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## Welcome W. Alex Kurtek and Bernard Lescavage

### Municipal Election Seats Two New Council Members

In last year's November Municipal Election, voters chose Bernard "Bernie" Lescavage to a four-year term on Minersville Borough Council and William Alex Kurtek to a two-year term.

Alex previously served as a non-voting Junior Council person, appointed in 2023 for a one year period. The Borough thanks the service of former

councilors, Keith Adams and Donna Palmer.

Following are brief self-written introductions by your newest leaders.

#### **BERNARD "BERNIE" LESCAVAGE**

I am a lifelong resident, a graduate of Minersville Area High School, a proud member and past president of Minersville Fire Rescue, and have previously enjoyed coaching and volunteering with various Minersville youth sports groups.

I am looking forward to serving on Borough Council, and appreciate the trust and opportunity the people of Minersville have afforded me.



#### **W. ALEX KURTEK**

I was raised in Minersville and am a 2023 graduate of Minersville Area High School.



My love of politics first arose in my early teen years. Once I was able to run in my first election, I ran for Minersville Area School Board. Even though I was unsuccessful, it did not stifle my enthusiasm and interest to make a difference through politics. I joined the young Republicans and helped by door-knocking for other candidates.

I achieved the rank and will always be proud to be an Eagle Scout because the lessons and values of the Boy Scouts will always guide my decisions.

Even at an early age, helping my community

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### Egg Hunt-Sat., April 4

Minersville Borough and its Recreation Department will host an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 4 for youngsters, one year old through 12 years of age, who reside within the Minersville Area School District. This is a free event, but preregistration by Friday, March 27 is required. Complete the form shown here and mail or take in-person to the Minersville Borough office.



The egg hunt will take place on the

Minersville Teener League Field (near the Lions Pavilion) at the Recreation Complex. Check-in the day of the event is 11:30 a.m.; the hunt begins at 12 noon. Call 570-544-2149 for additional information or if you would like to help with the event.

**MINERSVILLE EASTER EGG HUNT REGISTRATION - DEADLINE FRI., MARCH 27**

Residents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail Form to: Minersville Recreation c/o Easter Egg Hunt, 2 E. Sunbury St., Minersville, PA 17954; Registration Deadline is March 27*

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## 2026 BOROUGH OFFICIALS

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 Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Fri., 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
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### OFFICIALS

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### BOROUGH OFFICE

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Minersville Borough Council meets the First and Second Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Water Authority Building on North Delaware Avenue. Both meetings are open to the public. A Work Session takes place on the First Tuesday. The Business Meeting is then held on the Second Tuesday.

### 2026 OFFICIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

Minersville Borough offices will be closed in 2026 in observance of the stated holidays - Presidents Day, Feb. 16; Good Friday (half day, close at 11 a.m.), April 3; Memorial Day, May 25; Independence Day, July 3 (observed); Labor Day, Sept. 7; Columbus Day, Oct. 12; Veterans Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving and day after, Nov. 26 and 27; Christmas, Dec. 24 (half day, close at 11 a.m.) and Dec. 25; New Year's, Dec. 31 (half day, close at 11 a.m.), Jan. 1, 2027.

## Borough News

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was a core value for me - from running a lemonade stand, where my brother and I donated half of our tips to worthy causes in the community and beyond, to working on our Eagle Scout projects to better our community.

My project was rebuilding the dilapidated sign by the Minersville Community Pool and building a new sign near the Lions Pavilion. My brother's project, that I worked heavily on, was to repaint the Minersville stairs that lead from Minersville to New Minersville.

Every time I walk by these projects it makes me feel good to know that I had a hand in making Minersville a little better.

I ran for Council because I want to continue to help better my community.

## Help Wanted!

The Minersville Borough is now accepting applications for all pool personnel and lifeguard personnel for the upcoming 2026 season. Applications may be obtained at the Borough Office, 2 E Sunbury Street, Minersville, PA 17954. All current certifications for lifeguard personnel are required.



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# Minersville Area Lions Club... We Serve!

Greetings from the Minersville Area Lions Club! We have a busy 2026 planned for the community and hope to see you all throughout the year. In addition to our regular events, we will have a few new fundraisers coming up, so please keep an eye on our facebook page (<https://facebook.com/MinersLions>) for updated information and upcoming events.

