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## Only Minersville Police Officer to Die in Line of Duty

### Milan Barber to be Enshrined in Police Hall of Fame

Milan (Millie) Barber was born in Steelton, Pennsylvania in 1920 ... the son of Serbian immigrants who came through Ellis Island in 1910. He was one of seven children and worked as a laborer in a steel mill following his high school graduation.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy the day after the Pearl Harbor invasion and was assigned to the naval destroyer U.S.S. Henry A. Wiley. He was a machinist's mate working in the engine room below water level.

The Henry Wiley earned the nickname "Hammering Hank" for its contributions to the South Pacific campaign. It was part of the largest amphibious operation of the Pacific War, sweeping mines to clear the channels for the attack on Okinawa.

The destroyer also served a critical support role in the Battle of Iwo Jima. "Hammering Hank" pounded the famous stronghold, Mount Suribachi, with 3600 rounds before the U.S. Marine capture and planting of the flag at the top of Mount Suribachi. After the war, Milan spent some time as an instructor of engine room mechanics at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

It was during his time serving in the U.S. Navy that he met Madeline Parulis, born and raised in Minersville, at a USO dance. She had been visiting with



her sister in Harrisburg when fate united them.

They married and chose Minersville as their permanent residence to raise their family. After working various jobs in the manufacturing sector, Milan was offered a job as a security guard in a local production facility. That led to an offer to become a part-time police officer in Minersville. Eventually, an offer of a full-time position came along and Milan enthusiastically accepted.

Millie loved being a police officer and he loved Minersville. He, as well as the other police officers, were known by most of the town as they would walk the beat and engage the public on a daily basis.

#### ***The fatal night in 1970***

While working the night shift on June 19 of 1970, Officer Barber and his partner, Officer William Charles, were observing from the lot (now the Dollar General) a perpetrator trying to steal a car at the Rothermel Dairy (now the site of Fuel-On Mini Market).

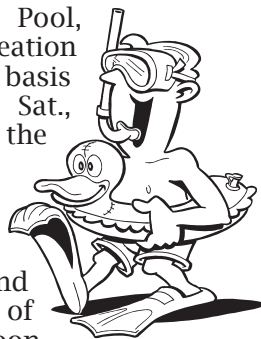
As they attempted to apprehend the suspect, a struggle ensued. While Officer Charles returned to the car to retrieve additional necessary equipment, Officer Barber was overpowered by the younger suspect and suffered a heart attack. Returning to the scene, Charles immediately rushed Barber to the hospital.

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## Everyone in the Pool!

The Minersville Community Pool, located at the Fourth Street Recreation Complex, will open on a daily basis from noon to 7 p.m. beginning Sat., June 8 following the close of the school year.

If the weather cooperates and maintenance needs have been completed, the pool may be open for Memorial Day weekend (May 25-26-27) and the weekend of June 1-2, each day beginning at noon. Check the borough website or call the Borough Office near the end of the month for final details.



#### ***Season pool passes now available***

Season pass costs for Minersville Borough residents is \$55 for a Student, \$65 for an Adult, \$45 for a Senior Citizen, and \$100 for a Family up to five plus \$20 for each additional.

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### 2019 OFFICIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

Minersville Borough offices will be closed on the following upcoming days in 2019 in observance of the stated holidays - Memorial Day, May 27; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, Sept. 2; Veterans Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving and day after, Nov. 28 and 29; Christmas, Dec. 24 (half day, close at 11 a.m.) and 25; New Year's, Dec. 31 (half day, close at 11 a.m.), Jan. 1, 2020.

## Milan (Millie) Barber

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Although the suspect initially escaped, he was later apprehended and charged with larceny, resisting arrest and manslaughter. He accepted a plea deal to drop the manslaughter charge and was sentenced to two years in prison. He escaped from the county prison after serving only a few months, but was recaptured.

