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MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH OFFICE

21 East Main Street
Mountville, PA 17554

HOURS

Mon. - Fri.: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Break and Borough errands
between 1:00 and 2:00*

TELEPHONE

Office: (717) 285-5547
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MEETING DATES

Council Meetings
*Second Monday - 7:30 p.m.
Fourth Monday - 7:30 p.m.*

Borough Authority
Second Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission
*Third Monday - 7:00 p.m.
(as needed)*

Zoning Hearing
(on as need basis)

MOUNTVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

120 College Avenue
Mountville, PA 17554
(717) 285-3231

HOURS

Mon. - Thurs.: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

STORM DRAIN MAINTENANCE

You may have recently seen a young Boy Scout and his friends doing things to storm drains in your neighborhood. They were working on an Eagle Scout Project, placing markers to remind us all of the importance of healthy storm drains.

Dumping of anything besides pure water down a storm drain is illegal. This includes oil, paint, trash, pet waste, grass clippings, sediment and lawn care products. While most of us don't dump any waste into the storm drains, our watershed is becoming contaminated from things that are on our streets and are washed down the storm drains by water runoff.

You can help by following these guidelines:

- Never dispose of anything down a storm drain.
- Don't litter and pick up trash that you may see.
- Maintain your vehicles so that they are not leaking toxic fluids.
- Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly.
- Wash your vehicles in your yard, not on the driveway.
- Use organic and natural products and cleaning aids that are available.

Our Chesapeake Bay Watershed will be a healthier place for plants and wildlife to prosper if we practice clean storm drain maintenance. If you see a suspected instance of illegal dumping, please contact the Borough Office at 285-5547.



NEWSLETTER REMINDER

Due to changes in the U.S. Postal Service bulk mailing process, and additional regulations and fees required, as of Spring 2015, our newsletters are no longer mailed to all residents. Residents can still view, print or download each issue on the Borough website at: www.mountvilleborough.com. Free printed copies are, also, available at several locations, including the Borough Office, the Mountville Branch of the Library, and Sloan's Pharmacy.



THINK SNOW

With the very warm Summer weather we had this year, it is hard to believe that Winter weather is just around the corner. Mountville Borough, once again, asks for your help in doing the following, so that we can help you during a snow event:

- If you have driveways and garages, please consider parking your vehicles off street. This will allow our snow removal team to clear the Borough streets curb to curb and from having your vehicles plowed in.
- Unfortunately, it is impossible for snowplows to avoid having snow placed at the bottom of driveways. It may be helpful if you shovel snow in your driveway to the right side of the driveway (as you face the road) and clear the area immediately to the left of your driveway.
- Do not shovel, blow, or plow the snow from your driveway and/or sidewalk into the street.
- Mountville Borough has an ordinance that states that a pathway of at least three feet (3') in width must be cleared within 24 hours after the snow has ceased. There are penalties that may apply if this ordinance is not obeyed. This is for the safety of all pedestrians, especially our school children.
- Please keep drains opened and fire hydrants cleared that are near your residence.
- Make sure you have emergency supplies for your entire household in case you end up having to remain in your home for a few days. And don't forget to check on your elderly neighbors to see if they need someone to run errands or remove the snow on their property.

*Thank you for
your on-going
cooperation!*



RECYCLING REMINDER

In Mountville recycling is a large portion of the collections made weekly. The more the Borough recycles the more money that is being saved. Materials that can be recycled lower the quantity of the trash being delivered that incurs a fee. Recyclable materials also earn quarterly rebates which help to keep costs down. The Borough still continues to supply recycling bins at no charge to residents to encourage more recycling.

Materials that can be recycled include:

- Aluminum, Clear and Colored Glass, Steel Cans, Plastic and Cardboard that is not soiled.
- All paper products, newspapers, magazines and catalogs.
- Corrugated cardboard may be broken down and delivered to the cardboard recycling dumpster located at North Lemon Street at the Community Park.
- All caps should be removed and residue removed from jars, bottles and jugs. No separation of materials is required, everything may be co-mingled.



MOUNTVILLE MUSEUM NEWS

The current exhibit, *"We Serve Mountville,"* continues through December 2016 and honors Mountville's individuals and organizations that have provided service to the community. The museum is open every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month until December 11th, free of charge, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The new exhibit opening in the spring of 2017 will be entitled *"Home Sweet Home"* and will feature items that have been used by Mountville families in their every day lives. Such items might include family photos, household articles, clothing, furniture, toys, and recreational and leisure artifacts. Anyone having items to donate or loan to the museum may contact Elaine Savukas at 285-4910 or the Borough Office at 285-5547.

