



MILLERSVILLE MATTERS

Reporting on the news, events, and happenings in the Borough of Millersville.

Volume IX 2008

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Meeting Dates

Borough Council – 7:00PM
2nd and 4th Tuesday each month
Planning & Betterment – 6:00 PM
3rd Tuesday each month
Street Committee – 6:00 PM
2nd Thursday each month
Personnel Committee – 6:30 PM
3rd Tuesday each month
Wastewater Committee – 7:00 PM
2nd Thursday each month
Safety Committee – 5:30 PM
2nd Wednesday each month
Finance Committee – 6:00 PM
Wednesday before the 4th Tuesday each month
Park Committee – 9:00 AM
1st Friday of each month
Planning Commission – 7:00 PM
1st Wednesday each month
Zoning Hearing Board – 6:30 PM
4th Thursday each month, as needed
Historic Commission – 7:00 PM
1st Monday each month
Budget - Wednesday, 10/8 @ 6:30



From the Desk of the Mayor . . . *Dick Moriarty*

Mark your calendar for the 2008 Millersville Community Parade which will NOW be held on Saturday, November 1. The 12th annual parade has the theme of "Animals: Fictional or Real." For additional details check out the parade website @ www.parade.millersville.edu or to obtain entry forms or other information, call 717.872.3352. Note: the parade was originally scheduled for

October 18, but due to a major University calendar change and events in the area, a change was necessary to move the 2008 parade to November 1. According to the Parade Committee Chairperson, Steve DiGuseppe, he indicated to me that the parade committee is looking for bands, entertainers and entries of all kinds. The parade will be followed by a special Fall Fling (12 noon - 5 pm), sponsored by the MU Alumni Association, around the lake area on the campus, which will include food, games, live animals and entertainment. (Seems sooooo far away, doesn't it? But you know it'll be here before you know it...so mark/change your calendar to reflect this new date of 11/1/2008!)

Speaking of "fun events"...another commemorative event is in the early planning stages! In 2011, Millersville will celebrate its 250th Anniversary. As part of a Millersville Area Historical Society initiative, an Executive Committee plans to commemorate this historic occasion throughout the entire year of 2011. Under the direction of co-chairs Steve DiGuseppe and Mary Ann Gerber, standing committees have been created and are recruiting members. Volunteers are needed to serve on the Historical Exhibits & Publications Committee, the Events Committee, the Communications & Marketing Committee, the Fundraising & Merchandise Committee and the Volunteers & Logistics Committee. If you are interested in being part of the 250th Celebration, pick up a Volunteer Form at the Millersville Municipal Office or contact the Millersville Area Historical Society, P. O. Box 174, Millersville, PA 17551.

In my last newsletter I reported on the establishment of a Task Force to study the merger of our area Fire Companies: Millersville, Highville, Washington Boro and West Lancaster Fire Companies. Over the past several months this group has methodically been proceeding in their analysis. Representing Millersville in these discussions are: Don McCann; Jim Eshleman; Phil Lastowski and Bob Thompson. The committee is meeting regularly and although they are independent in their thought process they are utilizing some guidance as offered by the state's Dept of Community and Economic Development. This department has assisted numerous fire companies throughout the state in this venture, thus it's reassuring to have a "tried and true" methodology as the basis for the project. I've not heard of any final timeframe, however, because of the magnitude of the task, I'm sure it'll be at least through next year and probably into 2010 before we see their tangible results. It'll be interesting to see what conclusions this group recommends with respect to "fire protection" for our general area. This is a massive undertaking and I want to thank not only these individuals, but also the entire Task Force for volunteering their time towards this project. In the meantime the fire company is currently seeking members to join their team to "give back to the community". They are looking for dedicated citizens to help fill the roles of not only firefighter, (those who respond to the day-to-day emergency calls around the area) but also general associate members, (those who can help out with fund-raising events or general chores around the fire station). If any of these roles seem like you, then, please stop by or call (717-872-9345) the fire station at 26 East Charlotte St. any time

members are present and complete an application indicating which best suits your interest. Remember they are 100% Volunteer!