Officer Barber's viewing from the Mahal Funeral Home happened to be on Father's Day. Mourners lined up for blocks to pay their final respects. Not everyone was able to get through the line that day. A second night of viewing was considered, but it was decided the strain on the family would be too much. The funeral the following day had a full State Police honor guard and was attended by police department personnel from near and far.



### Recent honors in memoriam

In 2017, Officer Barber received a Congressional Commendation with his story entered into the Congressional Record on March 9, 2017 by Congressman Matt Cartwright. That same year he was listed on the Officer Down Memorial page funded by the U.S. Department of Justice.



Additionally in 2017, his name was engraved upon the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. and then read at the candlelight vigil attended by 30,000 supporters, including dignitaries such as Attorney General Jeff Sessions and White House Chief of Staff John Kelly.

Officer Barber's family was also invited to the National Peace Officer Memorial Day event on the

South Lawn of the Capitol to hear President Donald Trump speak that same week.

In 2018 Officer Barber had his story and profile appear at the newly opened National Law Enforcement Museum's Hall of Remembrance in Washington, D.C. There, one can see his photo and read the events that transpired on the day of his death through an interactive kiosk.

In May 2019, during National Police Week, Milan Barber will be enshrined into the American Police Hall of Fame in Titusville, Florida. His name and police department will be engraved upon the Memorial Wall within the museum.

In the long history of the Borough of Minersville, Officer Milan Barber was the only policeman to die in the line of duty. In addition to his wife, he left behind daughters Sandy, Gail, and Lynn and a son, Tom, ranging in ages from 23 to 11.



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# Make a Splash at the Minersville Pool

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Non-resident season passes will be: \$70 for a Student, \$85 for an Adult, \$65 for a Senior Citizen, and \$130 for a Family up to five plus \$30 for each additional.

A "Family" consists of parents or a couple and up to three children, all permanent residents of the same household and same immediate family ... or one adult and up to four children. A separate pass is required for any adult, 18 or older, residing in the household (adult children, grandparents, aunts, uncles).

Daily admission prices this year remain: \$2 for a Pre-School child and Senior Citizens, \$3 for Student (age four through 17), \$5 for Adult (age 18 and over); Evening admission from 5 to 7 p.m. will be 50% off the daily rate.

Pre-School is a child, age three or younger. Senior Citizens must be age 55 or older.

Children under age 10 must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years of age or older. Without a responsible adult, children under 10 will be denied admission to the pool. There is no non-swimmer discount; all patrons entering the pool are required to pay the appropriate fee.

Applications can be made at the Borough Office, 2 E. Sunbury St., or by downloading on-line at:

[www.minersvilleonline.com](http://www.minersvilleonline.com)

and mailing to the borough office. During the swim season, passes can also be purchased at the pool. All

applications will be verified before passes are issued. Fraudulent information, as well as violation of pool rules/policies, will void passes.

## Pool pavilion available to rent

The swimming pool pavilion is an ideal place to hold your summer birthday party. Two party-size rental options are available, each with a damage/cleaning fee of \$50 in addition to the rental cost. Full payment is required two weeks in advance.



Option 1 is for a group of up to 20 guests with a maximum of 15 children for a set cost of \$150. Additional guests in excess of 20 cost \$10 each.

Option 2 covers 35 to 50 guests with a maximum of 40 children for \$300. Attendees in excess of 50 will cost \$10 additional.

Two time slots per day are available ... 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Pool admission for all guests is included along with food and drink menu options.

Contact the Borough Office at 570-544-2149 to reserve your date and time. Additional information can be found on [www.minersvilleonline.com](http://www.minersvilleonline.com).

## Closing policy

The pool may close or be closed early in the case of inclement weather or low attendance. The Minersville Community Swimming Pool will require immediate closure of the pool in the event that lightning or thunder is present in or around the area and the pool will remain closed until 30 minutes past the last visible lightning strike or episode of thunder.

