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MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH OFFICE

21 East Main Street
Mountville, PA 17554

HOURS

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

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MEETING DATES

Council Meetings
2nd & 4th Monday - 7:00 p.m.

Borough Authority
2nd Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission
3rd Monday - 7:00 p.m. (as needed)

Zoning Hearing
(as needed)

MOUNTVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

www.lancasterpubliclibrary.org

HOURS

Mon. - Thurs.: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

WEST HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP POLICE

3476 Marietta Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17601

Non-emergency Calls:
717-285-5191



Mountville Borough Council Welcomes New Member



Mountville Borough welcomes its newest Council Member, Theresa Baker, who was appointed to the Council in November and is serving in the capacity as Chairperson of Public Safety:

Health, Sanitation and Environment. Born and raised in Manor Township, Theresa has lived in the Borough for the past 19 years. Her two adult sons, Nathan and Matthew, born on military bases out of state, were raised in Mountville. Nathan is an Army veteran and lives in DC, and Matthew is a Marine veteran who lives in Columbia, PA. Theresa and her partner, Matt, a lifelong resident of Lancaster, have five sons between them. For the past two years, she has worked with LGH/Penn Medicine as a Licensed Clinical Counselor. Her primary work is with people experiencing the effects of anxiety and depression, and she specializes in trauma recovery. She is an EMDR certified therapist and has worked in the social work/mental health fields for 38 years.

Theresa's Vision for Mountville Borough:

"Mountville has small-town, historic appeal. In my time living here, I have also experienced the big-hearted nature of those who live and work in this Borough and in the larger Mountville community."

"My vision for Mountville Borough is that of a welcoming, safe community where people can live, work, play and learn with a sense of contentment and well-being. I see this achieved through optimizing and respecting the strengths, ideas, interests and diversity of Mountville's residents and businesses."

THERESA'S TIDBITS

Favorite Vacation Destination:

Coastal destinations. I love Cape May, New Jersey for its beaches and Victorian charm, but prefer the southern coastal beaches, like Hilton Head, North Carolina where the water is warmer for ocean swimming.

Hobbies and Interests:

Travel of any kind, running/walking/hiking, nature, volunteerism. I have a high interest in supporting mental health needs and suicide prevention, particularly among active-duty military, veterans and first responders. Most of my volunteer efforts are focused there.

Bucket list item I've checked off my list:

My Dad, three of my brothers and I, skydived (solo jumped) in 2000 at the Maytown airport. My dad was 65 at the time. I have since tandem jumped with my oldest son and hope to complete the tradition with my youngest son in the next year or two.

Three things I can't live without:

- Family/friends
- Outdoor exercise
- Whoopie pies

Famous person I'd like to meet:

Shirley McClain - I'm a big fan of her work/movies and was influenced by her memoir in the mid-80's.



Spring Hill Park Basin Retrofit

After several years of planning and design, the Spring Hill Park Basin Retrofit project is ready for construction and should be completed this summer!

The project will include the following improvements:

- Two small basin areas will be constructed to collect stormwater runoff from two existing pipes. The basins will have flat bottoms so that during small storm events stormwater runoff infiltrates into the ground and is utilized by native plants to fuel growth. Excess sediment has time to settle out before discharging into the wetland area.
- An existing concrete channel conveys spring water flow through the basin via a concrete channel. The channel will be removed and the flow will be diverted to the east side of the basin into a wetland area.
- The basins and constructed wetlands will be seeded with native plant species to filter stormwater pollutants and uptake nutrients.

These improvements will reduce stormwater pollution to a tributary of Strickler Run that flows through Spring Hill Park and will:

- Improve water quality by reducing sediment, nitrogen and phosphorus.
- Reduce stormwater volumes and velocities, which will reduce erosion and sedimentation of downstream areas.
- Increase habitat for native wildlife species including birds, small animals and pollinators.
- Provide visual appeal and aesthetic value to the park.

Mountville Borough selected this project to comply with the current MS4 Stormwater Management Permit which requires the Borough to reduce stormwater pollution to local streams. The project is being funded by a \$200,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and a \$200,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP).



