE THE DATE:

Yuletide Holiday Tour 12/2/17

**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.**



As we prepare to turn the page on another year, the Millvale Community Development Corporation fondly looks back on 2017 which will be remembered as a year of development for the MCDC, in terms of revitalization and purpose.

524 Grant Avenue is complete and Tazza D'Oro Café and Espresso Bar is open. In Italian, Tazza D'Oro means "cup of gold". Their coffee is roasted by Counter Culture Coffee, and baristi are trained through an extensive training and a professional certification program, learning crucial skills in dedication to the fine art of crafting delicious coffee and espresso beverages. They purchase and carefully prepare some of the finest coffee available, sourcing food and milk from local, independent vendors and farms. Additionally, Tazza D'Oro will have office space at 524 along with a training facility in partnership with Counter Culture Coffee.

Right down the street, at the MCDC-owned 220 North Avenue, we welcome Ton Pottery. Ton Pottery is a ceramics teaching studio, which offers adult and children's 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.

Across the street on North Avenue, we also welcomed Bar 3 and Shining Light Prenatal Education Center. The revitalization of Millvale spread beyond Grant and North Avenues in 2017 as Millvale embraced the opening of Lumberjaxes, Eichenlaub, the Millvale Moose with New Sun Rising, Tres Rios Sports and Three Rivers Tattoo. Apologizes to any new businesses we did not name but welcome!

Millvale Studios at 216 North Avenue experienced a fire which has temporarily closed the building. The MCDC is excited to begin rebuilding the Studios in 2018.

The Business Association of Millvale (BAM) continues to grow and offer tremendously successful events including May Days, Halloween Trick r 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 and BAM meets quarterly following the regular MCDC meeting. The MCDC will also be moving operations to 524 Grant Avenue in 2018. Look for a fresh new website from the MCDC in early 2018 as well as more programing and development announcements. Special thanks to Millvale Borough for years of support (and office space); although we are sad to move, we are enthusiastic to have our own space. We look forward to continued collaboration for years to come.

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 2018.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE MCDC!**



# Millvale Community Library News

## HOMEBOUND DELIVERY SERVICE

The Millvale Community Library now offers Homebound Delivery Service.

All patrons who are physically unable to visit the library due to permanent or temporary illness or disability are invited to participate in our Homebound Delivery Service program. The service is free and offers homebound patrons the opportunity to continue to enjoy library materials. Library staff will assist in item selection and deliver and retrieve items at your home at your convenience. For more information, email [millvalelibraryoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:millvalelibraryoutreach@gmail.com) or call 412-822-7081.

## ADULT MAKER PROGRAM

Back by popular demand, our next Adult Maker workshop will be on the second Saturday of every month, with the first one on Saturday, December 9 at 11:30 am. Our Maker Educator, Roman, will be teaching attendees how to create ornaments from upcycled books. The program is free, but donations to cover the costs of materials are welcome. No registration is required!

We are always adding programs and hosting special events! For a current listing of events, or for additional information on any of our programs, contact us!



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## Shaler Area School District News

Shaler Area School District announces the name of their new primary school. Scott Primary School is being built on Scott Avenue, formerly the site of the Rogers Primary School. The new building will be a two-story, 82,779 square foot facility and will hold between 460 and 600 students ranging in grades from kindergarten to third grade. The school is designed in the neighborhood concept and will encompass many exciting new amenities.

The district is also holding a series of concerts. Please check out their website for the full schedule [www.sasd.k12.pa.us](http://www.sasd.k12.pa.us).

## A Note from the Mayor

### Thank you Millvale!

As my last term of office draws to a close, I want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to the residents of Millvale. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as your Mayor for the past twelve years. I believe our council and staff have accomplished great things during my many years of service to the community. We continue to serve the community as a team to offer a greater quality of life. I want to wish great success to our Mayor-Elect, Brian Spoales, and his police department as they continue to proudly serve and protect those of us who call Millvale home.

All my thanks and best wishes.

**Mayor Vince Cinski**

### A Note from the Mayor-Elect

I feel privileged and honored to be chosen as your mayor to lead Millvale into the future. By working together with our town's police force, members of council, borough administration and the community at large, I'm very confident that Millvale will continue to build a strong foundation that will support and enhance the safety and well being of the borough community. It has been stated that Millvale is about family serving family and the goal will be to maintain the bond and infrastructure that has been in place for some time.

When January rolls around and you have a need to get a hold of me, feel free to either call the borough office and leave a message in my voice mail or send me an email : [millvalemayor@gmail.com](mailto:millvalemayor@gmail.com).

As we all begin to gear up for the holiday season, please keep in your thoughts Mayor Cinski and his wife Eileen and thank them for serving the Millvale community for the past 12 years.

**Mayor-Elect Brian Spoales**

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We are pleased to share that another Millvale Days is in the books for 2017. The weather was great, and our 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.

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 13th through Saturday, September 15th the 2018 Millvale Days. Mark your calendars for next year, as it is shaping up to be a very memorable Millvale Days, and our town's 150th anniversary!