The pool will be closed if air temperature is 60 degrees or below.

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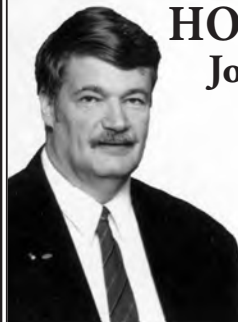


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# From the Desk of the Borough Manager

## 4th Street Playground; Sunbury Street, Blight Fight & Street Paving

### Improvement Projects Galore Raise Quality of Life

Spring has Sprung! I feel confident to join each and every Minersville resident to say I'm looking forward to enjoying the warmer weather and outdoor activities with family and friends.

I'm excited to report TWO of our grant-related projects are set to begin mid-to-late May. Additional projects will start later.



**Bobby Mahalchick**  
Borough Manager

- 4th Street Playground Update and Renovation - Low bidder for the project, Womer Landscaping, was awarded this project at the April Borough Council meeting. Two sets of equipment - 2-to-5 age group and 5-to-12 age group - will be installed.

Funds for the project come from the \$90,000 joint Borough/Little League grant that was awarded in September 2018. In addition, some old equipment will be removed, new mulch will be spread, and swings (including one for the handicapped) will be installed. As part of an Eagle Scout project, Michael Rizzardi will assist in the instal-

lation of three exercise stations in memory of his late grandfather, Robert Rizzardi.

- Construction of a Memorial Park on the site of the former American Legion is scheduled to begin late May or early June. The low bidder for the project, Performance Construction Services, Inc., was awarded the project at the April Borough Council meeting. The park is being constructed to honor all deceased and living veterans from our hometown and local surrounding area. A groundbreaking ceremony was planned for Thurs., May 2 at 9:30 a.m.
- The Green Light Go grant-funded projects are scheduled to begin late July or August. The two projects will focus on pedestrian improvements, an over speed warning system, and traffic signal coordination at the eight intersections along the Sunbury Street corridor. ALLELUIA!
- The planned TIP (PennDOT's Transportation Improvement Program) project to mill and pave the entire length of Sunbury Street and replace all handicapped curbs on that corridor has been changed from this year to the summer of 2020.

### *Fight against blight*

The Minersville Blight Task Force continues to

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## From the Desk of the Borough Manager

meet. A fast-track plan, specifically designed for the Borough to identify blighted properties that can be rehabbed or whether any need to be demolished is being developed.

Christopher Gulotta, of The Gulotta Group LLC, has been serving as facilitator of the meetings. He has provided training and technical assistance to a number of organizations on a fee-for-service basis, to a number of state agencies, and the Schuylkill Land Bank.

Members of the task force include myself, as Borough Manager, Councilman Ian Mahal, Councilman Robert Umbenhen, Mayor Kerry Kerschner, Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Tim Daley, Joselyn Skeen, Bernard Lescavage, Denny Hardock, Atty. Edward Brennan, and Kenneth Eichenberg Jr. As the process evolves, a meeting for public input will be scheduled.

### Road repairs in the works

Planning this year's paving projects is taking place right now. Once the areas identified have been selected, residents will be notified. Street Department employees will be filling potholes and crack-sealing now that the asphalt plant has opened.

Out of safety for our employees, please obey the traffic detours that may be set up to get you

safely around the street repairs. Anyone violating the detours or ignoring the instructions of those directing traffic near work sites will be reported to our police department to pursue criminal charges.

### Property maintenance is important

With spring and warmer weather upon us, the Borough asks all to abide by its Quality of Life ordinances, especially related to grass, brush, and weeds. In addition to weeds adjacent to your dwelling and lawn, we will enforce and cite property owners for overgrown weeds on sidewalks.

By maintaining your property, you enhance the quality of your property and show courtesy and respect to your immediate neighbors and the entire community.

### Take pride in your own nest

Starting this month, you will be witness to the most improvements and redevelopment our little town has seen in many, many years!

