



MILLERSVILLE MATTERS

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

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Final Newsletter Mailing

This issue will be the last Millersville Matters Newsletter mass mailed to all residents. (The Trash & Recycling Newsletter will continue to be mailed yearly.) If you desire to continue to receive the Millersville Matters Newsletter mailing, please contact the Borough Office to be placed on the mailing list. Otherwise, we invite residents to view the newsletter at the Borough website, www.millersvilleborough.org. The Borough is continually seeking ways to minimize costs and believes that this approach will provide information to residents in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

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Monthly Meetings

Borough Council
7:00 PM - 2nd and 4th Tuesday
Planning & Betterment
6:30 PM - 2nd Wednesday
Street Committee
6:00 PM - 2nd Thursday
Personnel Committee
5:30 PM - 3rd Tuesday
Wastewater Committee
7:00 PM - 2nd Wednesday
Finance Committee
6:00 PM - the Wednesday before
the 4th Tuesday
Park Committee
6:00 PM - 1st Monday
Planning Commission
7:00 PM - 1st Wednesday
Zoning Hearing Board
6:30 PM - 4th Thursday, as needed
(Nov. & Dec. 3rd Thursday)
Historic Commission
7:00 PM - 1st Monday
Budget
6:00 PM - Wednesday
10/5, 10/12 & 10/19

From the Desk of the Mayor . . . Dick Moriarty



I don't know about you but it sure seems like 2011 is going by rather quickly. This year, especially, being Millersville Boro's 250th anniversary celebration has made the year more hectic than normal. The 250th anniversary committee has continued to produce more events, month-in-month-out and have exceeded expectations. Steve DiGuseppe and Mary Ann Gerber, committee co-chairs, have led their volunteer committee to produce many memorable events--so-THANK YOU!

Another group that has had a very active year has been Blue Rock Fire Rescue (BRFR). The various milestones of this enormous undertaking have seen the culmination of many achievements, including on 1/1/2011 which saw the start of the 4 fire companies functioning as one company, including operations, administration and training; in addition on 7/1/2011, the financial endeavors were combined under the BRFR name and will operate under one bank account; and finally, a major piece of the puzzle is scheduled to occur on 1/1/2012 in that the "last" of the multiple milestones are planned to be accomplished and from a legal perspective will be "all wrapped up"! Also, the fire company hosted the Lancaster County Firemen's Convention as part of Millersville Fire Company's 100th Anniversary before the transition to BRFR. The fire company I wish to say "thanks" to the numerous (hundreds) folks who've spent thousands of hours to create this new emergency services entity and invite anyone interested in volunteering time for firefighting and administrative duties are encouraged to submit an application for service.

Every 10 years the Boro is required by law to review/update their Comprehensive Plan. It's been 10 years since this process occurred, but our Comp Plan does not need to be totally rewritten, however, there might be some reasons why we might want to review and change some components of our plan. There will be several special public meetings designated for definitive, public input. It's thru citizen input that changes to our Comp Plan will be considered, so if you have some desires/wishes/concerns...have some interest in the direction...past and future...please come out and let your voice be heard. While not all of the dates have been set, the regular meetings are....the first Wednesday of the month. (You can also get this information via our web site or thru the legal notices in the Lancaster Newspapers.)

While Millersville escaped much of the flooding during Tropical Storm Lee in mid September, as compared to our fellow municipalities...we still had some damage primarily focused around our Waste Water Treatment Plant and pump station. Les McMullen is the Boro's Plant Manager and he and his staff spent many hours trying to protect, monitor and ultimately salvage those assets from the overflowing of the Conestoga River. I knew we were in trouble when I visited the Pumping station on Creek Drive in the early morning hours of Sept 1 and met up with one of our staff who, as I approached him, had a look of alarm and great concern for what was to happen in the ensuing hours. There was little that could be done, but they were trying! That pump station, along with our main plant were soon to be submerged for several hours. The Street Department returned the many favors that the WWTP staff affords them during snow storms when they join forces to plow our streets. As such, the Street Group converged on the WWTP to help our awesome staff as they worked feverishly to bring us "back on line". These men, in my opinion, are the unsung heroes...little "noise" was made...no accolades were sought...they just did their jobs! Thank you!!!!

Finally, Millersville Borough and Millersville University have joined together to address quality of life issues within the Borough. The innovative approach of "joint police patrols" places a Millersville University Police Officer and a Millersville Borough Police Officer together on targeted evenings to address situations and specific problem areas when it comes to underage drinking, large parties, loud noise and other violations. This program was initially funded through a grant obtained by the Millersville Borough Police Department from The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board in 2010. This program has been very successful and supplements our Borough Force at no further expense to our residents. My congrats to Boro Police Chief John Rochat for his vision on this venture as well as "thank you's" to not only current MU Police Chief Pete Anders but also former MU Police Chief Wayne Silcox for their obvious support to bring this joint program to fruition. This type of operation is somewhat novel, there are few, if any, other police departments that have a similar protocol!

