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"State of the Borough" Amid COVID-19 Restrictions

Some Projects Delayed; Remain Safe and Diligent!

In the midst of the COVID-19 virus pandemic the world is currently experiencing, I hope this edition of the *Miners' Journal* finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe. With that being said, I'd like to provide you all with some updates on the current state of affairs in the Borough.



Bob Mahalchick
Borough Manager

Grant project updates

GREEN LIGHT GO GRANT -

At the time of submission of this article to the publisher on May 7, the completion of both these two projects was just days away. By the time you receive the *Journal*, the work will be completed. The projects involved sig-

nal retiming and coordination along with pedestrian improvements at the eight intersections along the Sunbury Street corridor.

In addition, a speed-warning device was to be installed entering the Borough from Cass Township. This device has the posted speed limit with radar attached. As you approach the sign, it flashes your vehicle speed. If the vehicle exceeds the posted speed, a message requesting the operator to slow down will flash on the screen.

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When Will Pool Open?

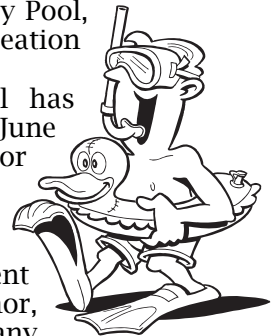
As the weather warms, many of our residents look forward to enjoying the lazy, hazy days of summer at the Minersville Community Pool, located at the Fourth Street Recreation Complex.

Minersville Borough Council has delayed any decision - until its June regular meeting - as to when, or if, the pool will open due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its related social restrictions.

This decision will be consistent with the guidelines of the Governor, State Department of Health, and any change in county status. At present, that review of status is scheduled to occur on or before June 4.

In the meantime, Borough officials will be discussing and examining possible plans to open under social guidelines. Decisions made will be based on the health and welfare of the public. How to keep swimmers at a social distance? How do swimmers

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YARD SALE ENTRY

To register your household for the community-wide yard sale August 1, complete this newsletter Entry Form and return it to:

Minersville Borough Office, 2 E. Sunbury Street, Minersville, PA 17954 no later than July 29. Make checks payable to the "Minersville Recreation Committee" in the amount of \$5 per map location. Inside borough only. This is an all-weather event.

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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.

2020 OFFICIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

Minersville Borough offices will be closed on the following days and times in 2020 in observance of the stated holidays - Presidents Day, Feb. 17; Good Friday (half day, close at 11 a.m.), April 10; Memorial Day, May 25; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, Sept. 7; Veterans Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving and day after, Nov. 26 and 27; 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, 2021.

State of the Borough

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While the project was ongoing, calls and messages were being received that there was no improvement regarding wait times at the traffic signals. The reason was the need to install all the devices at all intersections before the timing and coordination could be done. If you experience problems at a signal upon receipt of this *Journal*, please call the Borough Office.

Funding for the projects came from the Green Light Go state grant totaling \$490,190. The Borough match was approximately \$98,038.

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When Will Pool Open?

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wear masks, if necessary? How does it all impact pool entrance, frequenting the snack bar, and all other necessary pool operations?

The swimming pool pavilion has been an ideal place to hold summer birthday parties or other group gatherings. Rental options, if allowed, will be posted on the Borough website. All of this is still up in the air as of press time.

There are many other concerns that must be addressed in order to open a large public pool, locker rooms, etc. A question that weighs heavily is, "Do we really want to put young people and those they interact with in danger?"

A decision on the opening and responsibilities of employees and swimmers, alike, will be forthcoming in a press release to the public.

Any interested lifeguards should contact the Borough Office immediately in the event that the pool should be permitted to open.

Also, check frequently on the Borough website, *MinersvilleOnline.com*. Click on the "Community Pool" tab for up-to-date instructions for the 2020 summer season.

MINERSVILLE POLICE

544-6212 Office

544-2333 Non-Emergency

Borough Manager's State of the Borough

DEP 902 RECYCLING GRANT - April 1st was the original date scheduled for the activation of the newly installed security gate at the Recycling and Compost site located at the end of N. Delaware Avenue. As a result of the COVID-19 threat, resulting in a state-wide Stay-At-Home Order issued by Governor Wolf, we have delayed the activation until further notice because of the inability of residents to register for an activation card.