Police Chief John Rochat has led our force for the past 10 years and since coming to "the ville" has (continued on page 3)

2009 Borough Office Holiday Closings

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1st - **NO CHANGE** for trash collection.
Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 19th - **NO CHANGE** for trash collection.
Easter, Friday, April 10th - **NO CHANGE** for trash collection.
Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th - trash pick up on Tuesday, May 26th.
Independence Day, Friday, July 3rd - **NO CHANGE** for trash collection.
Labor Day, Monday, September 7th - trash pick up on Tuesday, September 8th.
Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd - **NO CHANGE** for trash collection.
Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th - **NO CHANGE** for trash collection.
Christmas, Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th - **NO CHANGE** for trash collection.

Vote

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 4th 2008

Personnel Highlights

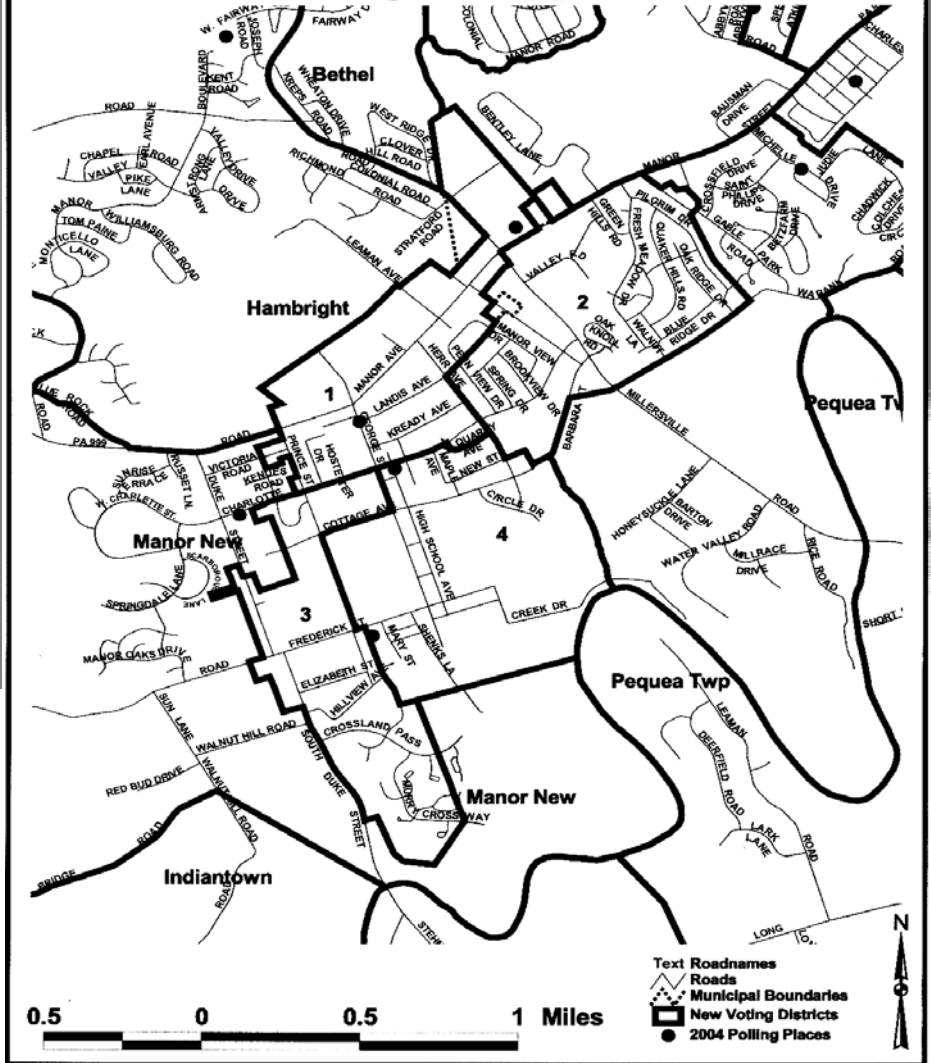


The administrative department added Jessie L. Ebersole as Accountant/Administrative Assistance in March 2008. She is married to Jeffrey L. Ebersole who is employed at G.R. Mitchell Inc. in Willow Street. They reside in Conestoga. Jessie brings 25 years of Accounting and Office Management experience to the Borough. We welcome her to our office team.



