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Exciting Times! Minersville Is on the Move!

I am proud to share great news on numerous fronts for all of Minersville. Several grant applications have been successfully awarded to the Borough. As you can imagine, the competitiveness for the limited amount of funding sources is tremendous. Thankfully, our project requests were deemed worthy.

The "Green Light Go" state grant totaling \$490,190 will address our traffic signals and crosswalks. The project consists of traffic signal retiming and coordination, pedestrian improvements, and motorist speed warning systems at all eight intersections of the Sunbury Street corridor. The Borough is required to match 20% (\$98,038), yielding a total savings of \$392,152 for these improvements. The project start date is being coordinated with PennDOT.

Schuylkill County paid the entire cost (\$52,700) for the demolition of the former American Legion building through a state grant aimed at fighting blight. The condition of the interior of the building was deplorable and the cost to bring it up to code prohibitive. Rather than letting it decay further, the decision was made to demolish the structure and construct a sitting park in memory of deceased and living members of Post 544. Minersville's plan became the first county demolition project under this state grant.



Bobby Mahalchick
Borough Manager

A \$200,000 Keystone Grant awarded to Minersville for the building demolition and construction of the park requires 50% (\$100,000) local funding. We were able to apply the county's demolition funding as part of the match. The Borough's contribution to the total project will be \$47,300.

An Early Intervention Program Grant through the state Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) will ensure Minersville's future financial stability. The \$50,000 grant requires a 25% local contribution (\$15,000). The program will pay an outside consultant to spend 220 hours reviewing the Borough's finances, operations, and infrastructure and to develop a 5-year budget forecast.

To recap, we have applied for \$740,190 in grant monies for needed Borough improvements. Minersville's match is \$160,338. At the end of the day, we have saved \$579,852 in continuing to move the Borough forward. We will not stop there.

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HALLOWEEN EVENTS

HALLOWEEN PARADE – Come out for a hauntingly good time and watch a parade of costumed characters at the annual Halloween Parade on Sat., October 28 at 6:30 p.m. This year's parade should be the biggest ever. There will be plenty of shrieks and thrills along with treats for the children. Want to have more fun? Dress up in your most elaborate costume and join in the parade!

TRICK OR TREAT – Sun., October 29 will find the Borough filled with ghosts, goblins, witches, superheroes and a host of other characters as Minersville holds its annual trick-or-treat night from 6 to 8 p.m. The children look forward to this event and residents are encouraged to participate by leaving their porch light on so the children know they are welcome to ring the bell and get a treat.



HAUNTED HOUSE – Once again the Carbon Street "Scream Team" will offer shrieks of surprise and joy as "The Haunted House" opens its doors to all ages. The Haunted House will take place again in the old Globe Theater above Borough Hall, 2 E. Sunbury St., operating from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29. See Page 4 for more information.

RAIN DATE TUESDAY, OCT. 31

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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 for discussions and setting of an agenda takes place on the First Tuesday. The Business Meeting is then held on the Second Tuesday.

2017 OFFICIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

Minersville Borough offices will be closed on the following days in 2017 in observance of the stated holidays – Presidents' Day, Feb. 20; Good Friday (half day, close at 11 a.m.), April 14; Memorial Day, May 29; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, Sept. 4; Veterans Day, Nov. 10; Thanksgiving and day after, Nov. 23 and 24; Christmas, Dec. 22 (half day, close at 11 a.m.) and 25; New Year's, Dec. 29 (half day, close at 11 a.m.), Jan. 1, 2018.

Borough Manager

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Street improvements underway

Summer and fall street projects include paving on Heffner, Pine, Pine Hill, Schuylkill, and Westwood streets plus the municipal parking lot on Sunbury Street; crack sealing on streets throughout the Borough; storm drain drop cleanouts; and work to mitigate flooding problems on South Street.