As a resident of this town we all love, you can make a difference as well. Whether it be a fresh coat of paint to the exterior of your home or cleaning around your property, every little bit does get noticed by those living, working, and traversing through Minersville.

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# Police Warning – Beware of Grandparent Scam

The Minersville Police Department advises that the Grandparent Scam is making the rounds again. Beware the urgent phone call from someone claiming to be a family member. Here's how the Grandparent Scam typically plays out.

You get a call from someone pretending to be your grandchild. The person explains that he/she is



in trouble with a story that goes something like this: "There's been an accident and I'm in jail, in the hospital, stuck in a foreign country, and I need your help."

The caller adds enough details about how, what or where the emergency

happened to make the story seem plausible. And the distraught caller, you think to yourself, does sort of sound like your grandson or granddaughter.

Often the caller tells you that a third person, such as a lawyer, doctor or police officer, will "explain everything to you" if you call him or her.

"This makes it seem more real when you call and talk to the authority," says attorney Kati Daffan, assistant director of the Division of Marketing Practices at the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). Then the caller asks you to send or wire money immediately, adding the kicker, "Please, don't tell Mom and Dad!"



This financial ruse has been making the rounds in various incarnations for years. In 2017 nearly one in five people reported losing money in an impostor scheme like the grandparent scam, amounting to a loss of \$328 million, according to the FTC. Those, ages 70 and older, have suffered the highest average losses.

"The scammers are very good at what they do. They make the story very convincing and urgent, so that you wouldn't want to make a mistake," Daffan says. "The stakes are incredibly high, and they're good at pulling at your emotions. They know how to get your fight-or-flight response activated so that your critical thinking faculties are just not the way they are normally."

## How do the scammers choose their targets?

Sometimes it's random, but often it's not. "They can buy lead lists of people who've been scammed before, people who are older or people they can get lots of personal information about," Daffan says.

Sometimes the information is gleaned from social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, or by hacking into your email account (your contact list may include the names of relatives).

## What if this happens to you?

First, hit the pause button on your natural inclination to panic.

"What people need to do is slow down" and think of what they need to do to determine if the situation is for real, Daffan explains. "Verify the person's identity by asking questions someone else couldn't possibly answer," such as the name and species of your grandchild's first pet. Also, get off the phone and check with a family member or the person who supposedly called you. Your grandchild may just answer her phone from the privacy of home or a dorm.

"The other thing that's a dead giveaway is how they want you to get the money to them," Daffan says. Usually, it's through a wire transfer service (such as Western Union or MoneyGram), an overnight delivery service or courier (with a check or cash), or a prepaid card or gift card, in which case the scammer will ask you to read the numbers on the back of the card over the phone.

"That's just like turning over cash to somebody," Daffan warns. Don't do it! Remember, "Court systems and hospitals don't accept gift cards as payment," Daffan adds.

The Minersville Police Department advises, "Please, call the police immediately after you receive the call."

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# Use Your Head – Wear a Bicycle Helmet

## It's the Law for Under 12; But Safer for All Ages

Helmet use is essential for safe biking. Many riders think bike helmets are meant for children, but the statistics prove otherwise. In fact, a 2008 study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says head injuries represent about 70 percent of bicycling fatalities.

A good helmet is necessary for all ages and does save lives. Here is some information about bicycle helmet regulations in Pennsylvania and how to get the most out of your chosen helmet.

- Is it illegal to ride a bike without a helmet in Pennsylvania?

It is not required by law for a bicycle rider to wear a helmet in Pennsylvania unless the rider is a child. Section 3510 of Pennsylvania Bicycle Law states “a person under 12 years of age shall not operate a pedal-cycle or ride as a passenger on a pedal-cycle unless the person is wearing a pedal-cycle helmet...”

