

# MILLVALE BULLETIN

## Event Calendar

### August

- 1st - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
- 8th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.  
Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 12th - 11th Annual Brew Fest - MRFP  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. & 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- 14th - MCDC - @ 5:30 p.m. - MCC

### September

- 2nd - Steel City Mods vs. Rockers  
@ Noon - Grant & North Ave.
- 4th - Borough and MCDC offices  
closed
- 5th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
- 11th - MCDC @ 5:30 p.m. - MCC
- 12th - Council Workshop @ 6 p.m.  
Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 14th-16th - Millvale Days - Borough-  
wide
- 21st - Senior Fair @10:00 a.m. -  
MCC

### October

- 3rd - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.
- 7th - Harvest Moon Wine Fest -  
MRFP
- 9th - MCDC @ 5:30 p.m. - MCC
- 10th - Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.  
Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 31st - Halloween Trick r Treat  
@ 5:00 p.m. - Borough-wide

### 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 & 24th - Borough and MCDC  
offices closed

*Borough and MCDC offices are closed for the following holidays: 9/4 in observance of Labor Day and 11/23 & 11/24 in observance of Thanksgiving.*

## Community News

### Millvale Community Needs Survey

Recently, all residents received a survey in the mail. The purpose of the survey was to help Millvale community-based organizations understand more about our residents' interests, needs, and dreams. All results will be totaled and the report will be released publicly. Organizations will then be able to match programs and investments with what our residents are interested in and need. All surveys are to be completed and mailed or dropped off in person at the Millvale Community Library. Deadline for surveys is August 31. One survey per household. Completed surveys have a chance to win \$1,000 in prizes from local businesses.

### Pennsylvania State Women's Golden Gloves Champion

Millvale Council would like to recognize resident Colleen Davis for her outstanding achievement in women's boxing. The twenty-six-year-old Millvale resident started boxing in high school for exercise. Three years ago, she decided to start boxing competitively and hasn't stopped yet. Colleen has won back-to-back Western Pennsylvania Golden Gloves Championships, and is currently the Pennsylvania State Women's Golden Gloves Champion for her class (141 lb. elite Class). Colleen trains under former professional Jose Carballo from the Ray Schafer Boxing Association located in Sharpsburg.

Colleen is currently ranked #8 in the country by USA Boxing which is the governing body for the United States Olympic team. She is focused on making the 2020 Tokyo Olympic team. In order to be considered for the team she must be a ranked fighter and they will review who she has fought. They are looking for matches with nationally ranked boxers. Colleen had an extremely close loss to the National Golden Gloves champion in her division in July. Colleen has been tentatively scheduled to fight at Heinz Field on Thursday night, August 31, opening the Steelers Rib Fest Weekend.

## Public Works Department News

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.

### 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.

## A Note From State Senator Randy Vulakovich

### Seniors for Safe Driving One Day Refresher for Previous Participants

August 24, 2017

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Shaler Township Municipal Building  
300 Wetzel Road

Senator Randy Vulakovich is hosting a Seniors for Safe Driving course in August. This course is a one-day refresher course for previous participants. This program is available for drivers 55 years of age and older. The benefits of taking the course are becoming a safer driver and receiving a minimum 5% discount on your auto insurance. No exam will be given and the course is classroom instruction only. The fee for the class is \$16 payable to Seniors for Safe Driving. Call 1-800-559-4880 to register for a class or register online at [www.sfsd-pa.com](http://www.sfsd-pa.com).

#### Senior Expo

September 29, 2017

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Allison Park Church, Hampton  
2326 Duncan Avenue

State Senator Randy Vulakovich and State Representative Hal English will be cohosting their annual Senior Expo. 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. Free health screenings will be provided and a fraud presentation will be offered. In addition, every effort will be made to provide free flu vaccinations to senior citizens age 65 and over, supplies and time permitting. Please be prepared to provide your Medicare card to the pharmacist. For details regarding the event or vaccine availability please contact the office of Senator Vulakovich at 412-487-6600.