Railroad property is protected by federal law and the railroad police have the authority to criminally arrest anybody who violates the law governing its sovereignty. The Borough does not have the authority to touch anything owned by the railroad or impede within its proximity. I have been in contact and pressuring the Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad to address the condition of its tracks in front of the railroad station and the overgrowth of vegetation. I have also sent letters to U.S. Congressman Cartwright and Senator Toomey concerning the situation. The railroad stated it planned to do repairs and landscaping maintenance in mid-July.

Land Bank rehabs blight

Minersville Borough signed on as a member of the Schuylkill County Land Bank in 2015. A land bank is a public or community-owned entity established to acquire, manage, maintain and re-purpose vacant, abandoned and foreclosed properties. The organization recently completed the rehab of a blighted property on Lewis Street. This property will be sold and put back on the tax rolls.

The Borough is evaluating other blighted properties for this program and will pursue more grant funding from Schuylkill County to address this rehab need.

Over the many years I've lived here, I can't remember so many positive happenings in our town ... from our outstanding student athletes winning state titles, blight being aggressively addressed, reviving our street paving projects, etc. We are on the move and continue planning for more positive things to "Make Minersville Great Again!!!"

I'm excited for the positive changes that lie ahead. I can truthfully and proudly say that OUR TOWN is on an upward swing to a better tomorrow. Kudos to all!!!

– Robert G. Mahalchick, Borough Manager



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Minersville Knows How to Celebrate Halloween

Weekend Includes Parade, Trick-or-Treat, Haunted House

Borough officials have scheduled Halloween events this year – including the annual Parade, Haunted House, and Trick-or-Treat night – over two weekend days, Saturday and Sunday, October 28-29 to maximize community participation and to generate funds for recreational activities. Should inclement weather affect any of these events, Halloween night on Tuesday, Oct. 31 would be the make-up evening.

“We’re attempting to stretch our activities over two days to allow maximum participation for all that might be interested,” stated Recreation Committee chairman Jamie Kuehn. “We’re also targeting a weekend, hoping that it’s more of a convenience for families than a weeknight. We’ll evaluate it after this year to see how it goes.”

The Halloween parade on Saturday evening will be a deviation from previous itineraries as will the availability of the Haunted House on both Saturday and Sunday nights. New also this year will be a “reserved ticket” option for the Haunted House.

“Our Haunted House has been a very popular attraction. Although we get much positive feedback, the popularity causes a longer than desired wait for most revelers.” Kuehn says. “This year we’ll provide



an option that could be more convenient for our most interested customers and beneficial to the borough as well.”

Parade is Saturday, Oct. 28

Festivities will begin Saturday night, October 28 with the Halloween Parade. Supported by area businesses, it’s organized by the Minersville Recreation Board and Miners Fire Rescue.

Parade entrants will form at 6 p.m. at the Minersville Area Football Stadium parking lot. The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. traveling on North Fourth Street, turning left on North St. then right onto Front St., right onto Sunbury St., right on North Fifth St., and right again onto North St., ending in the vicinity of the Miners Fire Rescue building.


Marching groups, floats, bands, and individual marchers are asked to register in advance. Prizes will be awarded for Best Float and Best Individual in first, second, and third places plus a Special Judge’s Choice Award to either a float or individual. (See mail-in registration form near the end of this article.)

Fright Night offered both nights

Following the Saturday Halloween parade, the Recreation Board’s “Haunted House” staffed by the

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Halloween Events

Carbon Street Scream Team will open from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for the second consecutive year in the former Globe Hall, located on the second floor above Minersville Borough Hall at 2 East Sunbury St. On Sunday, the screams resume with the Haunted House open from 7 to 9 p.m.



Up until last year the Haunted House was provided as a free event. As its popularity grew, however, so did the need to make improvements. In most cases, those improvements weren't free. "We always seek donations or sponsorships and we've been successful in doing that," Kuehn explains. "But it's a challenge to sustain those donations on a yearly basis." General admission tickets will be available at the door both

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Allowing customers to avoid the long lines, the Borough will sell “timed-tickets” for the Saturday opening night presentation only. You may call or visit the Borough office beginning Monday, Oct. 2 to reserve a \$6 admission timed-ticket. These will be sold in limited quantities on 15-minute intervals starting at 7:30 following the Saturday parade.