In the police department, John A. Reynolds was added as a new Officer in April 2008. He is married to Andrea L. Reynolds who is employed with Walz, Deihm, Geisenberger, Bucklen & Tennis Certified Public Accountants. They have just moved to Millersville Borough. We all want to welcome John to our staff and both of them as new

Millersville Borough Voting Districts



- Polling Places for Millersville Borough as follows:**
- District 1 - Municipal Office, 100 Municipal Dr.
 - District 2 - St. Philip the Apostle Church, 2111 Millersville Pike (Front)
 - District 3 - Millersville Lions Club Building, 190 W. Charlotte St.
 - District 4 - Millersville Fire Hall, 26 E. Charlotte St.



WE NEED YOU!

From time to time vacancies occur on borough boards and commissions:

- Planning Commission
- Zoning Hearing Board
- Park Committee
- Historic Commission
- Civil Service Commission
- Educational Service Agency
- Vacancy Board

If you are interested in serving the borough, please submit a resume and letter of intent to the borough office. (E-mails accepted; millersville@millersvilleborough.org)

2008 Millersville Tree Lighting

The Millersville Area Business Association invites you to celebrate the season with the Annual Millersville Tree Lighting at the corner of Leaman & Manor Avenues, Millersville on Friday, December 5th at 7:00 PM.



Trick-or-Treat

Friday, October 31st
6 PM to 8 PM



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implemented numerous positive programs. One of his "fortes" is his ability to seek out grants. For example, here is a sampling of the grants that he has obtained on our behalf over the past several months.

- Pa Liquor Control Board Grant for 2008-2009 school year - liquor law enforcement: \$11,500
- Bullet Proof Vest Grant: \$1,800
- DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Grant: \$625
- Federal Technology Transfer Grant for "Tracking Device System": \$50,000
- Portable Video Surveillance System: \$15,000

On top of those grants, if you recall, Senator Hillary Clinton visited Millersville during her campaign swing thru the area. Regardless, of the party affiliation, I personally feel very honored when one of our country's leaders places a value on a visit to a community. However, with that visit came a cost-as he has done for other political hopefuls...Chief Rochat was able to document our costs and forwarded that information to the Clinton Campaign committee-\$1,800. Recently, we were fortunate to have received reimbursement from her Committee. Thus thanks to Chief Rochat's initiative, he has saved the taxpayers from footing this bill. One more thing...recently we had a new police officer join our ranks...Officer John Reynolds. John recently graduated from the Police Academy and was selected from among several other candidates vying for this position. On behalf of the Boro and all of our citizens I welcome John and his wife, Andrea, who have moved into the Boro.

Our local ambulance service (Lancaster EMS -LEMSA) will be mailing out their membership drive mid November. Please watch for their mailing. Your support is very important to maintain the high level of care and coverage currently being provided. Last year, Lancaster EMS responded to 556 9-1-1 medical emergencies in the Borough. LEMSAs is a private nonprofit, nationally accredited ambulance association NOTE: Accreditation is a very special accomplishment as there are only 5 out of approx 1,200 ambulance organizations throughout the entire state to have received this special recognition/certification. Congrats and thank you to LEMSAs for their commitment to delivering such high quality care. In addition, they conduct CPR classes at their Station (100 East Charlotte Street) the second Thursday of every month from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Contact Tess Mullhausen at (717)481-4841 Ext. 10 for details. Questions about Lancaster EMS may be directed to C. Robert May, Executive Director, at (717)481-4841, ext. 14; or by email at: bob_may@lemsa.com. Your contributions are very important as, contrary to popular belief they receive no borough funds via any of your tax dollars, with a small exception that the borough makes a small contribution, just as any other business or individual would provide.

Well, that's all for now...thanks for your faith in me...and as always, please feel free to contact me at (717)872-7577 with any of your concerns.