## 2017 Senior Health & Safety Fair

Mark your calendars! We are pleased to announce that there will be a Senior Health & Safety Fair, hosted by Allegheny County Councilman, Ed Kress, of District Three, at the Millvale Community Center (416 Lincoln Ave) on Thursday, September 21, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The health and safety fair is free and open to the public. Local organizations will be on site to give flu shots at no charge with presentation of Medicare and/or health insurance card. Health screenings and information about local programs and services will also be available to seniors, in addition to free lunch. See you there! For more information or interested in dining at the event, please contact Amy Rockwell at 412-821-2777.

## A Note From State Representative Dom Costa

On Thursday, August 31, I will be hosting a Financial Aid Night at 6:30pm at Scotus Hall, located at 146 Hawthorne Road, Millvale, PA 15209. A PHEAA representative will be on site to give valuable information and answer any questions you may have about the financial aid process. There is plenty of free parking so mark your calendar and plan to attend!

My annual Children's Safety Event will be held at The Dougherty Veteran's Baseball Field, 27 Crescent Street, Etna PA 15223 on Saturday, September 9 from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. Representatives from emergency services, government agencies, and more will be on site too with interactive activities, demonstrations, and information to teach children about safety in all aspects of life. This event has been a big hit in the past, featuring an inflatable bouncy house, local mascots, safety vehicles, and all kinds of giveaways and prizes. Children are also encouraged to bring their bikes to ride on an interactive course.

Our semi-annual Shredding Event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 23 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Cherry City Volunteer Fire Company, Pittsburgh, PA 15209, in the parking lot on Parker Street. 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.

Join me on Friday, October 13 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for my annual Senior Fair at the Ross Township Community Center located at 1000 Ross Municipal Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 (behind the Big Lots on McKnight Road). Seniors are encouraged to come out and get valuable information from numerous agencies about different programs and benefits for which they may qualify. The event is free, with various giveaways and chances to win door prizes. Flu and pneumonia shots will be available with your Medicare Part B or insurance cards. There are just too many agencies to list!

Yes! You have asked for it and so we have planned it. A bus tour will take place on November 30, 2017. We will visit the Capitol in Harrisburg and then we will head over to attend the Pennsylvania Christmas and Gift Show at the PA Farm Show Complex. Tickets are \$40 a piece. Price includes tour of the Capitol, and entrance fee to the Christmas and Gift Show. Lunch will take place at the Capitol and can be brought from home or bought at the Capitol cafeteria. Call for more details and to reserve your seat today!

If you have any questions about any of the events please feel free to call my office 412-361-2040.

## Borough of Millvale Administration

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E: info@millvaleboro.com  
Business Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.,  
Monday - Friday

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412-821-3410 x3169

# Fire Department News

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need you! Millvale Volunteer Fire Department is looking for volunteers. Becoming a member of a volunteer fire department is more than preparing to fight fires. There are many other functions and responsibilities that you can volunteer to help with such as fund raising, office work, maintaining and cleaning equipment, and washing vehicles — all are an important part of running a volunteer fire department. Stop by the station and ask how you can volunteer!

## SAFETY TIPS FOR FALL

As fall approaches, it's time for a reminder about fire safety:

- Remember to check all window and door locks for proper operation.
- Review your fire escape plan with your family.
- Have a heating professional check your heating system and replace your filter.
- Inspect and clean the covers of your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms when you change the batteries.

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Halloween Safety: Remember to do the following when dressing the kids for Halloween:

- Keep candles and jack-o-lanterns away from areas where children can brush against them.
- Avoid baggy or oversized costumes to prevent contact with candles or open flame.
- Use costumes made with flame-resistant fabrics.

# Police Department/Mayor's Note

Summer is upon us, and along with the great weather brings increased foot and bicycle traffic and especially children on bikes. Please be aware of all of the traffic, slow your speed down and obey all speed limits, traffic lights and signs. Millvale Police will be out enforcing the traffic laws; we do not want to write costly citations but will in order to keep our residents safe.