An admission charge for the Haunted House began last year. Kuehn says funds generated from the event not only help make improvements to future Halloween events, but also support other yearly recreational activities such as the Christmas trolley rides with Santa and the Easter egg hunts, each costing about \$500. The goal is to generate that revenue from the Haunted House so all recreation activities are self-funded.

Trick-or-Treat set Sunday, Oct. 29

Youngsters dressed as ghosts, goblins, witches, princesses, and superheroes will take to the streets on Sunday, Oct. 29 for the Borough designated Trick-or-Treat night from 6 to 8 p.m.

Children 12-years of age and younger are invited to participate, but should canvas streets in a group or accompanied by a responsible adult. Residents are



asked to have their porch light on as a sign that the children are welcome to ring the bell and get a treat.

Weather postponement schedule

In the event inclement weather might postpone the parade or the Haunted House on either night, a Tuesday make-up will be available. If rescheduled to Tuesday, the parade will form and step off at the same times, 6 and 6:30 p.m. The Haunted House would be open from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Updates and any additional information on the Halloween events will be included in the next issue of *Miners' Journal* set for delivery in late October.

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OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES

Borough Services Update . . . and Events

Minersville's Spirit Day

The 20th annual Spirit Day will be enjoyed rain-or-shine this year on Sunday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. celebrating Minersville's heritage and the vibrant spirit of town leaders and its residents. Churches, businesses, fire companies, school organizations, and private individuals will line a 2-block length of North Street from Second through Fourth streets with informational, craft, game, and food stands.

Table spaces are \$15 per 12-foot space plus \$10 if electricity is needed. Contact Amy at 570-292-9895 or email themdenstore@comcast.net for a registration form and/or further information.

Let's show our Minersville pride by taking part in this year's festivities and make this one of the biggest events in the county! We sincerely hope this year's event will continue, as in years past, to be a time for the residents of Minersville and surrounding communities to join together for a day of fun, excitement and show support for the organizations involved.

Get the Spirit! Feel the Spirit! Show your Spirit!

Business association to organize

Minersville council member Ian Mahal has been out talking with many local business owners to gage the need and enthusiasm to form a Minersville Business Association once again. The feedback

received has been extremely positive. In the near future, Mahal plans to begin discussions with the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce and interested businesses to kick-start this process.

A business association can be an essential body that collaborates efforts to strengthen Minersville businesses and benefit the entire community. That stated, it's not the responsibility of government to oversee a business association, but rather for both entities to work in concert for the greater good. Mahal asks all that are interested in taking the steps to reestablish this important organization, or simply to provide ideas and ask questions, to please contact him at 570-617-3924 or through Facebook.

Holiday closings

Minersville Borough offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4 in observance of Labor Day and on Monday, Oct. 9 for Columbus Day.

Fall cleanup accepts large and small

The Schuylkill County Office of Solid Waste & Resource Management will hold its annual Fall Cleanup & Recycling Event with the cooperation of numerous municipalities — including Minersville Borough — the week of Sept. 18-23.

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collection sites for proper disposal. Minersville's collection will be set up at the borough's N. Delaware Avenue compost area Monday, Sept. 18 through Saturday, Sept. 23. Hours of acceptance are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Again for a second year, Schuylkill County will not collect computers and other electronic devices during this Fall Cleanup event.

Santa is coming to Minersville



The Minersville Recreation Board will sponsor a Christmas parade on Sunday, Nov. 26, featuring the arrival of Santa Claus to welcome the holiday season. Santa's reindeer will be resting for their Christmas Eve trip, but Santa will have other special transportation for the event.

A fire truck parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. Children will be able to visit with Santa at his South Fourth Street, Little League complex location from 6 to 7 p.m. The first 100 children will receive a special present from Santa. The festivities will be held rain, snow or shine.