BOROUGH STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Summer will be a busy time in the Borough as several projects have been scheduled. The following street projects are slated to be undertaken this summer:

- The signal upgrade for the Main Street and Manor Street intersection has been approved. It will include all new traffic signal structures and hardware, traffic control software, lighting, sidewalk repair and accessible ramps. JVI Group has been contracted to perform this work which should begin shortly and be completed by the end of the year. Most of the \$473,779.00 expenditure has been offset by an ARLE (Automated Red Light Enforcement) grant from PennDOT.
- Seal coating, at a cost of \$103,592.00, will be completed by Martin's Paving on Pennridge Avenue, Georgetown Court, Fairmount Terrace, Rockford Road, Rockford Square, Society Hill Circle and a portion of Spring Hill Lane. This process should extend the life of these streets for 10 years or more.
- Toward the end of summer, milling and paving of portions of Huntington Drive, Spring Hill Lane and Providence Place in Summit Hills will be done by D. H. Funk. The entire \$313,960.00 cost will be funded by the Local Statewide Share Grant, which was recently awarded to the Borough.
- D.H. Funk has been contracted to do milling and paving of North Lemon Street from Hoover Street to the Borough Park during mid to late summer. Work will include resurfacing and a reverse crown on the roadway for proper stormwater runoff. A new dumpster pad and widening of the turn-a-round will also be completed. Funding of \$71,207.00 project was made possible with monies received from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Mountville Days Carnival

The members of the Mountville Fire Company #1 have announced the scheduling of the 2023 Mountville Days Carnival to be held at Froelich Park, 350 West Main Street, May 17th through May 20th. This annual event is the largest fundraiser for the all-volunteer fire company and it has helped support the operations of the Mountville Fire Company over the years.

This year's carnival will benefit two Mountville organizations. The Mountville Youth Athletic Association will be assisting the firefighters with parking, donation collection and various other tasks in support of the carnival.

Carnival Hours:

Wednesday and Thursday: 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.*

Friday and Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

*Ride-all-night wrist bands will be available for purchase on Wednesday and Thursday nights only.

More information, announcements and directions can be found on the Mountville Fire Company's website or Facebook page.

Mountvillefire.com/Carnival ■ facebook.com/mountvillefire

Do I Need a Permit?

Permits are required for construction projects within Mountville Borough. Zoning permits are issued to ensure compliance with the Borough Zoning Ordinance and Building permits are issued to ensure compliance with the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (PA UCC). The Borough contracts with third party building inspectors to provide PA UCC building permit plan reviews and inspections. The following information can be accessed **Under the Borough Forms and Documents Tab** on the Borough website (www.mountvilleborough.com):

- Borough Zoning Ordinance and Map
- Zoning/Building Permit Application Form
- Third Party Agency Selection Form

Project	Permit	Third Party Form	Comments
Fences	Yes	No	
Patios	Yes	No	
Decks	Yes	No	30" or less above grade
	Yes	Yes	Greater than 30" above grade
Sheds	Yes	No	
Swimming Pools	Yes	Yes	Above and inground pools
Roof Replacements	No*	No*	*If there are structural changes to the roof line, permit & third party form required.
New or Replacement Windows/Doors	No*	No*	*If you are changing the size of the existing opening or adding an opening, permit and third-party form required.
Driveways	No*	No	*If driveway area is expanded or driveway surface is upgraded, permit required.
Sidewalks	No	No	Existing sidewalk replacement/repair
	Yes	No	New areas of sidewalk
House Additions	Yes	Yes	

When submitting a permit application, please be sure to include a description of the project and a site plan. Submission of all of the necessary paperwork will help to ensure a timely issuance of permits. If you are not certain if a permit is needed for your project or you have any questions, please contact the Borough Office.



Don't Take Our Word For It!

In its pursuit to inspire, empower, and strengthen the community, the Mountville Library offers valuable programs throughout the year. Upcoming programs include:

Friends of the Mountville Branch Plant Sale. Come, celebrate spring at the Friends of the Mountville Branch Plant Sale at the Mountville Church of the Brethren. The plant sale runs Friday, May 19th, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 20th, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Cash or checks only! On-site parking is free.

Preschool Storytime, most Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Children ages 3-5 years and their caregivers are invited to join Miss Rachel for stories, songs, and a craft on Tuesday mornings!

Read-a-Loud with Basil, 2nd Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Build reading confidence with the help of Basil, a loving KPETS therapy dog. Visit our website to reserve a 15-min. timeslot for your 1st-4th grade reader.

Noveltea Book Club, 3rd Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Come to the library each month to discuss great books with friends both old and new! The cup of tea is optional. Virtual attendance is available upon request.

Read-a-Loud with Raven, 4th Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Build reading confidence with the help of Raven, a loving KPETS therapy dog. Visit our website to reserve a 15-min. timeslot for your 1st-4th grade reader.

Save the dates! Summer Reading kicks off on Saturday, June 3rd and the Friends of the Mountville Branch Fall Book Sale will take place September 15th & 16th.

The Mountville Branch Library has so much to offer, but do not take our word for it – stop by and find out for yourself!

New Exhibit Coming to the Mountville Museum

Opening this spring is a new exhibit, *“Growing Up in Mountville: Childhood Memories.”* The stereoscope, pictured below, from the 1890’s will be a featured item in the exhibit. It was considered a sedate form of entertainment on Sundays in the parlor for adults and children alike. The stereoscope was an optical instrument that provided a 3-D image through the viewfinder of photographic slides depicting people, historic sites, travel destinations and religious subjects. The 1897 Sears Roebuck mail-order catalogue advertised a similar one for \$1.87!