The provisions of the Bicycle Law also require that helmets be worn by those restrained in a seat attached to a bicycle, as well as those seated in a trailer being towed by a bicycle.

- When can you stop wearing a bike helmet?

Even though state law does not require an adult bicyclist to wear a helmet, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation advises that bicyclists of every age wear a helmet. Helmets that have been certified by the American Standards Institute, the American Society for Testing and Materials, the Snell Memorial Foundation, or the Consumer Product Safety Commission give assurance of protection.

### Tips for helmet use – check the fit!

1. The front edge should be no more than 1 inch above your eyebrows. With the straps fastened, push up firmly on the front edge of the helmet. If it moves back, the straps are too loose.
2. Push the helmet side-to-side and front-to-back. It should be snug enough that the motion wrinkles the skin at your temples.
3. A ponytail can alter your fit, so make sure to test a helmet wearing the same hairstyle you ride with.
4. To test that a buckled chinstrap is tight enough,



open your mouth halfway; the helmet should press down on the top of your head as you do.

5. The front and back straps should make a V that meets just below and forward of the ear.
6. Grab the back tip and try to pull it up over the top of your head to the front. If the front of your helmet slips down, shorten the back straps.

The majority of bicycle fatalities involved riders who were not wearing helmets.



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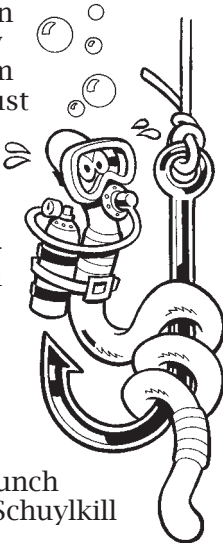
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# Borough Services Update . . . and Events

## Tagged fish at Sweet Arrow Lake Park

The kickoff day of Family Fun Fishing at Sweet Arrow Lake County Park is set for Sunday, May 5 from 6:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. But it's just the beginning as the event continues the rest of the year, allowing year-round fishing enjoyment for anglers to catch tagged fish.

The pre-registration online deadline was April 15, but you can still register at the park on May 5 at the Clubhouse or at the PA Fish and Boat Access area pavilion at a cost of \$25 per individual or \$45 for the entire household. Registration includes a food voucher. Breakfast will be served beginning at 6 a.m. and lunch will also be available to benefit the Schuylkill County Sportsmen's Association.



## Minersville "On The Move"

It's spring! Get out and enjoy the outdoors!

Schuylkill On the Move promotes that very idea by encouraging the public to be part of upcoming organized hikes. Here are several planned in and around the Minersville area:

- Sunday, May 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. - "Fort Dietrich Snyder" with John Domalakes. Visit the site of

a French and Indian War fort and spring that quenched the thirst of many in the frontier. Meet at the summit of Rt. 183 on the Blue Mountain. (2 miles - easy)

- Saturday, May 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - "Wolf Creek Falls & Reservoir Hike." Meet Robin Tracey at the east end of the Wal-Mart parking lot in Saint Clair. You must register for this walk by calling Robin at 570-467-2506. A hidden gem! Bring a lunch. Dogs must be leashed. (7.5 miles - difficult)
- Saturday, June 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - "West Creek to Crystal Falls" with Hiker Jim. The trek begins at the Rt. 901 Pub just south of I-81. The group will head to Old Airport Road to the West Creek headwaters and then to beautiful Crystal Falls. The group will then travel downhill from there (rocky in places), ending in Forrestville and crossing the creek five times. Meet across the street from the Forrestville Fire Company. (7.5 miles - moderate)

## Spring watch at Hawk Mountain

Hawk Mountain invites visitors to look for returning raptors and other migrants during its annual Spring Hawk Watch, held daily now through May 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sanctuary's famous North Lookout.

Trail fees apply for non-members and cost \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for children, ages 6 to 12. Members are admitted free, year-round, and memberships can be purchased online or at the Visitor Center.