I receive information almost every week about suspicious activity observed by our residents and business owners. Please call me and I will return your call and speak to you about your concerns. There is no problem too small or too big that Millvale Police can't address. Most of the time it is something we can solve quickly but in the case it ends up to be more involved, the sooner we know the better. If there is an incident that is happening at the time, please call 911. If you want to speak with an officer, just advise the 911 Dispatcher that you would like to speak to a Millvale Borough police officer. We respond to every call for service dispatched.

In Millvale, like in every community large or small across our country, we have an opioid addiction problem. This is not unique to Millvale; this epidemic affects every socio-economic category regardless of sex, race or ethnicity. If you or a loved one are addicted, understand that addiction is a disease and it must be fought as a disease.

Many of the overdose cases we are now seeing is not just from heroin, but from fentanyl, which in some cases can be more harmful. Some of the new strains of this drug are so potent that the drug we use to combat heroin (Narcan) does not work or several doses of Narcan can be required. Do not hesitate to call 911 immediately if you encounter someone overdosing. Every minute counts towards saving their life.

All Millvale police officers are certified in administering Narcan, and we carry the drug in every police car. If someone in your home is struggling with this disease, you can purchase Narcan over the counter and keep it in your home. There are no real side effects, and it may be the difference between life and death. If you are struggling with this addiction, never stop attempting to quit; you may fail many times before succeeding, just do not give up in your attempts.

A message to those persons in our community that wish to sell this poison to our residents. You have no safe haven in our town. In the past few weeks I have met with other law enforcement agencies and we are now actively partnering with narcotic task forces from the county, state and federal level. If we receive information of an individual or a location in our town dealing this poison, you can be assured you are being watched. I will make sure every asset available will be used to remove those involved with selling this poison from our community. Drug dealers are not welcome here. We have both uniformed and non-uniformed officers working daily to find you and remove you. I look forward to meeting each and every person in our community selling this poison!

On another note, please be aware that residents cannot save parking spots with chairs or other items. We will be removing these items in the coming days. We will first place a note on the item and place it on the sidewalk, but if it continues we will remove the item used. I work Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and am always available to any member of our community.

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



## In the Borough

# Code Enforcement

With summer in full swing, please remember to cut your grass and maintain the weeds. Also remember that you are responsible for maintaining the weeds on your sidewalk per Ordinance # 2537.

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 enforcement officer at 412-821-2777x3135.

Zoning permits are required for any property improvement. Also, you must fill out a building permit application. Applications are available in the office or on our website at [www.millvalepa.com](http://www.millvalepa.com).

The Borough of Millvale has updated its zoning ordinance. A complete version is available on our website for your review. 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 outside 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 will result in fines.

To dispose of televisions or computer monitors, please contact At Your Door Special Collection 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 up-to-date holiday pick up schedules, you can check online at [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com) and search for "Holiday Schedule". From there you can look up your zip code to see if service has been delayed for that particular week.

For questions, please contact Jim Tunstall, Code Enforcement Officer, at 412-821-2777x3135 or at [codetunstall@millvaleboro.com](mailto:codetunstall@millvaleboro.com)



## 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.

## 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.**

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



## 2017 MCDC Board

### BOARD OF OFFICERS

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### SAVE THE DATE:

Millvale Brewfest - August 12  
Harvest Moon Wine Fest - October 7  
Trick r Treat - October 31

**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.**



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 11th Annual Millvale Brew Fest was held on August 12th and was once again a success in attracting over 1,500 visitors. The MCDC is also busy getting ready for the Millvale Harvest Moon Wine Festival. Tickets are on sale and going quickly! If you would like to buy tickets, you may purchase them online. The wine festival will be held October 7th. Check out [www.millvalepa.com](http://www.millvalepa.com) for tickets and more info.

The development of 524 Grant is close to opening. Tazza D'Oro Espresso Bar & Cafe will be located on the first floor, serving coffee, espresso, specialty drinks, baked goods, salads, wraps and hot and cold sandwiches. The diverse menu will be seasonal and feature locally grown items. The second floor will house the MCDC office and Tazza D'Oro's home office and training center. We are excited to welcome Tazza D'Oro to the Millvale community.

