



Milesburg Borough Newsletter

FALL/WINTER 2024

The Milesburg Borough Council would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the community for your understanding and patience. We sincerely apologize for the absence of a Spring Newsletter. On a positive note, we are excited to share that the future looks bright for our borough. We have recently welcomed three new employees and an ordinance enforcement officer to our team. We remain optimistic about continued improvements and truly appreciate your feedback, suggestions, and concerns. Please don't hesitate to reach

out to the Milesburg Borough with any questions or concerns that you may have. Your input is always valued! Additionally, we want to remind everyone that the council meets on the second Monday of each month at **6:30 PM at 416 Front Street**, and we warmly invite you to join us.

MILESBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

Clair Martin, Mayor

Fred Kellerman, President

Plummer Davidson, Vice-President

Lauren Davidson-Haupt, Pro Tempore

Ethel Kellerman, Councilperson

Shirley Martin, Councilperson

Kirsty Lloyd, Councilperson

Barry Campbell, Jr., Councilperson

COUNCIL/BOROUGH SUPPORT

Tracey G. Benson, Solicitor

Robyn Dyke, Appointed Secretary and
Appointed Treasurer

Malachi Moyer, EMA

Constable Ray Reed, Jr., Ordinance Enforcement
Officer

EMPLOYEES

Devon Bechdel, Lead Worker (814) 826-8991

Chad Bechdel, Street Maintenance Worker

Robyn Dyke, Administrative Assistant

Devon has a wealth of experience as a municipal worker. He served in Beech Creek Borough before taking on the role of Sewer Foreman for the City of Lock Haven. Additionally, he has worked independently with various contractors.

Chad possesses a wealth of experience as a municipal worker. His most recent position was with the Bellefonte Authority where he focused on plant operations. Prior to that, he dedicated a decade of service with the Mid-Centre County Authority.

Robyn has lived in the borough for over 20 years. She currently works at Penn State University and has over 30 years of customer service, and records management, along with a strong background in historical records.

COMMITTEE LISTINGS

Street Committee: Plummer Davidson, Chair, Barry Campbell, Jr, and Lauren Davidson-Haupt

Budget Committee: Fred Kellerman, Chair, Plummer Davidson, and Barry Campbell, Jr.

Health & Sanitation: Shirley Martin, Chair, Ethel Kellerman, Kirsty Lloyd

Building & Zoning: Kirsty Lloyd, Chair, Ethel Kellerman, Lauren Davidson-Haupt

Fire & Police: Barry Campbell, Jr., Chair, Ethel Kellerman, Kirsty Lloyd

Personnel Committee: Fred Kellerman, Chair, Shirley Martin, Plummer Davidson

Community Development/Park Committee: Lauren Davidson-Haupt, Chair, Shirle Martin,

MEETINGS

- Milesburg Borough Council meets 2nd Monday of each month – November 11th & December 9th 6:30 pm
- Milesburg Museum & Historical Society – October 23rd & November 27th 6 p.m.
- Milesburg Lions Club – meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday - November 5th, 19th & December 10th 7:00 pm
- Mid-Centre County Authority – November 13th & December 11th at 6:30 pm
- Milesburg Borough Water Authority meets 4th Monday of each month – October 21st, November 17th & December 23rd at 6:30 pm

Citizen Hook & Ladder:

Information about the CH&L events can be found at their website: <http://www.milesburgfire.com/>

Milesburg Ordinance Enforcement

Vandalism has been a significant issue at Milesburg Community Park over the past spring and summer, continuing into the fall. This situation is a major concern for our community. The town mayor has been proactive in ensuring that local ordinances are enforced and has effectively managed these incidents so far. Due to the severity of the vandalism, along with issues like fighting and drug use, the borough council has decided to hire a State Constable to help enforce these regulations. This will aid in reducing vandalism, theft, illegal use of dirt bikes and ATVs, dog-related disturbances, and traffic violations such as speeding and running stop signs in town and Confers Development. The State Constable's role includes enforcing all local, state, and federal laws, serving legal documents, and making arrests as necessary. They have the authority to act against offenses that threaten public safety and can arrest individuals for breaches of peace witnessed firsthand.

Furthermore, if you find yourself a victim of a crime or witness a crime in progress, it is crucial to report it immediately to the Rockview State Police barracks at 355-7545. When reporting a traffic violation, please ensure you have the vehicle's license plate number available.

Ord. 360: Nuisance - Dog owners must always keep their dogs under control in the Milesburg Borough. When walking in the borough, dogs need to be on a leash. Just putting a leash on your dog and then letting it go is not allowed. Please consider your neighbors.

Ordinance Violations & Dog Complaints:

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Constable Ray Reed, Jr. (814) 826-8881

PA State Dog Warden - Tammy Owens Centre County 814-553-8511

Other Potential Nuisances

Ord. 340 Temporary signs such as flyers, posters, notices, and other promotional displays for specific events must comply with usage regulations. This applies to signs for yard sales, political campaigns, and similar activities, which must be removed by noon the day after the event ends.

Ord. 242 Burning and open fires are not permitted, except for cooking or social gatherings

Ord. 213 Prohibiting the discharge of any gun, other firearm, air rifle, bows, arrows, BB guns, slingshots and similar devices.

Ord. 301 No trash, garbage, refuse, or recyclables should be placed outside your residence before 6:00 PM the day prior to collection.