Planned so far for the rest of this year:

## 73rd annual Fireworks Show on June 29

The annual Minersville Community Fireworks Show is scheduled for Monday, June 29 (rain date June 30th) at the Minersville Recreation Complex. This is always a fun event for all, starting at 6 p.m. with music, food, vendors, raffles, games, and followed by one amazing fireworks show at dusk!

You can donate to this event by visiting our Facebook page and clicking on the Square donation link (<https://square.link/u/C7LxzHxU>). And, be alert for the next issue of the *Miners' Journal* in May for our Fireworks announcement and donation envelope.

## Minersville Spirit Day - Sept. 13 this year

Minersville Spirit Day will be celebrated on Sunday, September 13 (rain or shine) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., once again on North Street in Minersville.

This will be the third year the Minersville Lions Club has the privilege of holding this fun event. Some new performances are planned this year, so you do not want to miss it!

As always, you can expect lots of good food, live music, live entertainment, various vendors, school spirit, games, and family fun! To be a part of this celebrated community event, please email [minersvillespiritday@yahoo.com](mailto:minersvillespiritday@yahoo.com).

## 2026 Christmas Tree Lighting

Not to rush the season... the annual Minersville Lions Club Christmas Tree Lighting event will again be held at the historic Washington Hotel in Minersville. The date is yet to be confirmed, but should be announced soon.

This is another fun-filled event for the whole family that you won't want to miss! You can expect a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, free hot cocoa, music, and stockings for the kiddos.

Having a party or event this summer? Consider renting the Minersville Lions Pavilion, located just above the Minersville Recreation Complex, this area includes permanent outdoor grilling facilities, seating for over 200 people, electrical service for lights and six 20-amp circuits for food-related warmers and appliances, two restrooms, a large grassy area surrounding the pavilion with sufficient space for all your activities. All this located within walking distance of the 4th Street Recreation Complex, walking path, Dustin's Adventureland and Minersville Pool. Visit [minersvillelions.org/](http://minersvillelions.org/) for more info and calendar.

Additional events and announcements will be posted to our facebook page!

## Newsletter Particulars

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Publication dates for the next three issues are:

May 7 • August 13 • November 5 of 2026

## News Submittals

Nonprofit and community organizations within the borough are invited to submit news items for consideration. Written submittals must be received at the borough office three weeks prior to the publication date. Simply E-mail info to [minersnewsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:minersnewsletter@hotmail.com) or call 570-544-2149.

## Advertising

Businesses wishing to reach every household in the Borough of Minersville are invited to advertise in future issues. Contact South Schuylkill Printing & Publishing for more information. Call Barb @ 570-385-3120. All advertisements must be received at least three weeks prior to the publication dates. Ad content is subject to approval and acceptance by the Borough of Minersville.



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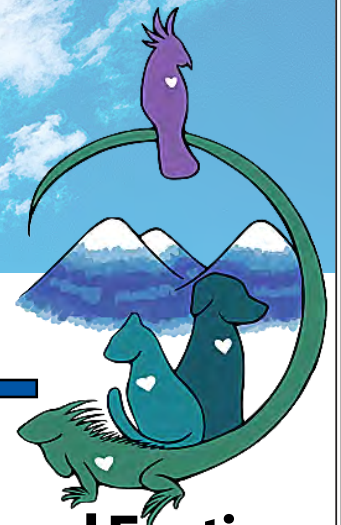
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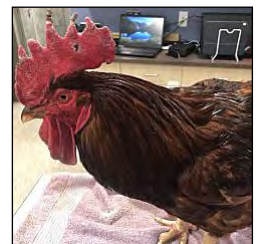
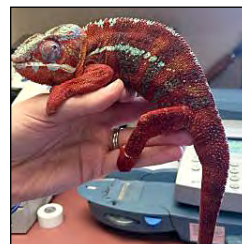
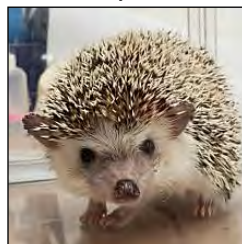
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Some animals have been waiting years to find their forever homes... particularly larger dogs and older animals. Also, the number of calls and emails they receive about "strays" or pet owners looking to surrender a pet has been overwhelming with an average 5-10 rehoming calls a day. Animals are rarely spayed/neutered, microchipped or vaccinated and some are in need of immediate medical care for injuries or serious health issues. Hillside currently has 30 big dogs, 20 small dogs, 10 bunnies and over 100 cats.