Master Gardeners feed body and soul

Join the Penn State Schuylkill Master Gardeners for a celebration of gardening, food, art and music

on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at their Demonstration Garden off Rt. 61 near the entrance to Penn State Schuylkill campus just south of Schuylkill Haven.



Plants and produce grown by the Master Gardeners, along with cut flower arrangements, baked goods, food, and refreshments will be available for purchase. There will also be food samples and a tomato tasting contest. Bring any garden-

ing questions you may have. Artisans and vendors will also be in attendance.

Ash collection

Curbside ash collection in the Borough occurs every Tuesday during the spring, summer, and fall months. A second collection day is added on Fridays during the heating months of December through February. All ashes created, accumulated or produced shall be deposited in one bushel (15 gallon) steel tubs. Any tub in excess of one bushel must not contain more than the maximum 15 gallons of ashes in that tub. In addition, all ash containers must be free of holes or rust and have safe (smooth) handles. Tubs in poor condition will not be emptied/handled.

Place your ash tubs curbside after 6 p.m. on the evening before collection. Remove your tubs soon after they are emptied.

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Trash and recycling collection

Trash collection occurs throughout the Borough every Tuesday. Bags for pickup should be placed curbside after 6 p.m. on Monday evening. Recyclable materials should not be placed in the normal trash. Violators are subject to fines and prosecution per Borough ordinance.



Recyclable materials - unbroken glass containers, tin, aluminum, #1 and #2 plastics, newspaper and clean paper products, and cardboard - are collected curbside twice per month. These materials must be placed in a designated recycling container. Properties north of Sunbury Street receive collection on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Properties south of Sunbury Street have curbside collection on the second and fourth Wednesday. There is no collection when a fifth Wednesday occurs during a month.

The North Delaware Avenue compost site is available for drop-off recycling in designated collection bins.

Disposal of yard waste

The borough's compost site is located at the northern end of North Delaware Avenue for depositing of yard waste including grass clippings, leaves,

garden vegetation waste, and tree trimmings. If compost items are collected in a plastic bag, the contents should be emptied at the compost site and the bag taken home with the resident.

The compost site, available to Borough residents only, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.



All other materials other than approved/separated recyclable materials and yard waste are prohibited. Anyone caught dumping other refuse, vandalizing, trespassing and/or stealing within the North Delaware Avenue Complex at any time will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

New camera system at compost site

Due to the problem of illegal dumping, the Borough has installed a new camera system at the compost/recycling site that feeds happenings directly into the police station 24 hours per day.

Only recyclable materials are permitted in the bins. Yard waste may be placed on the compost pile.

No electronics, garbage or construction material is permitted. Fines of up to \$1,000 may be imposed for violations.

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summer and fall. But, please adhere to the few rules and regulations that assure for the safety and enjoyment of all – residents and visitors alike.



The Recreation Complex is closed from dusk to dawn. Bicycling, skates and pets are prohibited from the park. Smoking is also prohibited.

With the large number of people visiting the Recreation Complex, parking at times may be at a premium. Please be considerate of other people and park your vehicle within the lines of the designated parking spaces. Parking in the driving lanes of the parking lot is prohibited. Due to continuous problems in the lot, offending vehicles will be ticketed or may be towed. There is an additional parking area located on the road leading to the Lions Pavilion.

Electronics – Not in the trash!

Pennsylvania law forbids anyone to dispose of unwanted electronics in curbside trash pickup and forbids the dumping of any trash/rubbish on private or public lands. Landfills and other solid waste disposal facilities no longer accept covered devices or their components – desktop and laptop computers, monitors, peripherals, and televisions. Minersville's North Delaware Avenue compost and recycling dropoff site

is also off limits to these electronics.

The state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) urges you to do your part for the environment by recycling or reusing these electronic devices. Unfortunately, the Schuylkill County annual Fall Cleanup has again, for the second year in a row, announced electronics will not be accepted.