In conjunction with the count, international trainee-run spring weekend programs have begun and are held every Saturday and Sunday throughout the count. The Sanctuary's signature live raptor program, "Raptors Up Close!" is sponsored by M&T Bank and continues through Memorial Day.

A full schedule of weekend programs and other details can be found at [hawkmountain.org/weekend-programs](http://hawkmountain.org/weekend-programs).

## Bear Creek Festival

The 18th annual Bear Creek Festival will take place on Sunday, June 2 at the Schuylkill County

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Fairgrounds from 12 to 4 p.m. This family-oriented event offers visitors fun activities related to all things environmental, outdoors, natural, and agricultural in Schuylkill County.

The Bear Creek Festival offers many activities for all ages, such as Schuylkill Trout Unlimited's annual fishing derby, build your own bird house with Home Depot, paint your own flower pot, animals from Red Creek Wildlife Center, live music, and much more. Free admission, free activities, and free parking.

## Schuylkill County Fair

This year's Schuylkill County Fair, themed "Fairs Feature Agriculture," will be held Mon. through Sat., July 29 to August 3 at the Fairgrounds.

Featured entertainment will include the New

Individuals on Monday, Sapphire on Tuesday, Ridgetline and Rhythm and Brews on Wednesday, the Mudflaps Reunion and the Rehrig Brothers on Thursday, American Idol finalist Aaron Kelly on Friday, and the Amish Outlaws on Saturday. Lions and tigers will be featured all week long at the amphitheater with "Close Encounters of the Exotic Kind."

## Ask the gardening experts

The Penn State Schuylkill County Master Gardeners are available to answer questions about your trees, flowers, lawn, garden, soil, insects, indoor plants and much more. The Garden "Hort Line" (570-622-4225, ext. 23) is open every Monday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. now through October, except for holidays.

Or, stop by the Penn State Extension Office at 1202 Ag Center Drive, just off Rt. 901 (the Gordon Nagle Trail) with a sizeable sample of the affected item and/or photos to discuss concerns directly with a Master Gardener.

Voice Mail messages should include your full name, mailing address, phone number and as much detail as possible about the issue. Volunteers generally respond within a week of your call or your e-mail sent to [schuylkillmg@psu.edu](mailto:schuylkillmg@psu.edu).

## You can do your part!

Mosquito season is right around the corner.

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June 1 - Medieval Times.....	*\$85
June 5 - Ride the Rails in the Poconos .....	\$93
June 7 - Cape May Point & Dolphin Cruise .....	\$85
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June 29 - Annie @ DADT .....	\$94

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June 24-25 - Visit Ithaca .....	\$276 P/P DBL
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Make sure your backyard is ready! Keep vegetation low and remove standing water to eliminate breeding locations.



It only takes a bottle cap full of water to breed mosquitoes. Turn over buckets, barrels, keep tarps dry, cover tires, and flush bird bath water. It can take as little as 7 days for an egg to become an adult mosquito.

## Borough Office holidays

The Minersville Borough offices and employee operations will be closed in observance of the following holidays for the balance of 2018: Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day); Thursday, July 4 (Independence Day); Monday, Sept. 2 (Labor Day); Monday, Nov. 11 (Veterans Day); Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28-29 (Thanksgiving); Tuesday, Dec. 24 (half day, close at 11 a.m.) and Wednesday, Dec. 25 (Christmas); and Tuesday, Dec. 31 (half day, close at 11 a.m.), New Year's.

## Enjoy the Recreation Complex

Every day Minersville's Recreation/Swimming Pool complex is enjoyed by town residents and visitors from surrounding communities. The Borough expends

resources to provide a safe and secure environment. People are encouraged to use the complex, but adults must be responsible for the conduct of their children.

If you send your children to the playground while visiting the complex, one adult from each family or group should also be present to monitor the playground's use. Teams using the fields must finish play no later than 10 p.m.