Char-Wills German Shepherd Rescue took in more than 460 German Shepherds in 2025. Their kennel capacity is 14 dogs and, most recently, they had 13 others in foster care or in socialization programs. With an average of eight adoptions per week, the Rescue receives as many as 15 calls or emails per day about surrendering the caller's dog(s).

Ruth Steinert Memorial SPCA reports much the same. Like Hillside and Char-Wills, they are seeing a large increase in animal "dumpings" (abandonment). These animals are most often in dire need and are found in horrible circumstances.

Our local shelters receive no government funding. They are nonprofit organizations, so monetary donations are tax deductible... the simplest and fastest way to help.

Shelters also are in need of folks to adopt, foster or volunteer. Every shelter has a "wish list" of items they need. Call and ask how you can help. Each shelter has needs that may differ from another, but every shelter will be happy to share their wish list with you.

The phone numbers and addresses of Hillside SPCA, Char-Wills German Shepherd Rescue, and the Ruth Steinert Memorial SPCA are included in our full-page ad which is printed on the facing page of this editorial. Please call and ask them what they need. If you reach a recording because they are tending to their animals, please leave a voicemail and they will return your call.

Our local animal shelters and rescues need us more than ever.

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## From the Police Chief

### *Meter parking*

As a reminder, parking meter enforcement is being conducted Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunbury Street in an effort to keep parking spaces rotating and clear for businesses.

### *Prescription drug drop-off*

The Minersville Police Department is a 24/7 prescription drop-off location. Bring your unused medication to ensure it is disposed of properly. We also accept new and used hypodermic needles for disposal. This service is open to residents from anywhere in Schuylkill County.

### *Report suspected drug activity*

Any Borough resident who observes any suspected drug activity should call 570-544-6212 and provide the information to Chief Jeffrey Bowers 24/7 via VoiceMail. All information will remain confidential.

### *Away on vacation? Please let us know*

If on vacation or away from your residence for an extended time, the Minersville Police Department provides house checks to residents. Officers will check the exterior of the dwelling for suspicious activity as time permits. House check forms may be obtained at the police station and can be downloaded from the Borough website at [minersvillepa.gov/services/police/](http://minersvillepa.gov/services/police/).

The brief form must be completed and signed by the homeowner. House check information will not be taken over the telephone for security reasons. When requesting this service, the resident should understand that this is a free service provided as time permits based upon call volume.

*- Jeffrey Bowers, Minersville Police Chief*

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# Borough Services Update . . . And Events!

## Special needs children Egg Hunt



Dustin's Adventureland will host an Egg Hunt for Schuylkill County special needs children on Saturday, March 28 at its access-for-all playground complex as part of the Minersville Recreation Complex.

Registration in advance is necessary and open now! The link can be found on the Facebook - Adventureland Access For All.

## Help available for heating costs

Residents struggling to pay home heating bills can apply for assistance from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) now. This program runs until April 10, 2026.

The federally-funded LIHEAP program helps individuals and families pay their heating bills through home heating energy assistance cash grants sent directly to your fuel/utility provider. The program includes crisis grants should there be an emergency or if a resident is in danger of losing his or her heat due to broken equipment, lack of fuel, or termination of utility service.



The income limit for an individual is \$23,940; for a couple, the limit is \$32,460; and for a family of four,

it is \$49,500. Other family sizes have income limits, as well. The grant award amounts vary from \$200 to \$1,000 depending upon income, fuel source, and household size.

Residents may apply for LIHEAP online or by contacting the county assistance office.

## Coal ash collection only

Minersville Borough collects ashes curbside during the year for both the convenience of the property owner and as a benefit to the Borough. During January and February, collection is two times per week on Tuesdays and Fridays. All other months, March through December, collection will be once per week on Tuesdays only.

These ashes are recycled as anti-skid material that is put on streets during ice and snow events each winter. ONLY COAL ASH is to be contained within ash bins placed curbside for collection.