Borough Infrastructure Improvements



The contract bids for the Freedom Memorial Park were awarded in July. Bids were issued for site improvements, a new pavilion and an electrical upgrade. Work on the improvement program began in August. The new pavilion will be the centerpiece for the upgrade. A perimeter asphalt path 8 feet wide by 2640 feet long (1/2 mile) will be installed around the perimeter for walking, jogging and bicycling. A new sewer pumping system will also be installed to address the needs of a park amphitheater planned in the future. Eventually an expanded parking lot will be at the park entrance and will include a memorial to all our military veterans. Funding assistance for this project is being provided by the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Lancaster County Urban Enhancement Fund.



Storm Water Management

Millersville Borough continues its Federally Mandated Storm Water Management Program which includes inspections of all public and private storm water outfalls. The purpose of the inspections is to locate and eliminate illicit discharges. No illicit discharges were found during the inspection process. Public awareness plays a crucial part in keeping our streams, bays, and oceans free from pollution. Millersville Borough and the Department of Environmental Protection encourages the public's involvement. You can learn more about storm water management by visiting www.dep.state.pa.us KEYWORD: "Storm Water" or stop by the Borough Office for a storm water management brochure.

WINTER IS COMING

Residents often ask, "Why plow the streets from curb to curb?" There are a number of reasons. The most important is to allow emergency vehicles (police, fire, and ambulance) a clear, wide path to the residence to which they respond. A timely emergency response is of the utmost importance. The snow must also be moved to the curb to open the inlets for proper drainage of melting snow which in turn leaves room to place future accumulating snow. In past winters we had several storms with large amounts of accumulating snow. Millersville was one of the few towns that did not get "snowed shut". This was due to the fact that we had all of our prior storm snow removed.



Please be aware that it is unlawful to deposit any snow back into a public street. (Borough Ordinance 1996-2). A homeowner and/or contractor may be held liable to any accidents that occur from depositing snow in a public street, therefore, willingly creating a hazard.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION



In the Summer of 2008 Millersville Borough microsurfaced N. Duke St., Hillview Ave., Crossland Pass and Wabank Rd. as well as sections of W. Cottage Ave. and E. Charlotte St. Plans for

2009 include the cold-in-place recycling and overlaying of Herr Ave. from Manor Ave. to Quarry Dr. PennDOT has informed the Borough that it has plans to mill and overlay Rt. 999 from N. George St. to Hershey Ave. as well as Rt. 741 from Rt. 999 to Rt. 30. Work is planned to take place in the evening hours.



Waste Water Treatment News -

Millersville Borough Council awarded a two-year Biosolids Management Service Agreement to Jesse Baro Inc. for a price of \$32.50 a wet ton. Jesse Baro Inc. will be land-applying our Biosolids on PADEP approved farm sites. This application provides plants with fertilizer to improve growing results.

Also, a storm water project and blacktop restoration project are slated for late summer or early fall 2008 at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Added storm water inlets will prevent ground erosion caused by water runoff at the plant. The blacktop is needed in areas of heavy vehicular movements where cracking conditions have occurred.

Grass, Weeds and Other Vegetation



The hot, humid weather has stimulated an increased growth in weeds and other unwanted vegetation. Borough Ordinance states that; "all premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of six inches. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens."




Sidewalk Maintenance

Each property owner is responsible to see that the public sidewalks on their property are free of all obstructions that may impede free use by the public. Trees and shrubbery over sidewalks must provide a minimum of six and one-half (6 1/2) feet of clearance above the surface of the sidewalk. Shrubs, bushes, vines and other vegetation may not extend into the walking area of the sidewalk.

House Numbers are Required

Borough Property & Maintenance Ordinance 2001-9 requires all residents to display visible address numbers. Buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches high with a minimum stroke





Borough Rental Properties

A maximum of three unrelated persons may reside in a Residential Rental Unit within the Borough. Violation of this regulation subjects the property owner to fines, loss of rental license and the eviction of tenants. Protect yourself and your tenants by enforcing the rules.