The Minersville Police Department reminds all that the complex is closed from dusk to dawn unless an activity has been approved by Minersville Borough Council. Dogs (yes, even small dogs) are not allowed on the ball fields or anywhere in the complex. Smoking is not allowed. Fines for violations may be imposed and any illegal activity is subject to arrest.



## Mayor's Missive

### National Night Out on Aug. 6

Save the date! Minersville Borough is proud to announce its participation in the National Association of Town Watch's annual National Night Out, to take place Tues., August 6.

National Night Out is a nationwide annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police/community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to promote safer, more caring places in which to live and work.

The effort enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement - all working together to promote a true sense of community - and all together under positive circumstances.

Still in the planning stages of the event, further details will follow. Interested in volunteering your time or have a suggestion to make this an enjoyable evening for all? Please reach out to the Borough Office!

Additional information on the National Association of Town Watches and National Night Out can be found online at [www.natw.org](http://www.natw.org).



**Kerry Kerschner**  
Mayor



**Time: 9:30-3:00 Cost: \$35**

Camp is for children who have completed K through 6th grade.

**June 24-28 Tamaqua**

*Lewistown Valley (near Heisler's Dairy)*

**July 8-12 Valley View**

*Valley View Park*

**July 15-19 Pine Grove**

*Manbeck's E. C. Church, Rock  
(Transportation available)*

**July 22-26 Auburn**

*Christmas Pines Campground*

**July 29-Aug. 2 Minersville**

*(Primrose Bible Church~ just west of Minersville)*

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## *Please help your neighborhood*

Blocked street drains can create a hazard for you and your neighbors. If you see the drain near your house is clogged with litter, please take a few minutes to open it with a broom or shovel.



## *Public meetings*

Minersville Borough Council meets for a work session the first Tuesday of each month and its monthly business meeting the second Tuesday of each month. The public is welcome to attend these meetings held in the Water Authority building located on N. Delaware Ave. beginning at 7 p.m.

## *Compost site*

The Borough compost site is located at the northern end of N. Delaware Avenue and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

The site accepts grass clippings, leaves, tree trimmings, and other reasonable yard waste. Items collected in plastic bags should be emptied from the bag before being deposited at the compost site. Take your bags with you.

## *Your responsibilities*

Borough Ordinance 326 requires dog owners to

keep their dog confined to their own property. When taking the dog for a walk, the animal must be on a leash.

The ordinance also requires the person walking the dog to clean up any fecal matter discharged by the dog. Fecal matter deposited by the animal on the owner's property must be picked up within twenty-four hours to prevent becoming a danger to public health.

All dogs are required to be licensed and vaccinated. Dogs are prohibited in the Recreation Complex on South 4th Street.

## *High grass and weeds*

Borough Ordinance 291 requires grass and weeds not exceed eight inches in height. Not only is it unsightly, the wild growth can become home to rodents, snakes and other creatures we don't want in our yards or near our homes.

Be a good neighbor and keep your grass cut and your property free of junk and debris. Violators are subject to a \$300 fine or risk a lien placed on the property if the Borough has to cut the grass in the interest of public safety.

## *Smile! You're on video*

A video surveillance system is in operation at the  
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## *Newsletter Particulars*

"Miners' Journal" is a quarterly newsletter of the Borough of Minersville distributed to 2,900 households within the borough.

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August 2, November 1, 2019 and February 7, 2020

## *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*

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compost site. The system monitors illegal dumping from any vehicle entering and leaving. Only recyclable materials and grass and brush clippings are permitted. Fines for violators could run into thousands of dollars.

## Your voice, your information

If you are a member of a local civic organization, this newsletter invites you to spread the word of your activities. The next edition of the *Miners' Journal* is scheduled for home delivery August 2. If you have information or announcements for the residents of Minersville, they should be submitted to:

[minersnewsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:minersnewsletter@hotmail.com) by July 13.

