

MILLVALE BULLETIN

Event Calendar

April

4th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
 8th - Great Millvale Egg Hunt @
 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - MRFP
 10th - MCDC - @ 5:30 p.m. - MCC
 11th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
 Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
 14th - Borough and MCDC offices
 closed
 29th - Millvale Environment & Health
 Fair @ 12:00 p.m. - MCC

May

2nd - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
 5th & 6th - Millvale May Days - GAPP,
 Borough-wide
 8th - MCDC @ 5:30 p.m. - MCC
 9th - Council Workshop @ 6 p.m.
 Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
 13th - Millvale Music Fest - Borough-
 wide
 16th - Primary Election

June

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.

July

4th - Borough and MCDC offices
 closed
 5th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
 10th - MCDC @ 5:30 p.m. - MCC
 11th - Council Workshop @ 6:00
 p.m.
 Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

*Borough and MCDC offices are
 closed for the following holidays:
 4/14 in observance of Easter and
 7/4 in observance of Independence
 Day.*

Council News

Council is pleased to announce that it has been selected to participate in the Allegheny County Economic Development's Allegheny Together Program. Allegheny Together is a program designed to support business development in traditional pedestrian-based business districts throughout the county. The program stresses community organization and data-driven planning as a way to direct public investment, spur private investment and revitalize our communities. The Mission of Allegheny Together is to encourage well-planned, well-designed and geographically-focused investment in the established, urban commercial districts of Allegheny County while respecting the unique history, character, and built environment of each. The program aims to help organize and empower each community to fulfill its collective vision. The Borough and its community partners have already begun meeting with Town Center Associates, the consultant chosen by Allegheny County Economic Development, and are excited about the work being done.

Council has been working to strategize the future of our Millvale Riverfront Park. Through the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, we are working with the River Towns Program which is focused on sustaining economic development along the rivers. Council is working to identify projects which are important to Millvale and can spur additional economic development.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter for additional updates as they become available.

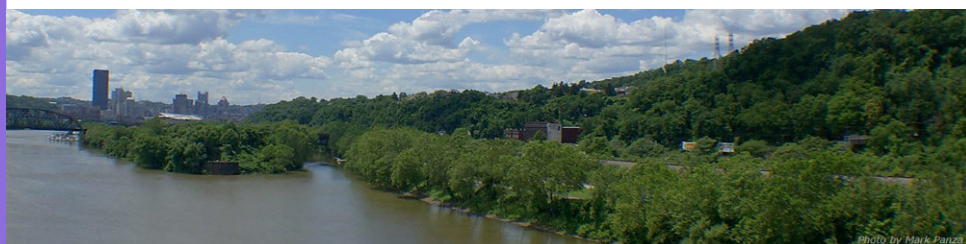


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In the Borough

Sustainable Millvale Updates

On Saturday, April 29th, the Millvale Community Library in partnership with the Borough of Millvale will present the Millvale Environment & Health Fair.

Free to all residents, the day will feature connections to free health check-ups for Millvale youth through Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, prescription drug recycling, yoga, tai chi, NARCAN education, dental health resources, audiology/hearing resources, nutrition & healthy eating education, Hepatitis C & HIV screenings, and blood pressure screenings.

The day will also feature self-guided tours of Millvale's sustainability projects, including multiple solar installations, rain gardens, bioswales, and the Gardens of Millvale.

Activities for the day will kick off with a lunch at the Millvale Community Center (416 Lincoln Avenue) at noon on Saturday, April 29th.

2017 Needs Assessment

This summer, the Millvale Community Library and Borough will be surveying Millvale residents to create a Community Needs Assessment. The Needs Assessment aims to collect data from at least 50% of all residents. A previous assessment, conducted in 1994, found that Millvale residents wanted a riverfront park, a senior high-rise, a community health center, and a library. The 2017 Needs Assessment will allow residents to express their thoughts on living in Millvale and provide suggestions for what they want to see in the community moving forward.