For the safety of motorists, street crew members and their equipment, rocks, dirt, or other debris should not be placed in your bins. Any such foreign material may damage the spreaders.

## Borough Office holidays

The Minersville Borough offices and employee operations will be closed in observance of the following upcoming holidays: Monday, Feb. 16 (Presidents Day); closing at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 3 (Good Friday); and Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day).

## Street sweeping resumes in early spring

Weekly street sweeping has halted for the winter months but will start up again as spring arrives. Notification will be given via the Borough website.

The even-numbered side of Sunbury Street and odd-numbered sides of both North Street and Front Street are scheduled to be swept on the first Monday of each month, April through November. One exception will be no sweeping in September due to Labor Day on Sept. 7.

The odd-numbered side of Sunbury Street and even-numbered sides of both North and Front are scheduled to be swept on the last Thursday of each month, April through October.

Check the permanently posted sign on your street for day and time. All vehicles must be moved to enable efficient and effective cleaning of the streets between the hours of 7:30 to 9 a.m.

Questions? Contact the Borough Office at 570-544-2149, during normal business hours, Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## Curbside recycling collection

As part of the Borough's continuing Recycling Program, the following curbside items will be collected:

#1 thru #7 Plastics, Aluminum and Tin Cans, Green-Brown-and-Clear Glass containers, Newspapers and Magazines (bundled separately)

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Ai-lin Hsieh, Sara Male, Cello



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### "LAVISH HARMONIES"

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for pick-up. Please bundle newspapers or magazines with string or place in a brown paper bag or cardboard box separated from your plastic, glass and aluminum for pick-up. Cardboard should be flattened and bundled.

Any loose paper and cardboard not bundled will not be collected. Do not place these recyclables in plastic bags.



Minersville's Pick-up Schedule divides the Borough into two collection areas with Sunbury Street as the dividing line. Properties on the North Side of Sunbury St. and further north will have their recyclables collected on the first and third Wednesdays each month. Properties on the South side of Sunbury Street and further south will have recyclables collected on the second and fourth Wednesdays. No collection will take place when there is a fifth Wednesday - April 29, July 29, September 30, and December 30.

One exception to the Wednesday collection day occurs in November. South side collection will be delayed one day to Thursday, Nov. 12 due to the Veterans Day holiday that falls on Wednesday.

Recycling materials, when mixed with garbage, will not be collected. The Borough no longer allows recycling to be dropped off at the N. Delaware Ave. complex. This area is for compost drop-off only.

## Borough website... your source for info

In today's digital and electronic world, finding answers to your questions is just a "google" or "ask" away on social media. The era of thorough, reliable, and timely newspaper coverage to tell you what you want to know is now hit-and-miss. There no longer exists a one-stop source for true and direct information. Each person has his/her own device and "app" to gain the news they want to hear and take into their brain, thus molding their beliefs.

Problem is... much of what you receive is up to YOU to discern its truth, weighted perspective, value to your existence, out-and-out falsehood, or scam threat.

Fortunately for current and prospective residents, business and property owners, and visitors to Minersville, the Borough has vastly improved its website - [www.minersvillepa.gov](http://www.minersvillepa.gov) - to be a powerhouse source of information to improve your quality of life while here. The website is easy to navigate through, searchable, and shows timely matters right up-front on the home page. Contact information and office hours are easily found there as well.

## Community yard sale

A Minersville Borough community-wide yard sale will be held Saturday, June 6. Sponsored by the Minersville Recreation Committee, the sale will take place from 7 to 11 a.m. Residents are asked to be a

# 3 locations in Schuylkill County



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part of this gigantic, all-weather sale. A \$5 registration fee will get your Minersville Borough house location marked on the yard sale map.

## COMMUNITY YARD SALE

To register your household for the community-wide yard sale June 6, 2026, complete this news-letter Entry Form and return it to:

Minersville Borough Office, 2 E. Sunbury Street, no later than June 2. Make checks payable to the "Minersville Recreation Committee" in the amount of \$5 per map location. Minersville Borough homes only! This is an all-weather event. Maps will be available for pickup on June 5, 2026.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Infant clothes/supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> Antiques         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's clothes      | <input type="checkbox"/> Books            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women's clothes         | <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's clothes           | <input type="checkbox"/> Furniture        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics             | <input type="checkbox"/> Toys             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tools                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Decorations      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                   |   |

**Yard Sale 7 to 11 a.m.**

Complete the yard sale registration shown here and send to the Minersville Borough Office for receipt by the June 2 deadline. Maps will be available for pickup June 5.