## Landlords must register

The Residential Rental Ordinance requires landlords to register their properties with the Borough. It also regulates inspection of the unit, which is conducted every three years, and inspection of all rental units prior to any change of occupancy.

The ordinance also contains regulations for Occupant Permits for all tenants. This is a one-time fee for each occupant in a rental property as long as the tenant resides in the same unit. Failure for either the landlord or occupants to abide by this ordinance will result in citations issued by the Borough.

All forms for registrations are available at the

Borough Office. Contact the office with any questions regarding this ordinance.

## Speed limit enforcement

The speed limit in the Borough is 25 miles per hour. The Minersville Police Department utilizes an ENRADD system to monitor motorists' speeds. Do not exceed the speed limit. Speeding may result in a large fine, points on your driver's license, and higher insurance premiums. It also creates risks for pedestrians and other motorists. Slow down. Save a life.



## Bill payments

Minersville Borough, Water, and Sewer departments have added two other options for bill payment - online payment and direct withdrawal.



Please understand, these are optional ways to pay. You may continue to pay by cash, check or money order payments at our office Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; or mail payments to our office at 2 E. Sunbury Street, Minersville.

You will now be able to pay online by credit/debit card or by e-check. There are separate fees associated with this option that would be added to the payment. To make the payments online you will need the account and pin number.


If you have multiple accounts you will have a separate pin number for each account. Should you lose your pin number, contact the Borough office to send a letter to your billing address with the pin number. Pin numbers will not be given out over the phone.

Direct withdrawal payments will be taken from the bank account on the billing due date. Questions regarding the new payment options? Contact the Borough Office at 570-544-2149.

## Replacing your windows?

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## Fall Cleanup accepts large and small

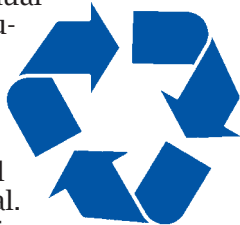
Minersville Borough partners with the Schuylkill County Office of Solid Waste by hosting a collection site for large items during the annual Fall Cleanup & Recycling Event, usually held in September.

Until then, residents and property owners are asked to store scrap tires, scrap metal, appliances, and any other bulky items until the Fall Cleanup for proper disposal. Specific dates and times of collection will be published in local newspapers and on the county government website.

Household hazardous waste (paint, solvents, cleaners, poisons) is not accepted at any of the general cleanup events because they may require special handling and disposal. Contact the Office of Solid Waste at 570-628-1221 for instructions and recommendations. Additional information can be found online at [www.co.schuylkill.pa.us/Offices/Recycles/HouseholdHazard.asp](http://www.co.schuylkill.pa.us/Offices/Recycles/HouseholdHazard.asp)

## From PPL Electric Utilities

It's spring cleaning time. Ditch your inefficient



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That old fridge you have running in your garage or basement could be costing you an extra \$150 a year in electricity. Through PPL's energy-efficiency programs, you get free pick-up of your old, working refrigerator or freezer, and a \$35 check. As an added bonus, if you recycle an old room air conditioner or dehumidifier at the same time, you'll receive another \$10.

The refrigerator or freezer must be in working condition, between 10 and 30 cubic feet in size, and be clean, empty and defrosted. Visit [ppllectric.com/recycle](http://ppllectric.com/recycle) for more program details and call 1-877-486-9204 to schedule your free pick-up today.

Recycling your old appliance is good for the environment. Under PPL's appliance recycling program, up to 95 percent of your appliance's components are used in new products and don't end up in a landfill.

## Stamp Out Hunger!

The Food Drive is on to help Stamp Out Hunger. The National Association of Letter Carriers (postal service) will conduct its 27th annual collection of food items during route deliveries on Saturday, May 11.

Residents are asked to donate non-perishables in a bag by simply placing it by their mailbox. Letter carriers that day will collect all the donations and deliver to the local food bank.



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