The Needs Assessment will be launched on Saturday, April 29th at the Environment & Health Fair. Residents can stop by the Library during May, June, and July to fill out the survey. Volunteer data collectors will also be going door-to-door in Millvale to have residents complete the survey. All volunteers have completed background checks, are registered with the Borough, and will identify themselves as a data collector with the Needs Assessment. They will also be wearing ID badges. You may ask to see their badge if it is not clearly visible.



Public Works Department News



Some things to look forward to this spring from Public Works --

We plan on sweeping winter debris from the streets. To do so, we will post "No Parking" signs on one side of the street for that particular side to be swept. Once we have finished, the signs will be removed.

However a small, temporary inconvenience this might be, this will help to tidy up our community.

We will also be repainting the parking stalls in the business district, in addition to the yellow "No Parking" curb markings throughout town. Patching holes will also be done, as needed.

Stormwater Information

STORM WATER PROTECTION INFORMATION FOR LANDSCAPING
Remember...

- Water runs downhill.
 - Water picks up everything.
 - Water flows to our lakes, rivers, streams and creeks
- Please refer to and follow these guidelines to help reduce pollutants from entering the storm water system:
- Do not use pesticide/herbicide/fertilizer if rain is expected. Apply only when wind speeds are low (less than 5 pmh).
 - Do not mix or prepare pesticide/herbicide/fertilizer for application near storm drains.
 - Prepare the minimum amount of pesticide/herbicide/fertilizer needed for the job and use the lowest rate that will effectively control the issues.
 - Employ techniques to minimize off-target application (e.g. spray drift) of pesticide/herbicide/fertilizer, including consideration of alternative application techniques.
 - Calibrate pesticide/herbicide/fertilizer/application equipment to avoid excessive application.
 - Sweep pavement and sidewalk if pesticide/herbicide/fertilizer is spilled or overspread on these surfaces.
 - Collect any lawn and garden clippings, pruning waste, and tree trimmings to chip for compost or remove to landfill that composts yard waste.
 - **DO NOT blow or rake leaves, clippings, etc. into the street or storm drain.**

A Note From State Rep Dom Costa

I will be holding my annual Job Fair at the Ross Township Community Center, located at 1000 Ross Municipal Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 (behind the Big Lots on McKnight Road). The event will take place on Friday, March 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come meet with over 50 employers who are currently hiring in and around the Pittsburgh area. Those attending are encouraged to bring copies of their resumes and dress professionally. For more information, call 412-361-2040.

It is that time again for my semi-annual Shredding Event that will take place on Saturday, May 20th from 9:00am until 11:00am at St. Raphael's School 1154 Chislett St, Pittsburgh, PA 15206 in the parking lot. One of the best ways to protect your identity is to bring any of your old personal documents containing Social Security numbers, credit card numbers and bank account numbers and watch them be shredded on site.

They cannot operate the mobile shredding equipment in the rain due to the risk of damage. If there is wet 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, you can call my office and listen to a voicemail to find out if the event will be taking place.

2016 Property Tax Rent Rebate applications are available at our office. The program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The deadline to apply is June 30th, 2017. Revenue will begin mailing and depositing rebates on July 1st 2017, as specified by law. Call to see if you qualify.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call my office 412-361-2040.

Shaler Area School District News

All-District Art Show

The Shaler Area Visual Arts Department is proud to present "Convergence," a Kindergarten through 12th-grade Art Show during the month of March in the community room on the second floor of the Shaler North Hills Library.

The public is invited to an opening reception and celebration of art on Thursday, March 16, from 6-8 p.m. The evening will include light refreshments and a collaborative art station featuring "Zentangle," which will allow participants to be a part of an ever-changing art installation by creating a small black and white design.

Taste of Shaler Area

Shaler Area Education Foundation will host its second "A Taste of Shaler Area", which will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, at Shaler Area High School.

The event will feature food from local restaurants, music and a variety of silent auction items, including student artwork and university scholarships.