Millvale Studios was damaged by a fire in June. The space has been gutted and is being prepped for renovations. The MCDC would like to thank Mark Panza, the building manager and owner of Panza Galleries, for his efforts throughout the cleanout process. We would also like to thank the Millvale VFD and surrounding fire departments for the amazing response time and quick action to control the fire. Without the superior efforts of our volunteer firefighters, the entire building could have been lost. We also thank everyone who has come forward with donations and aid during this difficult time.

Ton Pottery, owned and operated by Dan Kuhn and located next door to Millvale Studios, will open this month. Ton Pottery is a ceramics teaching studio, retail space, and gallery. Ton will offer adults and kids 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. Stop in and say hello.

The MCDC would also like to thank the organizers of the Millvale Music Festival. What an event, with over 100 bands performing throughout town. The professionalism and precision with which the event was run was truly amazing. We are already looking forward to 2018's Music Fest.

The Business Association of Millvale (BAM) continues to grow and diversify within the community. Be on the look out for upcoming fall and winter events.

Finally, the MCDC is very pleased to welcome world-renowned artist Ann Tarantino to Millvale. Ann is installing 'Watermark', a temporary concept art piece that features a blue line connecting the Riverfront Park to businesses in town along Grant Avenue. The temporary art project is made possible through the generosity of Neighborhood Allies and the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council. The MCDC, Millvale Community Library and the Society to Preserve the Millvale Murals of Maxo Vanka have worked together for over a year to develop the project. We thank the residents who have provided input on the design page and the residents and volunteers who have helped with the installation process. Ann will be in Millvale throughout August completing the project.



# Millvale Community Library

## Weekly Programming for Fall 2017 (September thru December)

### SUNDAY

The Millvale Community Library is CLOSED today. Please visit us Tuesday through Saturday.

### MONDAY

The Millvale Community Library is CLOSED today. Please visit us Tuesday through Saturday.

7:30p Millvale MASH @ Grist House Brewing (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every Month)

### TUESDAY (Open: 12p-8p)

6:30p-8:30p Stitch & %itch @ Tupelo

### WEDNESDAY (Open: 10a-6p)

3:30p Maker Wednesday (Kids)  
6:00p GED/HiSet Classes

6:30P Mystery Book Club @ Tupelo  
Honey Teas (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Month)

### THURSDAY (Open: 10a-6p)

4:00p-6:30p Teen Scene  
7:00p-8:30p Adult Writing Group

### FRIDAY (Open: 10a-2p)

**Small Fry Friday!**  
10:30a-11:00a Family Infant Toddler Story Time  
11:00a-12:00p Mini-Makers  
12:00p-2:00p Open Play

### SATURDAY (Open: 10a-5p)

1:00p-3:00p Table Gaming Club (every other week)

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!



Phone: 412.822.7081

Email: [info@millvalelibrary.org](mailto:info@millvalelibrary.org)

In Person: 213 Grant Avenue  
Millvale, PA

## Sustainable Millvale Updates

It is awards season for Millvale! This past spring, Millvale was honored at the state and national levels for its work in sustainability. On May 24th, Millvale was honored with the Western Pennsylvania Environmental Award. This went along very well with the American Planning Association's Planning Excellence Award and Excellence in Sustainability Award, which were picked up in New York City on May 8th! The accolades don't stop there for the first Platinum designated sustainable borough in the Commonwealth. On September 21st,

the Green Building Alliance will be awarding Millvale with their annual Inspiration Award for the over a decade of hard work put in by the community since Millvale was devastated by multiple floods in the mid-2000s. Thank you to all of the residents and businesses that make Millvale a strong community today and into the future!

*Creating Possibilities...*

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**Parade, Car Cruise, Rides, Music, Food & Fun**



It is almost time for our Annual Millvale Days Celebration. This year, our community event will be held on September 14, 15 and 16. The Annual Car Cruise will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017 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 15 as well as Saturday afternoon, September 16. As always there will be rides and games and the annual parade which will begin at 11:00 am on Saturday, September 16.

Hours of operation are Thursday, September 14 at 6 p.m.-10 p.m.; Friday, September 15 at 6 p.m.-11 p.m.; Saturday, September 16 at 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Come join the fun!

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