Ord. 321 Children are not allowed to play on borough streets, which includes activities with skateboards, remote-controlled devices, toy vehicles, basketball hoops, sleds, and skis.

Ord. 191 No selling, canvassing, soliciting, or order-taking for personal gain or charitable purposes is allowed within the borough. Please contact the Milesburg Borough to acquire a peddler's license.

Winter Preparations

Ord. 255

Snow/Ice Removal: All property owners with apartments or multi-family homes must clear the paved streets next to their properties of snow or ice within twenty-four (24) hours after the snow stops falling or the ice forms. This responsibility remains until the streets are officially accepted as public right-of-way by the Borough.

Public sidewalks: are to be cleared no later than 24 hours after the snow stops per. It is the responsibility of every resident to remove ice & snow from sidewalks after winter storms, within 24 hours of the end of the snowfall. Please do not place snow or ice in the streets.

Ord. 348 The PA Borough Code grants the Borough the authority to create and modify ordinances that govern motor vehicles, traffic, and pedestrian use of streets, alleys, sidewalks, and thoroughfares. Residents are required to comply with all No Parking signs posted on specific streets within the borough.

Ord. 304: Regulating junkyards and abandoned vehicles A junked vehicle is one that is fully or partly taken apart, not working, damaged, or unsafe, and lacks a license or inspection sticker. In the borough, it is illegal for anyone who owns or controls a junked vehicle or its parts to leave them outside on private property or public areas.

Ord. 280: The Borough forbids the ownership of livestock, including chickens, goats, and horses, while allowing only domestic dogs and cats.

Ord. 356: The presence of free-roaming cats has become a nuisance for residents of the Borough and poses a public health risk because of their uncontrolled waste. Pet owners will be held accountable for not adhering to the regulations.

Ord. 360: Nuisance - vermin infestations (rats, stinging insects, snakes, breeding pools for mosquitoes) should be removed in a timely manner.

Zoning – Penns Valley Code

Zoning permit required- for every structure larger than 25 square feet. Building permits are required for any accessory structure larger than 1,000 square feet in size. under most circumstances a permit is required for adding a deck or porch or any accessory structure attached to a dwelling. 2 sets of construction plans are required with the permit application. To install a driveway, you need an HOP permit. PennDOT issues this permit for any State Road. We take care of HOP permits for the Milesburg Borough.

(814) 349-8177

<https://pennsvalleycode.com/milesburg-borough>

Brush last pickup of the year will be October 28, 2024

Friendly reminder: this service is specifically for collecting brush: please do not include wood pieces larger than 6 inches in diameter, root balls, animal waste, garbage, and please make sure that all limbs are facing the same direction.

Leaf pickup will start Monday, November 14, 2024

The date for **Christmas tree disposal** will be January 27, 2025

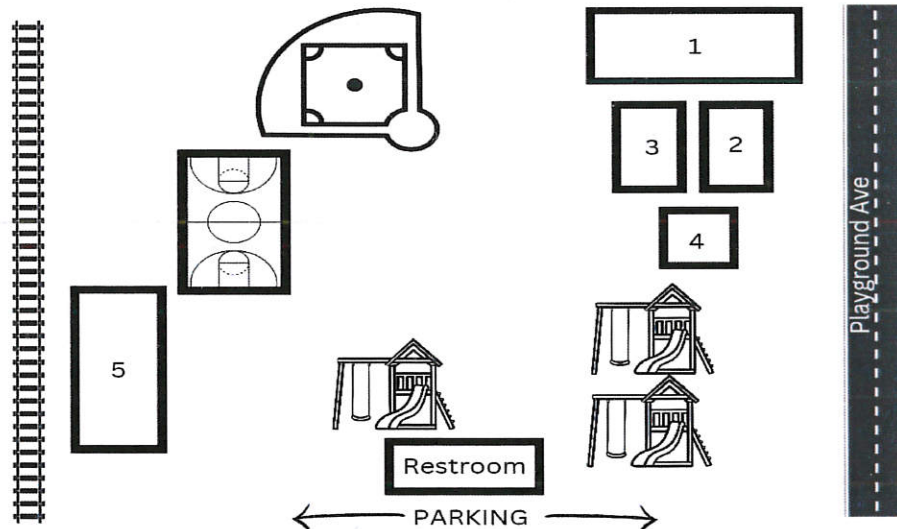
Community Events: **Trick or Treating**, October 31st (6 to 8 pm); **Milesburg Hometown Christmas**, November 23rd; **Milesburg Museum & Historical Society Holiday Tea**, December 7th; **BEA HS Fall Craft and Gift Fair**, November 23rd

Residents: If you see non-working streetlights, downed trees, potholes, or anything else that required our attention – Please Call the Milesburg Borough (814) 355-3583

MILESBURG COMMUNITY PARK

The park will close on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 & Reopen on April 1, 2025
Reserve your pavilion rental for 2025!

Small Pavilion #4 (seats approximately 18 to 24 people) – \$30.00
Medium Pavilions #2 & #3 (seats approximately 48 to 64 people) – \$45.00
Large Pavilions #1 & #5 (seats approximately 84 to 112 people & has ample nearby parking) – \$55.00



*Park design created by Lauren Davidson-Haupt

Stay tuned! The Milesburg Borough Council is updating their website, and we hope to have improvements ready by the end of the year.