Presale tickets are \$20 donation per person and on sale in the high school activities office, 381 Wible Run Road. Tickets will be available at the door. Contact the activities office for more information at 412-492-1200 ext. 1531.

Borough of Millvale Administration

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Monday - Friday

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Fire Department

Spring is arriving and your thoughts may be turning to that dreaded ritual of spring cleaning. With it comes a timely reminder to keep your home safe from the threat of fire. In an effort to make this "Spring Cleanup" a fire safe one, Millvale Volunteer Fire Department provides the following safety tips:

- Clean your garage of stored newspapers or other rubbish that can fuel a fire.
- Test your smoke alarms monthly.
- To help prevent nuisance alarms, gently vacuum your smoke alarm every six months or as needed.
- Change batteries in smoke alarms, flashlights and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Never borrow smoke alarm batteries to use for toys or other equipment.
- Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years or as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Keep outdoor debris or dead vegetation away from the house.
- Properly dispose of oily or greasy rags. If these items must be stored, they should be kept in labeled, sealed, metal containers.
- If you store gasoline, keep it outside your home in a shed or detached garage. Keep only small quantities in tightly sealed containers. Use gasoline only as a motor fuel - never as a cleaning agent.
- Use outdoor barbecue grills with caution. Place in a safe area away from building, windows, heating, ventilation and air conditioning units or places with high/dead vegetation.
- Never use gasoline to start the fire, and don't add charcoal lighter fluid once the fire has started.
- Use barbecue grills outside only - not under overhangs or balconies, and away from combustibles.
- Check your propane barbecue grill hose for leaks and cracks; never store propane indoors.

Police Department/Mayor's Note

The mission of the Millvale Borough Police Department is to provide high quality police services that maintain the peace to our community needs. We are committed to the protection of life and property by apprehending those who commit criminal acts within our neighborhood. We work together as a team to prevent, reduce and eliminate problems by providing police services that are fair and professional of all individuals. The residents within our Borough are a key component to assist the police by following some simple steps to help us help you.

- Always secure your residence and vehicle at all times.
- Never leave valuable belongings in plain view inside your vehicle or outside of your residence.
- When something or someone appears suspicious, please report it by calling 9-1-1.

The Millvale Police Department is staffed 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and we will respond to any call type.

Finally, now that spring is approaching with warmer days, please remember the residents and especially the children in our community. This time of year brings more people outdoors to enjoy bike riding, walking, jogging and other activities. When traveling throughout the community, use extra caution and remember to follow the vehicle code rules and laws by following the posted speed limits, stop signs and traffic control devices within the Borough. These laws are in place for everyone's safety and are enforced daily.

Sincerely,
Chief Derek Miller



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.

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

In the Borough

Code Enforcement RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

With spring and summer approaching, it will soon be time for grass cutting and maintaining weeds. Remember, you are responsible for maintaining the weeds on your sidewalk per Ordinance No. 2527.

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 approved 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.

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

Pet Waste Tips and Tricks

It is the responsibility of residents of the Borough of Millvale to protect, recover, and reuse our valuable water resources. One simple way is to clean up and properly dispose of pet waste.

Pet waste can pollute our waterways and degrade our health in several ways:

- Decaying pet waste contains nutrients that promote weed and algae growth. Excessive growth can make water recreation and swimming unpleasant and unhealthy.
- Pet waste also carries bacteria, parasites and viruses that can threaten the health of humans and wildlife.

What is the proper disposal method for pet waste? Do not dispose of it in a storm drain; simply:

- Pull a plastic bag over your hand like a glove.
- Pick up the waste in the bagged hand.
- With your other hand, grasp the open end of the bag and turn it inside out, keeping the waste inside the bag.
- Tie a knot on the open end of the bag and discard the bag into a trash receptacle.

Protecting our health and our waterways from harmful pet waste is as easy as this! Please do your part.



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



2017 MCDC Board

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SAVE THE DATE:

Easter Egg Hunt - April 8th
May Days Celebration - May 5th-6th
Millvale Music Festival - May 13th

**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 the 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 is happening in our community.