DOMESTIC ANIMALS

Ordinance 1984-4

It is unlawful for any dog, cat or any other animal in the nature of a pet to run at large either upon the public streets or the highways of the Borough, upon the private property of any person or persons, or upon any property other than the property belonging either to the owner or owners . . . anyone violating these provisions will be fined no more than \$600.00 plus court costs and, . . . could face imprisonment up to 30 days.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE REQUEST FORM

An update of the Millersville Borough Emergency Management Plan Special Needs List is needed. It is necessary to know if anyone in your household requires special needs. Special needs are classified as: unable to walk, deaf, blind, constant need for oxygen, or any other problems that may hinder an evacuation in an emergency. Please fill out form and mail to address below.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No: _____

I have the following needs(s):

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am on Oxygen | <input type="checkbox"/> I am unable to Walk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am Blind | <input type="checkbox"/> I am Deaf |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

Return To: Millersville Borough
100 Municipal Drive
Millersville, PA 17551

TRASH & RECYCLING HIGHLIGHTS

1) If you have a concern regarding your trash pickup, please contact the Borough Office at 872-4645 ext. 100 before **11:00 AM the day following trash collection.**

2) Trash and recycling pick up is every Monday (for exceptions, see Holiday Schedule on back page of 2008 Trash Collection & Recycling Newsletter).

3) Place containers out the day before pick up, but **NOT** before 12 Noon.

4) Remove containers no later than 12 Noon on day after pick up.

5) Green recycling bins are available at the Borough Office.

6) **ALL** trash containers have a 32-gallon size and/or 30 lb. weight limit.

7) Place Woody Yard Waste in Kraft Biodegradable bags, available at the Borough Office Police Carport, and require a green tag (sold on sheets of 4 for \$5)

8) For additional detailed information, consult your 2008 Trash and Recycling Newsletter; available at the Borough Office or **o n l i n e a t www.millersvilleborough.org**

Yard Waste

Last day for yard waste is Monday, October 20th. An occasional bag of yard waste after that date should be treated as a trash item; **NO BIODEGRADABLE BAGS.** Any **extra trash items must have a yellow tag** (sold on sheets of 4 for \$5) on it visible to the hauler.

Large Appliance/Tire Collection

Dehumidifiers, clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, water heaters, air conditioners, furnaces, etc. – and tires will be picked up Saturday, October 11th. Please notify the Borough Office for pick up of large appliances & tires. Large appliances—\$12.00 blue tag, tires/rims each require a yellow tag (sold on sheets of 4 for \$5)

Leaves

FREE special LEAVES ONLY

pickup dates are:

Thursday, November 6th

Thursday, November 20th

Thursday, December 4th

Thursday, December 18th

Use the FREE brown biodegradable leaf bags ONLY. Leaves in plastic bags or leaves loose in cans will be rejected by the hauler. **DO NOT** staple or tape bags as they will be rejected by the hauler.

Biodegradable leaf bags can be picked up at the Police carport located at the Borough Offices located at 100 Municipal Drive, Millersville. Please honor signage regarding bag limit.

If you have an occasional bag of leaves to dispose of **after the special dates**, treat it as a trash item; **NO BIODEGRADABLE BAGS.** Any **extra trash items must have a yellow tag** (sold on sheets of 4 for \$5) on it visible to the hauler.

Christmas Tree Pickup

FREE Christmas Tree and greens collection will be held one day only on **Saturday, January 10, 2009.** Place your tree where you usually put your trash. Remove all ornaments, lights and decorations. No artificial items will be taken. Put tree out **FRIDAY** evening. If you miss this **FREE** day, a red **\$4.00** oversize refuse tag will be required on tree if put out on a regular trash collection day.

Recycling Required by Commercial Businesses

We remind all businesses in the Borough that you are required to recycle certain items as mandated by State and Borough ordinance. Those items include corrugated cardboard, high-grade office paper, glass bottles and jars, steel and aluminum cans, and plastic items with a #1 (PET) or #2 (HDPE). In addition, automotive repair shops should be recycling used motor oil and other vehicle fluids, tires and batteries.

2008 County & Borough Real Estate Tax Reminder

At the beginning of each calendar year the Borough is required to turn over for collection all delinquent County & Borough Real Estate Taxes to the Lancaster County Tax Claim Bureau.

