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- APRIL  
Calendar of Events**
- Every Wed. . . . . Club 39-Senior Center  
2 - 4pm Gov. Bldg.
  - Thurs., Apr. 2 . . . . Buggy Museum Opens  
for the season
  - Thurs., Apr. 2 . . . . Spring Musical  
Fri., April 3 HS Auditorium  
Sat., April 4 7:30pm
  - Thurs. Apr. 2 . . . . 1st Thurs. Bingo  
6:15 -8pm Buggy Museum Visitor Center
  - Thurs., Apr. 2 . . . . Christkindl  
7pm MHRA/ 300 Chestnut
  - Sat., Apr. 4 . . . . Recycling  
8am -11 am Industrial Pkwy.
  - Tues., Apr. 7 . . . . MHRA Board Meeting  
7pm 300 Chestnut
  - Apr. 10 -14 . . . . Spring Break / no school
  - Fri., Apr. 10 . . . . Good Fri. Breakfast  
8am Methodist Church  
Family Life Center
  - Tues., Apr.14 . . . . School Board Meeting  
7:30 pm Admin. Bldg.
  - Tues., Apr. 14 . . . . Garden Club  
9:30am MHRA/300 Chestnut
  - Tues., Apr.14 . . . . PMI  
7pm Ranney's on Saratoga
  - Sat., Apr. 18 . . . . Recycling  
8am-11am Industrial Pkwy.
  - Mon., Apr. 20 . . . . Shade Tree Commission  
7pm Borough Hall
  - Tues., Apr. 21 . . . . Planning Commission  
4:30pm Borough Hall
  - Tues., Apr. 21 . . . . Borough Council Meeting  
7pm Borough Hall
  - Wed., Apr. 22 . . . . House Tour Committee  
8pm MHRA/300 Chestnut
  - Sun., Apr. 26 . . . . Indoor Percussion, Majorette  
3pm Color Guard Competition  
Intermediate School Gym

**SPRING CLEAN UP!  
IS NOW SPRING DROP-OFF !  
May 6-9 (details inside)**



### TAKE PRIDE IN MIFFLINBURG



With the spring and summer months upon us, Mifflinburg will see more traffic and visitors. Let's each do our part to make our town beautiful for those who visit and for ourselves. Sweep sidewalks, wash winter grime from windows, rake lawns, and plant flowers.

The Mifflinburg Garden Club will soon be filling the downtown planters with beautiful spring and summer flowers, let's follow their example. Flowers are an inexpensive way to add beauty to any property. By each of us taking pride in our own property, together we are all taking pride in Mifflinburg. We have only one chance to make a first impression on visitors. Let's put forth the effort to insure that this first impression is a good one.

The Mifflinburg Rotary Club is sponsoring a Mifflinburg Borough Spring Sweep Day on Sat., May 9. Organize your service club, social club, church group, school group, or a team of your friends and neighbors to come out in the spirit of fellowship and community pride to help clean up Mifflinburg from a winter's worth of grime and litter. (Call Pat Arduini at 966-1351 or e-mail her at pattiearduini@yahoo.com) by Fri., April 17 if you or your organization would like to participate in this event.

“Our Borough is ready to do its part in spring clean up,” says Borough Manager, Margaret Metzger.

The Borough is sponsoring the annual Spring Drop-Off of waste materials that are landfill acceptable. Recyclables such as tires, paint, shellac, varnish, batteries and other hazardous materials are not accepted by the landfill. There is a fee for items that contain a refrigerant (air conditions, freezers, etc.). Borough employees will at the recycling center to help residents to unloading. Please follow the rules and times. Drop off will be at the Mifflinburg Recycling Center on Industrial Parkway. The center will be open only at the hours listed: May 6-9 (noon to 8pm weekdays) and Sat., May 9 (8am to noon). ■



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**BOROUGH BUSINESS...**

be in the know by Steve Benner & Margaret Metzger

**TREE TRIMMING UPDATE**

The Borough maintenance crew is wrapping up the annual street and right-of-way trimming project. This project is always time and labor intensive and has a tendency to elevate tempers and resident involvement for various reasons, including traffic delays.