Staples, located at the Cressona Mall off Rt. 61, will accept many computer related electronics at no cost. For additional information, call the store or check the website.

The Bloomsburg Recycling Center, 301 E. Second St., Bloomsburg, also accepts electronics. Call 570-784-4532 for hours, directions, and acceptance of drop-offs.

Be pet responsible!

Borough Ordinance 183 requires dog owners to keep the dog confined to their own property. When taking the dog for a walk, the animal must be on a leash and the person walking the dog is responsible to clean up any fecal matter discharged by the dog. On the pet owner's property, fecal matter must be removed within twenty-four hours to prevent the accumulation from becoming a danger to public health.

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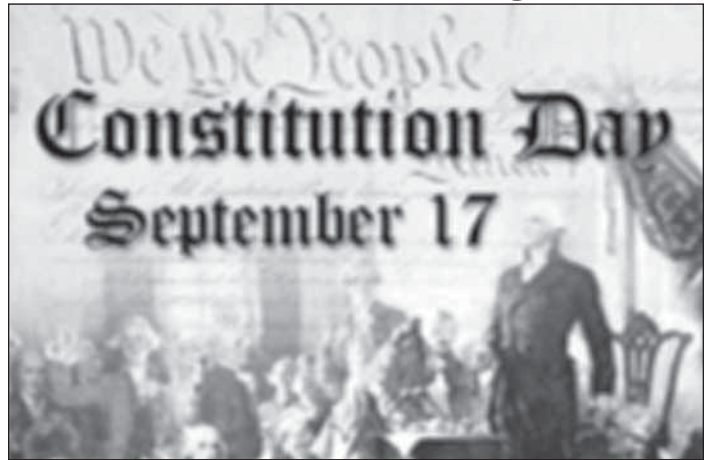
First 10 Amendments Were The Bill of Rights

Constitution Day commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution by thirty-nine brave men on September 17, 1787 thus establishing America's national government and fundamental laws.

America's first constitution, the Articles of Confederation, was ratified in 1781, a time when the nation was a loose confederation of states, each operating like independent countries. The national government was comprised of a single legislature, the Congress of the Confederation. There was no president or judicial branch. The Articles gave Congress the power to govern foreign affairs, conduct war and regulate currency; however, in reality these powers were sharply limited because Congress had no authority to enforce its requests to the states for money or troops.

Soon after America won its independence from Great Britain in 1783, it became increasingly evident that the young republic needed a stronger central government in order to remain stable. In 1786, Alexander Hamilton, a lawyer and politician from New York, called for a constitutional convention to discuss the matter. The Confederation Congress, which in February 1787 endorsed the idea, invited all 13 states to send delegates to a meeting in Philadelphia.

On May 25, 1787, the Constitutional Convention



opened at the Pennsylvania State House, now known as Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence had been adopted 11 years earlier. There were 55 delegates in attendance, representing all 13 states except Rhode Island, that refused to send representatives because it did not want a powerful central government interfering in its economic business. George Washington, who'd become a national hero after leading the Continental Army to victory during the American Revolution, was selected as president of the convention by unanimous vote.

At age 81, Pennsylvania's Benjamin Franklin was the oldest delegate, while the majority of the delegates were in their 30s and 40s. Political leaders not in attendance at the convention included Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, who were serving as U.S. ambassadors in Europe.

John Jay, Samuel Adams and John Hancock were also absent from the convention. Virginia's Patrick Henry was chosen to be a delegate but refused to attend the convention because he didn't want to give the central government more power, fearing it would endanger the rights of states and individuals.

At the Convention, delegates devised a plan for a stronger federal government with three branches – executive, legislative and judicial – along with a system of checks and balances to ensure no single branch would have too much power.



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Among the more contentious issues was the question of state representation in the national legislature. Delegates from larger states wanted population to determine how many representatives a state could send to Congress, while small states called for equal representation. The issue was resolved by the Connecticut Compromise, which proposed a bicameral legislature with proportional representation of the states in the lower house (House of Representatives) and equal representation in the upper house (Senate).