That's it for now...best wishes...as always...please feel free to contact me to express any concerns!

From the Borough Manager's Office

The Borough undertook several major public improvement projects in 2011. Some are under construction as this is written. Probably the most visual has been the infrastructure upgrades for West Frederick Street between Shenks Lane and North Prince Street. Among the more obvious changes will be wider sidewalks. On the South side of the street, telephone poles will be placed on the outside of the sidewalk providing an open walkway for all to navigate. Millersville University has joined with the Borough in providing input and monetary contributions to the project. Federal CDBG funding and the County's UEF funds also played a role in the financing.

Allen Drive and Glen Oaks Drive area storm sewer and sewer mains are being replaced to mitigate continued maintenance required especially under adverse weather conditions.

Both of the above projects have run into some utility realignment delays of these lines beyond our control. However, all parties are working diligently to meet deadlines for year's end.

Our waste water plant located along the Conestoga River below Crossgates Golf Course has been water tested tremendously this year with the recent flooding of tropical storm Lee. This event calls for all plants to review their water inflow volumes (storm water entering sewer lines) for possible reductions. We are planning a suspect area review study for 2012.

In our 2011 budget for waste water operations, we included an upgrade to the Creek Drive sewage pumping station. The station handles a majority of the University's treatment and the area in the Borough known as "Gable Park." Design complexities caused the project to be delayed until 2012.

Borough-wide, the financial environment is continually pressed by the economic conditions experienced throughout the State and the Nation. The elected officials and the staff continually strive to do more with less. We rely on your feedback to assist in directing the prioritization of the services we provide.

While the borough does not have an overabundance of commercial business, the high unemployment rate does affect local revenues and our ability to provide services at a predetermined budgeted rate.



Stormwater Management



Millersville Borough continues its Federally Mandated Stormwater 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 stormwater management by visiting www.dep.state.pa.us SEARCH: "Storm Water".

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.



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 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) **THREE** containers are included in the basic fee with **EACH** container having a 32-gallon size and/or 30 lb. weight limit. Each *extra* container requires a yellow tag (sold on sheets of 4 for \$5).

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 Trash and Recycling Newsletter; available at the Borough Office or online at www.millersvilleborough.org

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 2011 LEAVES ONLY pickup dates are:

Thursday, November 3rd

Thursday, November 17th

Thursday, December 1st

Thursday, December 15th

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 in the Police carport located at the Borough Offices at 100 Municipal Drive, Millersville. Please honor sign 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.

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.

Yard Waste

Last day for yard waste collection for 2011 is Monday, October 24th. 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 15th 2011. Please notify the Borough

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.



Sidewalk Maintenance and Snow/Ice Removal

Ordinance 1978-12 Obstructions to Sidewalks -

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 ½) 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.



Ordinance 1982-46 Removal of Snow/Ice From Sidewalks - The owner, occupant or tenant of every property in the Borough located upon or alongside any part of any street having a sidewalk shall remove or have removed from all sidewalks in front of or alongside that property, so as to provide a clear and safe passage on the sidewalk for pedestrians, all snow and ice fallen or formed upon that sidewalk within 24 hours after the snow or ice has ceased to fall or to form . . . anyone violating these provisions will be fined no more than \$600.00 plus court costs and, . . . could face imprisonment up to 30 days.

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 width of 0.5 inch.



DOMESTIC ANIMALS Ordinance 1984-4



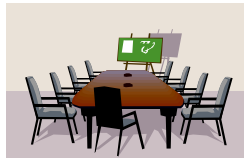
It is unlawful for any dog, cat or any other animal in the nature of a pet to run at large either upon the public streets or the highways of the Borough, upon the private property of any person or persons,

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.

Volunteer Your Time . . .

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

At times vacancies occur on Borough boards and commissions. If interested in serving the Borough, please submit a resume and letter of interest to the Borough office or email : millersville@millersvilleborough.org



2011 County & Borough Real Estate Tax Reminder

At the end 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 2011 County and Borough Real Estate Taxes, consider doing so 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. 2252.



Driveway Permit

The Borough is often asked, "Do I need a permit to pave my driveway?" If you plan to increase the area of your driveway, then you must obtain a permit prior to commencing work. If you only plan to overlay or repair your existing driveway, then a permit is not required.

Please be advised that when paving your driveway you may not cover any concrete curb or sidewalk with asphalt. Paving over curbs or beyond curbs and into the street can alter the flow of storm water which is prohibited by the Borough Storm Water Ordinance. The Borough will not repair or replace damage caused by plowing to "paved-over" curbs or paving that extends beyond the curb. If you are considering paving your driveway and are uncertain if you need a permit or have any other questions relating to your driveway project, please call the Borough office at 717-872-4645 x103. We will be glad to answer your questions and if necessary meet with you onsite.