As "town residents" we live in a controlled environment and it is sometimes necessary to sacrifice the natural appearance and growth of trees in order to preserve the safety, conveniences, and benefits we all have as Borough residents. These include consistent and safe electric service, adequate street lighting and visibility, and safe clearance for traffic on Borough streets. Thank you on behalf of Borough Council and all of the Borough employees for your understanding, patience, and tolerance during this project. ■

**SOME "HOUSEKEEPING" NOTES**

Spring has sprung and its time to make the old new again. The Borough is planning its contribution toward cleaning up properties through the annual spring drop-off process. Now we can all continue doing our part to help keep our town looking good.

Residents are reminded that, by law, grass, plant, or vegetation not planted for ornamental purposes must be kept trimmed to a height of less than six inches. Please be careful to remove all grass clippings from streets and alleys. This debris will clog storm water inlets and drains and can create safety hazards.

Additionally, by ordinance, no signs such as yard sale signs may be affixed to fences, utility poles, structures, trees, shrubs, rocks or other natural objects. According to Pa state law it is illegal to nail, tack, or staple any signs to utility poles.

These poles support high-voltage conductors and tampering can present a definite safety hazard.

Finally, any refuse generated by homes or businesses may not be disposed of in public trash receptacles. Offenders are subject to fines. ■

**GOODBYE RAILROAD**

Hello, Rails-to-Trails! LARA (Lewisburg Area Recreation Association) has acquired the rights to the former West Shore Railroad line. LARA's goal is to develop the former railroad into a rails-to-trails bike and walk path between Mifflinburg and Lewisburg. LARA has accepted bids for a contract to remove the rails and ties from within the railroad right-of-way however, the contract does not include work within the public street rights-of-way in the Borough. The rail and tie removal will begin on April 15. According to the LARA Rails to Trails Executive Committee, work within the streets will be scheduled at a later date when the climate is more suitable for pavement restoration. ■

**UTILITY TERMINATION SCHEDULE FOR NON-PAYMENT**

Utility customers are reminded that all past due accounts must be paid-up current! Accounts that remain delinquent after April 22nd will be shut-off on April 23rd, 2009. Individuals with questions about their bills should contact the Borough Office immediately. Customers with good payment histories may be able to make written payment arrangements if they sign a payment plan agreement at the office prior to April 22nd.

Please understand that when service has been terminated for non-payment, payment must be made in-full in addition to payment of a \$60 service charge before the utility service will be restored. ■

**ANNUAL SPRING DROP-OFF**

This year's spring drop-off will again be held at the Borough's maintenance facility near the recycling center. The times permitted for disposing items will be:

- Wednesday, May 6 ..... Noon-8:00 pm.
- Thursday, May 7 ..... Noon-8:00 pm.
- Friday, May 8 ..... Noon-8:00 pm.
- Saturday, May 9 ..... 8:00 am.-Noon

Residents may bring waste materials, yard waste, etc. to the location above for disposal and transfer to the Lycoming Landfill. Recyclables, tires, paint, shellac, varnish, batteries, or any other materials that are hazardous and are not accepted by the Landfill cannot be received by the Borough. There will be a fee assessed for any items that contain refrigerant (air conditioners, freezers, refrigerators, etc.). This fee will cover the expense of removing the refrigerant prior to disposal.