People who supported the Constitution became known as Federalists, while those opposed it because they thought it gave too much power to the national government were called Anti-Federalists.

Beginning on December 7, 1787, five states – Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia and Connecticut – ratified the Constitution in quick succession. Other states, especially Massachusetts, opposed the document, as it failed to reserve undelegated powers to the states and lacked constitutional protection of basic political rights, such as freedom of speech, religion and the press.

In February 1788, a compromise was reached under which Massachusetts and other states would agree to ratify the document with the assurance that amendments would be immediately proposed. The Constitution was thus narrowly ratified in Massachusetts, followed by Maryland and South Carolina. On June 21 that year, New Hampshire was

the ninth state to ratify the document.

It was subsequently agreed that government under the U.S. Constitution would begin on March 4, 1789. George Washington was inaugurated as America's first president on April 30, 1789. In June of that year, Virginia ratified the Constitution, and New York followed in July.

Madison, then a member of the newly established U.S. House of Representatives, introduced 19 amendments to the Constitution. On September 25, 1789 Congress adopted 12 of the amendments and sent them to the states for ratification. Ten of these amendments, known collectively as the Bill of Rights, were ratified and became part of the Constitution two years later on December 10, 1791.

The Bill of Rights guarantees individuals certain basic protections as citizens, including freedom of speech, religion and of the press; the right to bear and keep arms; the right to peaceably assemble; protection from unreasonable search and seizure; and the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury. For his contributions to the drafting of the Constitution, as well as its ratification, Madison became known as "Father of the Constitution."

On February 2, 1790, the U.S. Supreme Court held its first session, marking the date when the government was fully operative. Rhode Island, the last holdout of the original 13 states, finally ratified the Constitution on May 29, 1790.

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Remember to wear a helmet EVERY time you ride! It's the law! Helmets are required!

Pennsylvanian law states that everyone under age 12 must wear a helmet. This applies to children operating bicycles and to children who are passengers in a restraining seat or trailer. It's very important for people over age 12 to also wear a helmet.

Wearing a helmet makes it easier for others to see you. Be a good example to other bike riders by wearing your helmet.



Quick facts

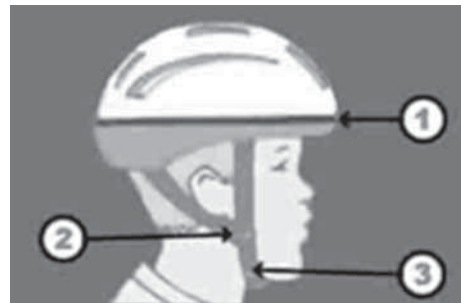
It is very important that everyone wear a helmet each and every time he/she rides a bike. Most bicycling deaths and serious injuries are due to head injuries.

- Each year, bicycle crashes kill about 900 people ... 200 of those are children under 15 years old.
- At the same time 567,700 people go to hospital emergency rooms due to injuries ... 382,000 are children below 15 years old.
- Each year, 130,000 suffer from head injuries due to bicycle crashes.
- More than 70% of children, ages 5 to 14 (27.7 million), ride bicycles.
- Studies show that wearing a bike helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by 85%.

- Make sure the helmet is properly fitted to your head.

How to properly fit a helmet

Snug on the head – (1) Size your helmet to your head using the right combinations of foam sizing pads or the retention system by using the dial on the back of the helmet to adjust. Adjust the pads. Make sure the helmet cannot move from side to side or up and down.



Wear it low on your forehead – (2) The helmet should have two straps joined with a “tri-glide” to form a “V.” The front and rear strap of each V should be snug when a tri-glide is positioned just below the earlobe.

Tighten Buckle Strap – (3) The buckle strap should fit snug beneath the chin. Only one adult finger should be able to fit between the clip and the chin.

Double-check the fit – When securely fit, your eyebrows should move up and down or side to side with the movement of the helmet. If you see this, you know your helmet is a good fit!