Grass, Weeds and Other Vegetation



Hot, humid weather stimulates 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."

NOTICE - Portable Swimming Pool Owners



Any portable swimming pool, including the inflatable type, capable of holding water at a depth of 24" or more requires a permit according to the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code. Pools having walls less than 48" in height must also be protected by a 48" high fence or other approved barrier.



This fall there is a series of events for all ages to enjoy and celebrate our community's 250th anniversary of the original land signing.

- October 16 - Millersville's Got Talent Tryouts, Pucillo Gym/MU, 1 PM
Open to all Penn Manor School District/Millersville University students, alumni, faculty/staff, borough residents, Millersville business employees--of all ages. Do you have talent?--then try out and show us what you got--singing, dancing, juggling, comedy, etc. \$5 entry fee.
- October 28-30 - *Harvest Doors of Millersville Display, homes & businesses
Local residents and area businesses celebrate the autumnal season with a display of decor for doors, porches and lawns. A contest will be held with prizes awarded throughout the borough. Sponsored by the Millersville Woman's Club.
- October 29 - *Millersville Community Parade, Herr/Landis/George, 9 AM
The 2011 parade salutes the special 250th Anniversary in grand style with over 15 bands, floats, antique vehicles, civic organizations, emergency/fire friends, mascots, large helium balloons and more. This parade will be dedicated to a Penn Manor alumnus, Eric Torbert, a US Marine, killed in Afghanistan in 2010. A special Toys-for-Tots toy collection will occur during the parade route and at MU's Student Memorial Center. Grand marshals: Phil and Mary Ann Gerber. Bring a lawn chair or blanket along the route for this 2+ hour spectacular.
- October 29 - *Pictorial Postmark Student Memorial Center, MU, 12 Noon
The US Postal Service has made a special day for the Millersville 250th anniversary logo postmark for October 29. Bring your postcard, letter or other document that you wish to have postmarked. ONE DAY only. Bound to be a collectible!
- October 30 - *Pipe Organ Walk, Millersville area churches, 2 PM
The Borough of Millersville is steeped in religious faiths and boasts several special musical organs of interest. Join Millersville University professor emeritus of music and organ aficionado, Karl E. Moyer, who will lead guests throughout the borough on a salute to organ music.

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November 5 - Millersville's Got Talent (Round 1), Pucillo Gym/MU, 3 PM

The University/Community event where Penn Manor/Millersville University students, alumni, faculty, staff, community members and residents compete for the \$500 grand prize. Competition is open in all age groups for singers, musicians, jugglers, comedians, animals acts, dancers or other entertainment acts, be it a solo, duo or group. Audience and judges vote. For ticket information, contact 717-872-3811.

November 20 - Millersville's Got Talent (Finals), Student Memorial Center/MU, 3 PM

The finale of this special talent competition where community friends compete for the \$500 grand prize. Competition is open in all age groups for singers, musicians, jugglers, comedians, animal acts, dancers or other entertainment acts. Audience and judges vote. For ticket information, contact 717-872-3811.

November 27 - Millersville 250 Grand Finale @ Turkey Hill Experience (Columbia), 2 PM

Come out and enjoy a special treat—a tour of the new Lancaster County attraction and an afternoon party. The Turkey Hill Experience pays homage to Turkey Hill's history while highlighting its ice cream and iced tea-making processes. The Experience includes interactive exhibits (including a chance to make your own ice cream flavor), a café, a gift shop, and lots of other fun things for the entire family! Our special afternoon includes a special Millersville 250th Anniversary cake and the announcement of a unique ice cream flavor to celebrate the big end of a year celebration. Cake/Ice Cream/Drinks are free; Reduced rate for tours for M250 guests: call or log on for tickets: 1-888-986-8784 or www.turkeyhillexperience.com

*Free events

2011-2012 Office Closings

Election Day, Tue-11/8/11
Thanksgiving, Thu-11/24 & Fri-11/25/11
Christmas, Fri-12/23 & Mon-12/26/11
New Year's Day, Mon-1/2/12
Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Mon-1/16/12
Easter, Fri-4/6/12

Memorial Day, Mon-5/28/12
Independence Day, Wed-7/4/12
Labor Day, Mon-9/3/12
Election Day, Tues-11/6/12
Thanksgiving, Thurs-11/22 & Fri-11/23/12
Christmas, Mon-12/24 & Tues-12/25/12

Trick-or-Treat
Monday, October 31, 2011
6 PM to 8 PM



Tuesday, NOV. 8th 2011

For voting information visit the Pennsylvania Department of State website at www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us.



You can register to vote, check your voter registration status, find your polling place, etc. If you do not have computer access call the Lancaster County Voter Registration Office at (717) 299-8293 for information.

2011 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 2nd at 7:00 PM.