Borough employees will be operating the drop-off site during the hours listed above and assisting residents with off-loading of vehicles into the waste containers. Unfortunately, the Borough will **not** be available to pick-up any waste material at residences or businesses. There will be no exceptions made to this rule. **Absolutely no Spring Drop-Off disposal arrangements will be permitted other than as noted above.** Dropping off or dumping of material at times other than as noted herein will be considered littering and subject to legal action and/or prosecution. The site will open and promptly at the times listed. ■

**Mifflinburg Business Opportunities...**



**For Rent:** Nice office or shop space (with bath) at the south east corner of 4th and Chestnut. \$380 per month. Also available are two apts. upstairs and small separate bldg. in the rear. Call Sal at 966-3885 or 716-3372. ■

This historic house can provide a spacious living area while running a business from the same location. Enjoy the features and comforts of this older, two-story, brick 2,760 sq. ft. home located at 425 Chestnut St. It has two staircases to the 2nd floor, hardwood floors, built-in bookshelves, large rooms, fenced in yard and more. For more information, call Karen Scott, Century 21 Mertz & Assoc., Inc. 524-2120. ■



**Around Town...**

**Good Friday Breakfast.** The Mifflinburg Kiwanis will be sponsoring its annual Good Friday Breakfast on Fri., April 10, at 8am in the United Methodist Church Family Life Center (Market and 3rd). Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, fresh fruit and beverages. Although there is no charge, a donation will be taken and goes to a needy area family. The Kiwanis Club prepares, serves, and pays for the breakfast ingredients.

**Swim Team Sign-Ups.** Mifflinburg Swim Team sign-up will take place at the Mifflinburg United Methodist Church Family Life Center (Market St. entrance) on Wed., April 8th, from 6-8pm. Swimmers must be able to swim the length of the pool. Questions? Call Mary 966-4683 or Bev 966-2611.

Brandy Styers has opened a new beauty salon, **Brandy's The Beauty Shoppe..** Brandy is a familiar face and already has a loyal following in town. She had her own shop on Chestnut and also worked with Theresa Shuck in the Rishel Meats building. Her new location is in her home located at 535 Walnut (parking and entrance are in the rear, south side). The shop phone number is 966-5683. Brandy will be doing hair as well as pedicures, manicures (natural nails only) and waxing.

**Herr Library asks for Book Donations in preparation for the library's Book Sale on Thurs., May 14, Fri., May 15 and Sat., May 16.** Books (hard cover, paperbacks, reference but no textbooks or condensed books) and books on tape, CD's, audiotapes, and DVD's can be dropped off during hours that the library is open. Library hours are Mon.-7-9pm, Tues.- Thurs. - 11am-5pm and 7-9pm and Sat.- 10am-5pm. For more information call 966-0831. ■

**BUGGY MUSEUM APRIL EVENTS**

**Now to April 30. \*Feminine Flair.** Exhibit of 1950s reproduction dresses from teenage bobby soxers to rock-a-billy dancing styles to the model housewife. Free and open to the public, store hours. Sew Ladylike. Part of the Not Frail Flowers series.

**April 2. Season Opening. The Mifflinburg Buggy Museum complex opens for the season. Hours of operation are Thursday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm, Sunday 1 to 5pm. Last tour begins no later than 4pm. Admission is charged.**

**April 2. First Thursday Bingo at Museum.** Pay as you play bingo with cash prizes, special good neighbor gifts and refreshments, doors open at 6:15 with games played until 9.

**April 4. \*Ahoy Yea Mates!** Learn how and why women became pirates and enjoy pirate refreshments. Free and open to the public. 2pm. La Vieille Maison des Livres.

**April 25. \*Eliza Shirley and the Hallelujah Lasses.** Discover who they were and their importance to the Salvation Army. Free and open to the public, 11am to 1pm. La Vieille Maison des Livres.

**April 26. \*Women of Union County.** Learn about the women who shaped the county. Walk begins at 5pm. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children. La Vieille Maison des Livres.

**April TBA. \*Bus Trip to Gettysburg.** Follow in the footsteps of women in the Civil War with a tour of the battlefield and the Eisenhower Farm. Fee will be charged, details to be announced.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**

**May 16 - 17. Buggy Days.** In honor of International Museum Day, spend the day exploring history at the Museum. The buildings will be open for open house tours, demonstrators will be showing off their time honored crafts, buggy rides will be offered through the town. Sat., 10 - 5, Sun., 1 - 5. No admission, donations accepted.