The Annual Millvale Egg Hunt will be held on April 8th at 10 am at the Riverfront Park. The Element Church is collaborating to create a great event for families.

On the weekend of May 5th and 6th, the Business Association of Millvale (BAM) will host the annual May Days celebration. Checkout BAM on Facebook or through the MCDC on www.millvalepa.com.

The MCDC is also busy getting ready for the first Millvale Music Festival on May 13th. The Music Fest will be an all day festival held at indoor and outdoor locations throughout the Borough. Check out Millvale Music Festival on Facebook for detailed info. The festival is being organized by the Music Fest committee through the MCDC, River's Edge radio, and many individuals who are working to make this event the most unique music festival in the area. Be sure to check it out!

Other events to look forward to include the Brew Fest on August 12 and Wine Fest on October 7. More info to come in the next newsletter about the Fests and more events.

Tazza D'Oro Espresso Bar & Cafe will be opening in May on the first floor of 524 Grant Avenue. The second floor will house the MCDC office, and Tazza D'Oro's main office and training center. We are excited to welcome Tazza D'Oro and Ton Pottery, which will be opening this year next to Millvale Studios.

Millvale Studios will be going through some changes this year as artists and the MCDC work to create a vibrant gallery and event area. Watch for events.

Hope to see you soon...

SUMMER CAMPS AT THE MILLVALE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

SIGN UPS
BEGIN
APRIL 1ST
ON THE LIBRARY'S
WEBSITE

ARE BACK!!!



SUMMER
2017!

MAKESHOP CAMP

JUNE 13-15TH

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
PITTSBURGH CHILDREN'S MUSEUM,
EXPLORE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MAKER! *

* STAY TUNED
FOR MORE
DETAILS!!!

ENVIRONMENTAL CAMP

JUNE 20-22ND

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT?
LEARN ABOUT LOCAL WILDLIFE, RENEWABLE ENERGY,
AND KEEPING OUR RIVERS & WATER CLEAN.

POTTERY CAMP

JULY 11-14TH

GET MESSY & MAKE SOME AWESOME CERAMIC STUFF!
CUPS! MUGS! TRAYS & PLATTERS! WORK WITH LOCAL POTTER
RIGHT HERE IN MILLVALE!

FIBER & FASHION CAMP

JULY 18-20TH

EXPERIMENT WITH SEWING, DYEING, MANIPULATING,
UPCYCLING, & CREATING CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES!
STRUT YOUR STUFF IN OUR MCL FASHION SHOW!

MILLVALE MAKER BOOTCAMP

AUGUST 1-3RD

WORK IN THE MCL'S CLUBHOUSE
MAKERSPACE, LEARN SOMETHING *
NEW, CREATE SOMETHING AWESOME,
MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS.

COMMUNITY GARDEN CAMP

AUGUST 8-11TH

SPEND THE WEEK AT THE GARDENS OF MILLVALE!
LEARN ABOUT GARDENING, GROWING & COOKING
YOUR OWN FOOD, & THE IMPACT OF A COMMUNITY
GARDEN.

ALL CAMPS ARE
FREE

AND INCLUDE LUNCH &
A SNACK!

CAMPS RUN TUES-THURS

10AM-1PM FOR AGES 5-8

12PM-4PM FOR AGES 9-13

(BOTH GROUPS EAT
LUNCH TOGETHER
12-1PM)

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1ST ON THE
MCL WEBSITE!

PLEASE CONTACT NORA WITH ANY QUESTIONS
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Free Lead Testing Kits Available

PWSA encourages Millvale residents to test their water for lead. PWSA also offers free lead test kits. To request a kit, please email your name, address, phone number and property type to servicelines@pgh2o.com, or call 412-255-2423. After requesting a test kit, you will be provided with a plastic bottle and instructions on how to draw water under very specific guidelines. Samples may be sent to an independent laboratory for testing. More information on testing alternatives can be found at PWSA's website at www.pgh2o.com/lead-facts.