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Calendar of Events

Fall activities are plentiful in the Minersville area. Take advantage of the cooler, less humid weather and join friends and neighbors at these great events.

August

The public is invited to join St. Matthew the Evangelist parishioners in two events taking place in August. Contact the church at 570-544-2211 or its website at www.StMatthewTheEvangelistParish.org for additional information.

A casino bus trip will leave for Atlantic City resorts on **Monday, Aug. 7**. The cost is \$35 with a casino play credit of \$30.

The parish annual Summer Festival will be held **Sunday, Aug. 20** from noon to 9 p.m. at the South Cass Fire Company picnic grove, Primrose. All of your favorite ethnic foods will be available plus games for the family, 50/50 drawings, and much more! Featured entertainment is John Stevens' Doubleshot from noon to 4 p.m. and The New Individuals from 5 to 9 p.m.



September

Monday, Sept. 4 is Labor Day. The Minersville Borough offices will be closed that day in observance of the holiday.

St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish will sponsor a 6-day bus excursion to Mackinac Island, MI from

September 9 thru 15 with food, lodging and activities included. Call the church for additional information.

Minersville's 20th annual celebration of Spirit Day will be held **Sunday, Sept. 10**. Activities are on North Street between Second and Fourth streets from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The annual Schuylkill County Fall Cleanup conveniently provides a drop-off location for large and small items such as furniture, appliances, and tires at the Minersville Compost Area from **Monday, Sept. 18 through Saturday, Sept. 23**. Hours of acceptance are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday.



October

The 5th annual Travis Newton Memorial Pumpkin Festival will be held at the New Minersville Fire Co., 500 Line Street, on **Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7-8** and on **Saturday, Oct. 14**.

The children's festival will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on **Oct. 7**. A Chinese auction browse and bid will be held **October 8** from 9 a.m. with the auction at 1 p.m. An adult dance (over 21) will be held **October 14** beginning at 9 p.m.

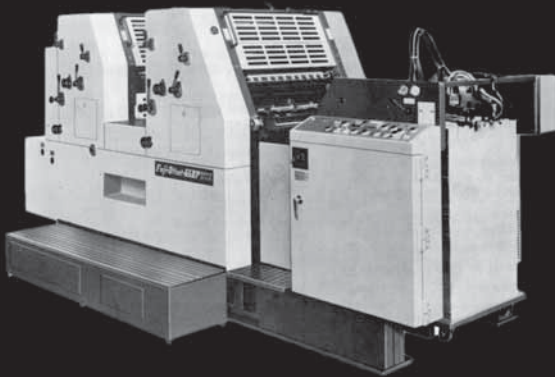


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Monday, Oct. 9 is Columbus Day. The Minersville Borough offices will be closed that day in observance of the holiday.

St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish has arranged a pilgrimage to the Blue Army Shrine celebrating the Fatima Centennial on **Friday, Oct. 13**. Contact the church for more information.



The Minersville Halloween Parade will step off **Saturday, Oct. 28** at 6:30 p.m. In the event of rain, the parade could be postponed to **Tuesday, Oct. 31**.

Trick-or-Treat for borough children 12 years old and younger is scheduled **Sunday, Oct. 29** between the hours of 6 and 8 p.m.

The Carbon Street "Scream Team" once again will stage an all-ages "Haunted House" event at the old Globe Theater, second floor above Borough Hall, 2 E.

Sunbury St. on **Saturday, Oct. 28** from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and again on **Sunday, Oct. 29** from 7 to 9 p.m.

Rain postponement for either night will be **Tuesday, Oct. 31**.

November

After Halloween, you know the rush to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons will be in full swing. Mark your calendars on **Sunday, Nov. 26**. Santa Claus will arrive in Minersville to be part of the holiday parade, scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. Area children will be able to meet with Santa from 6 to 7 p.m.

The Minersville Borough offices will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday on both **Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23-24**.