For more information about the museum and these events call 966-1355. ■

**~ EASTER EGG HUNTS ~**

The MOOSE/ LEGION / VFW Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Sat., April 4th at 10am on the VFW Carnival Grounds. On the same day, Sat., April 4th at 1pm the Millmont West Union Area Lions Club will hold an Easter Egg Hunt on the West End Fairgrounds (Rte. 235, Laurelton). Twelve hams will be raffled off following the hunt (all club members are selling raffle tickets). ■



Miriam Turner won the Christkindl raffle, two round trip tickets to Germany. Pictured (l. to r.): Paula Christy, Christkindl co-chairman; Lyle Turner, Miriam Turner and Joannah Skucek, Christkindl co-chairman.

County Commissioners Bill Haas and John Showers recently met with Senior Citizens Club 39. They spoke on economy, budget, and the area drug-alcohol problem. When asked about the wind damage to the covered bridge, they explained that it would be replaced in the future. It will be torn down an reassembled so that cars will be able to use it. Pictured (l. to r.): Bill Haas, former Commissioner Ruth Zimmerman, John Showers and Club 39 President, Glen Zimmerman. ■



**Senior Center Happenings**

Club 39, Mifflinburg's Senior Center, will meet every Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 4pm on the second floor of the Union Cty. Gov't. Bldg. and is open to all seniors. Scheduled Wed. programs are: Business meeting (4/1), Bingo (4/8), Fun & Games (4/15), Keith Phelps (4/22), Fun & Games & birthdays (4/29). Other events: Book Club (Thurs. 4/16, 11am, Library), Breakfast Out (Thurs. 4/9, Turnpike Restaurant, 8:30am), and Dinner Out (Country Tavern, Thurs. 4/23, 2pm). For more information call Glen Zimmerman at 966-0197. ■

**An Important word from Chief Bickhart  
DRUG CATEGORIES AND THE EFFECTS**

**MARIJUANA—** Effects: Increases in heart rate, body temperature and appetite; Drowsiness; Dryness of mouth and throat; Reddening of the eyes and reduction in ocular pressure; Causes respiratory problems, lung damage and cancer; Memory and concentration impairments.

**COCAINE—** Effects: Causes extreme anxiety and restlessness; May cause the following medical conditions, twitches, tremors, spasms, coordination problems, chest pain, nausea, seizures, respiratory arrest, and cardiac arrest; May cause extreme alertness, watchfulness, impaired judgment, impulsiveness, and compulsively repeated acts; May cause stuffiness, runny nose, tissue deterioration inside the nose, and perforation of nasal septum.

**SEDATIVE (barbiturates)—** Effects: May experience moderate relief of anxiety and sense of well-being; A temporary memory impairment, confusion and impaired thinking; A person could have altered perception and slurred speech; May include over sedation, decreased motivation, apathy, and lack of interest in surroundings; A person may experience headaches, dizziness, sleep disorders, anxiety, depression and tremors; There may be an increase in appetite and impairment of thinking, memory, and judgment.

**OPIATES (morphine, heroin)—** Effects: Includes drowsiness, dizziness, mental confusion, constriction of pupils, and euphoria; Some opiate drugs, such as Codeine, Demerol, and Darvon, also have stimulating effects; Stimulation effects include: central nervous system excitation, elevated blood pressure, increased heart rate, tremors, and seizures; May include impaired vision, and pulmonary complications. A person may experience nightmares, hallucinations, and mood swings.

**AMPHETAMINES—** Effects: A person may experience a loss of appetite, increased alertness, and a feeling of well-being; A person's physical condition may be altered by an increase in breathing and heart rate, elevation in blood pressure, and dilation of pupils; A person may experience anxiety and agitation, sleeplessness, higher blood pressure and irregular heart beat; A person may have increased susceptibility to disease.