If you have not yet paid your 2008 County and Borough Real Estate Taxes, please consider doing so as soon as possible to eliminate incurring additional penalties and interest.

If you have a question or require assistance regarding your Penn Manor School Tax, contact the Penn Manor School District Tax office at (717) 872-9500 ext. 2243.

"One Book, One Community: Our Region Reads!"

Are you reading this year's book? Representatives from libraries in Cumberland, Dauphin, Lebanon, Lancaster, Perry and York Counties have announced the selection of *The Grace That Keeps This World* by Tom Bailey as this year's **One Book, One Community** selection. The regional reading campaign is intended to promote the value of reading by recommending a compelling book that links the community in a common conversation. Several communities across the country have initiated "One Book" efforts, but **One Book, One Community**, is the largest such effort in Pennsylvania with over 63 participating libraries.

The fall campaign encourages adult readers to read *The Grace That Keeps This World* during September and October. The reading campaign runs from August 28 through October 31, with book related events occurring during the month of October at libraries and other community sites. Copies of *the book* will be available for borrowing at Lancaster County public libraries. *The Grace That Keeps This World* is a story about family, community, and the shared values that underlie and sustain human relationships. And ultimately, it is a tale of profound loss, human fallibility, and the love—romantic, neighborly, or familial—that can sometimes blur our line of vision. Tom Bailey is also the author of *Crow Man*, a collection of short stories, and *A Short Story Writer's Companion*, and the editor of *On Writing Short Stories*. He lives with his wife and three children in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, where he teaches in the creative writing program at Susquehanna University. Bailey will be visiting public libraries throughout the region during the campaign—his Lancaster County visits are happening on

Wednesday, October 8th at **HACC, Lancaster Campus, East Building** at 7:00 pm and on **Saturday, October 25th** at 1:00 pm at the **Lititz Public Library**. To find out more about the One Book Campaign go to www.oboc.org



Are you **READING** This Year's **BOOK**
oboc.org

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BOROUGH OF MILLERSVILLE

Share Your Vision of Millersville
You and Your Neighbors Can Make A Difference

Residents and business, civic/community, religious and education representatives and high school and college students of the Borough of Millersville are invited to:

- Help create a bright future for our community.
- Have a voice in shaping the future.
- Help to establish a direction for what Millersville is to become.

We will hold a series of meetings to seek your opinions about creating a vision of our community—including residential, business, recreation, arts, education, public safety, transportation, government and scenic beauty perspectives—as we approach the year 2020.

Be part of
"A Vision 2020
Partnership"
that includes you.

September 22, 7 p.m.
Millersville University, Myers Auditorium
in McComsey Hall, East Frederick St.

October 16, 7 p.m.
Penn Manor High School, 100 E. Cottage Ave.

November 3, 7 p.m.
Grace United Methodist Church, 163 W. Frederick St.

November 24, 7 p.m.
Millersville Borough Office, 100 Municipal Drive



Saturday, November 1st
9:00 a.m.
2008 Millersville Community Parade

Celebrate all kinds of animals. Participants can keep spectators close to home by showcasing local farm animals or favorite pets. Other participants may choose to bring the audience up-close and personal with animals from the African safari, the tropical rainforests of South America or other exciting locations around the world. Some entries might decide to get prehistoric and represent the age of dinosaurs. To top it all off, participants can even choose to portray animated celebrities like Bugs Bunny, Kipper the Dog or Winnie the Pooh!

March along with your four-legged friends! Decorate a float like Jellystone Park! Showcase music from Cats or The Lion King! Wear a red cape and fight crime like Underdog! With so many possibilities, this year's parade promises to be a lively depiction of the animal kingdom that all ages will enjoy.

So dust off your teddy bear costumes, get a new leash for Rover, and help make this year's Millersville Parade a memorable celebration of **animals - fictional or real!**

Contributing to the parade theme is encouraged but not required. Entries unrelated to the theme are certainly welcome to participate in the parade. Competing floats and marching units are expected to contribute to the parade theme and will be judged accordingly. To find out more about this spectacular event, visit <http://parade.millersville.edu>.