The fall general membership meeting for the Mountville Historical Society is scheduled for Sunday, October 2, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the Mountville Area Community Center on College Avenue. After a brief business meeting, attendees are invited to a special tour at the Conestoga Area Historical Society in Conestoga, PA. The meeting and tour are free and open to the public. Transportation will be by car-pool, leaving at 1:30 p.m. from the community center.

The Conestoga Historical Society museum is a real gem, featuring displays on the local Indians, early transportation, and agriculture in the Manor Township region. For more information, call 285-4910.



A Message from the Desk of the Mountville Fire Co No.1 President

Traditionally in the volunteer fire service, the members are required to participate in fundraising efforts, in addition to fighting fires and training. Fundraising is essential and necessary when assistance from Federal and State sources in addition to the local municipality does not completely fulfill the need, therefore creating a shortfall. One viable solution is to propose proportionally mandated funding, enabling the municipality to ensure the future viability of the fire service protection of the residence and businesses they serve.

To date there are still more than twice as many volunteer firefighters as there are paid career firefighters. Since the 1980's according to the National Fire Protection Association, the number of volunteers has dropped by roughly 11% while the number of paid career firefighters has grown by more than 50%. This all comes at a cost. One of the contributing factors causing the downturn in volunteerism is a direct result of fund raising requirements which generally takes up half of the time volunteers spend on active duty. Surveys have shown that this consumes almost 60 percent of their time and one of the biggest factors of decreasing participation or worse, completely leaving the fire service.

There are other contributing factors. According to Federal standards, the time and training needed to become a certified firefighter takes hundreds of hours. Since the 1980's, according to a report from the 2013-2014 Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee, firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE) has dramatically increased. For example, a single self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) has increased from \$900.00 to over \$5,000.00 and a fire engine costs \$400,000.00 more than it did 30 years ago. In recent years fire departments have had to shift the responsibility of needed funds to maintain budgets. One way, through proportionally mandated funding, local municipalities are able to meet the financial needs to cover the operating and capital expenditure costs of the fire company providing fire protection to its property owners.

The Mountville Fire Company No.1, for the past eighteen months has been involved in preliminary talks with other local fire companies servicing four municipalities within the Hempfield School District. These talks revolve around the possibility of consolidating efforts. This structuring would potentially create a consolidation consisting of The Mountville Fire Co. No.1, Rohrerstown Fire Co. and East Petersburg Fire Co. It would create one fire company by which the three companies would operate under; consolidating all financial and operational aspects of each department into one. Each individual company would operate under the newly formed corporation. We are now in the investigatory stages and more information will be channeled through various media sources as they become available.

The Mountville Fire Co. No.1, wishes to extend our sincere appreciation to you, our community and neighbors for your trust in our professional abilities and your continuing support now and during our fundraising events through the year. Enjoy a safe, warm and peaceful holiday season.

Respectfully,
Paul M. Rossi
Mountville Fire Company No.1 President



TRICK-OR-TREAT

Trick-or-Treat night will be held on Monday, October 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please practice the following safety measures:

- Make sure that costumes are flame resistant and fit well so that children can easily walk without tripping.
- Make sure wigs and beards are properly attached so that they do not obstruct vision.
- Use light colors, decals or reflective tape to make children more visible at night.
- Walk on sidewalks when available. When walking in the street, use the left side and face oncoming traffic.
- Never cross the street between parked cars. Always cross at an intersection or crosswalk, look both ways and wait for proper traffic signals to cross.
- Trick-or-treat in groups with a parent or responsible adult.
- Only go to houses with outside lights on.
- Never take a ride from or enter anyone's car or home, even if asked, unless you know them.
- Save all treats until you get home so that a parent or responsible adult can check them before eating.
- Have a parent or responsible adult report any suspicious behavior or treats to Police.

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for Mountville Borough



BOROUGH COUNCIL

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BOROUGH EMPLOYEES

Steve L. Zeamer	Borough Supervisor
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2016-2017 DATES TO REMEMBER

Crime Watch Dates	Sept. 27th, Oct. 25th, Nov. 22nd, Jan. 24th, Feb. 28th, March 28th, and April 25th from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Mountville Borough Hall. No meeting in December.
Yard Waste Separation	Ends October 15th
Fall Leaf Pick-Up	October 22nd, November 5th & 19th and December 3rd & 17th
Appliance Pick-up	October 8th
Trick-or-Treat Night	Monday, October 31st (6:00 to 8:00 p.m.)
Daylight Savings Time Ends	Sunday, November 6th
Christmas Tree Pickup	Saturday, January 16th
Office Closures for Holidays	November 24th & 25th, December 26th and January 2nd

Please clip and save as a reminder of these special dates.