The upcoming exhibit will feature photos, artifacts and memorabilia related to growing up in Mountville from the 1800’s to the present. If you have any photos or items connected to childhood and youth in Mountville that you would like to loan or donate to the Museum, please contact Elaine Savukas at 717-285-4910. The Museum is also seeking reminiscences of children’s lives in Mountville to share with museum visitors. Please complete the enclosed form and return to the Mountville Borough Office by May 1, 2023.



The Museum, located at 120 College Avenue, is open free of charge the second and fourth Sundays of the month from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. beginning on May 14, 2023. The Museum staff is looking forward to seeing you and sharing the latest exhibit with you.

Mountville Borough Trash Bills Have Gone Green

Starting with the first quarter 2023 bills, trash bills are now being printed on neon green cardstock. So be on the lookout for the new version of your trash bill in your mail.

Trash bill payments are due on the **15th** of the month following the end of the previous quarter (January, April, July, October). This date applies to weekend and holiday payment days, so plan accordingly when submitting your payment. Mark your calendar with these trash payment due dates for the upcoming quarters:



Second Quarter 2023 – Saturday, April 15th

Third Quarter 2023 – Saturday, July 15th

Fourth Quarter 2023 – Sunday, October 15th

First Quarter 2024 – Monday, January 15th

- In order to avoid paying late fees, payments must be received at the office by 4:00 p.m. on the due date.
- Payments can be dropped off after hours at the Borough office using the drop box located at the back door.
- Please take into account the possibility of delays with payments submitted via the U.S. Postal service.
- Trash bills can be paid online using a credit card or electronic check. Your account can be accessed through the Borough website under the Trash and Recycling tab. A nominal transaction fee is charged by the payment processing company for both credit card and electronic check payments.

BOROUGH COUNCIL

- Steve Mitchell..... *Mayor*
 Phil Kresge..... *President - Chair: Personnel, Public Outreach & Building Committees*
 Christine Eshleman..... *Vice-President - Chair: Budget*
 Matthew Auker *President, Pro Tem - Chair: Streets*
 Jonah Eastep *Chair: Parks & Recreation*
 Theresa Baker *Chair: Health, Sanitation & Environment*
 Lenny Heisey..... *Chair: Planning & Zoning*
 Richard Spiegel *Chair: Police & Fire*

BOROUGH EMPLOYEES

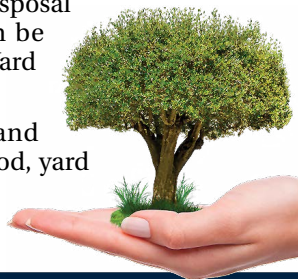
- Derrick Millhouse..... *Borough Manager*
 Doris Reisinger *Administrative Assistant*
 Edward Benner *Public Works*
 David Pott..... *Public Works*



YARD WASTE CHANGES

In order to manage trash billing fees, the Mountville Borough Council has determined that Kraft bags for yard waste and leaves will **no longer** be provided by the Borough to residents. Bags are still necessary for disposal of yard waste and leaves. Biodegradable Kraft bags can be purchased at local home improvement stores or online. Yard waste tags **ARE NOT** required on bags.

The annual yard waste collection begins on April 7th and continues through September 29th. During this time period, yard waste debris **must** be placed into brown Kraft bags and can be placed curbside on regular trash collection days.



2023 Holiday Trash Delays

Due to the following Holidays, trash pick-up will be delayed to Saturday. Trash should be placed curbside Friday evening.

- Memorial Day..... Friday, June 2nd
 July 4th..... Friday, July 7th
 Labor Day Friday, Sept. 8th
 Thanksgiving.....Friday, Nov. 24th
 Christmas Friday, Dec. 29th
 New Year's Day..... Friday, Jan.5th



SPRING/SUMMER 2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

- Yard Waste Separation**April 7th - September 29th (FRIDAY Pick-up)
White Goods Pick-up FRIDAY, April 21st and FRIDAY, October 20th
Mountville Days Carnival.....May 17th - 20th (Froelich Park)
Mountville Memorial Day ParadeSaturday, May 27th - 10:00 a.m.
Fireworks at Froelich Park..... Saturday, July 1st at Dusk (Rain Date: Saturday, July 8th)
National Night Out..... Tuesday, August 1st
Mountville Community Picnic Sunday, August 27th (Mountville Community Park)
Community Yard Sale Saturday, September 16th (No permit required on this date)

**Dates listed may be modified or cancelled. Contact the Borough Office or check the Borough's website for updated information.*

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