## Attorneys join WF&J Law Firm

Schuylkill County's largest and oldest law firm, Williamson Friedberg & Jones, proudly announces the addition of two new associate attorneys—Jessica Halina Eckrote and Joseph B. Colletti—to support the firm's continued growth and expansion.



Both will join WFJ Law's Elder Law & Estate Planning Group, where their practices will focus on asset protection and wealth preservation planning, long-term care planning, estate planning (wills and trusts), and estate administration.

WFJ Law continues to experience significant growth across multiple practice areas. As part of the firm's long-term strategic development plan, WFJ Law anticipates hiring three additional associate attorneys in 2026 to support its expanding client base and ensure the firm maintains the highest level of service.



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# Borough Services Update . . . And Events!

## ***Landlord /Rental Ordinance changes***

At Minersville Borough Council's regularly scheduled January 13 meeting, Council approved changes to the existing Residential Rental Ordinance. Listed below are the major changes to the ordinance:

- Each owner who is not an owner-occupant, or who does not reside in the Borough of Minersville or within a fifty-five (55) mile radius of the Borough limits, shall appoint an agent who shall reside in the Borough or within a fifty-five (55) mile radius of the Borough limits.

- The following changes to the fee charges are as follows:

**Inspection Fee** - \$75 per unit (up from \$50/unit); each additional unit, same premises - \$75 (no discount); **Annual License Fee** - \$25/unit (up from \$10); Failure to cancel or reschedule, within 24 hours of inspection - \$25 (same)

The entire ordinance, including all necessary forms, are available for download on Borough website [minersvillepa.gov/services/rental-information](http://minersvillepa.gov/services/rental-information).

## ***Emergency contact info needed***

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandates that all municipal authorities maintain an emergency contact list. Customers of the

Minersville Municipal Water Authority must provide a preferred notification means when the authority is experiencing a "Tier 1" emergency, typically a pressure loss in the system, a boil advisory, chemical accident or similar event that necessitates quick notification to the public. This contact information will only be used in the event of such an emergency.

Customers must choose their preferred method of contact from the following:

- Phone Method - Download and complete the form found at the Water Authority link on the Borough website and mail it to the Borough Office, 2 E. Sunbury Street, Minersville PA 17954; or,
- E-mail Method - Send an e-mail with your name and address to [minerswateremergency@minersvillepa.gov](mailto:minerswateremergency@minersvillepa.gov). Also, add this address to your contact list so you are sure to receive the notifications.

Contact the Minersville Municipal Water Authority office at 570-544-2200 during office hours Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Additional information can be found on the Borough website... Water Authority tab.

## ***Protect your pipes from frigid temps***

The Minersville Water Authority has posted suggestions and precautions if your water pipes are vulnerable to freezing during frigid weather.

[minersvillepa.gov/services/water-authority/](http://minersvillepa.gov/services/water-authority/)



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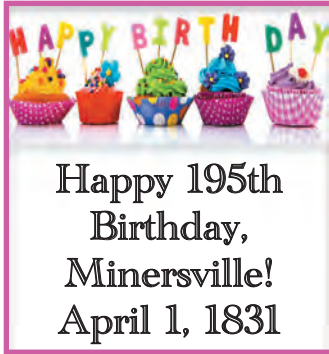
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**Curbside Recycling – Here’s What to Know!**



**MINERSVILLE RECYCLES!**



Curbside Recycling Guidelines



**If your paper products are not bundled, they cannot be picked up.**



**If your recycling bin contains anything other than these items, it cannot be picked up.**

**Items not accepted**

- Styrofoam
- Electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, etc.)
- Hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, cleaners)
- Any oil (including used motor oil bottles)
- Aerosol & Paint Cans
- Yard Waste
- Light Bulbs
- Medical Waste
- Windows
- Plastic Bags
- Toys
- Appliances
- Furniture
- Trash