An update will be forthcoming via the Borough homepage, Facebook page, and local print media regarding a new activation date. The added security will restrict the site to Borough residents only, assist in identifying and prosecuting those illegally dumping unaccepted items, and monitor the number of times a user has accessed the site. In addition to the card-accessed security gate, additional high definition cameras have also been installed.

We have not received our new Recycling Truck yet because of the manufacturing and assembly delay caused by the pandemic shutdown of their plant. On May 4th, I received notification from the truck manufacturer that they were given the go-ahead to reopen. We are anticipating delivery by the end of May or sometime in June.

CFA MULTIMODAL GRANT - The \$736,000 "No Match Required" grant for streetscape improvements along Sunbury Street from the Commonwealth Financing Authority is in the planning stages. The

Borough plans to remove and replace deteriorated sidewalks and curbing and to install streetlights. The project includes installation of five roof drainpipes, 1,116 square yards of concrete sidewalk, 2,310 linear feet of concrete curb restoration, pavement restoration and 53 decorative light poles from Lewis to 3rd Street. The project is required to be completed in 2022.

With the knowledge that PennDOT was planning to mill, pave, and replace all ADA sidewalk curb cut ramps on all of Sunbury Street in 2025, we requested a meeting with PennDOT officials. The purpose of

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the meeting was to request coordination between their road improvement plan on Sunbury with our streetscape project. We went to the meeting with hopes that PennDOT would agree to move up the handicapped curb cut portion of their project timeline to coincide with our sidewalk replacement during our streetscape project.

From a personnel and financial efficiency standpoint on their end, we felt it made sense for PennDOT to seriously consider our request since our project encompassed replacement of sidewalks. The face-to-face meeting went very well. Within a matter of a month or two, we received a positive response. Not only will the ADA handicapped curb cut ramps be done in the area of the streetscape project, PennDOT will utilize our contractor to replace and install all 38 of the ADA ramps along Sunbury Street with new ones.

In 2025, PennDOT's project is now scaled back to just milling and paving all of Sunbury Street. The meeting turned out to be a win-win for the Borough and PennDOT.

We anticipate the start of construction of the MultiModal streetscape project, including all of the ADA ramps, in the spring 2021. The project will not only beautify a good portion of our main corridor, but it is being done at a NO COST MATCH to Borough taxpayers.

DCNR DIRT, GRAVEL, AND LOW VOLUME ROAD GRANT - Preliminary plans are in place to re-apply for this grant. If awarded, the grant would be used to improve the dirt road at the end of Church Street that leads to the Lions Pavilion of the Recreation Area. The

deadline for applying is September 1 this year.

Updates for other projects

A representative of the private investment firm, QSP, that is constructing the Miners Lofts has informed me that the anticipated completion date for their project - fall of 2020 - remains on schedule despite some delay caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Once completed, Miners Lofts will provide 30 senior citizen residential units and will feature a floor housing Life Geisinger to provide senior services, including adult day care, therapy services, etc. Life Geisinger will employ approximately 30 to 40 individuals.

The Miners Lofts project is rehabilitating the old garment factory located at Lewis Street and N. Delaware Avenue. Upon completion, it will be a positive addition to the Borough, both aesthetically and economically.

Everyone's help needed

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 our community. It improves the quality of life for us all. Be an active part in making OUR hometown something we can be proud of! We can do it!

- Bob Mahalchick, Borough Manager

Newsletter Particulars

"Miners' Journal" is a quarterly newsletter of the Borough of Minersville distributed to 3,000 households within the borough.

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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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Seasonal Reminders From Code Enforcement

When planning projects, please remember to contact the Borough Office regarding Building Permits. Permits are required for all new construction and all



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installation of liners, foundations, swimming pool and hot tub installation, oil storage tanks, sub-flooring, and interior renovations.

Adding to your existing structure, i.e. new decks and enclosing decks, will require a building permit and a zoning permit. Zoning permits are administered by the Schuylkill County Zoning Office; contact the office at 570-628-1415.

If you are contemplating replacing your windows, please be aware when shopping around for windows that all windows installed in this area must have a U-factor of 0.30 or lower. This number has been established under the 2015 Uniform Construction Code adopted by the State of Pennsylvania and enforced throughout Pennsylvania. If the windows do not have the proper U-factor, they will not pass code

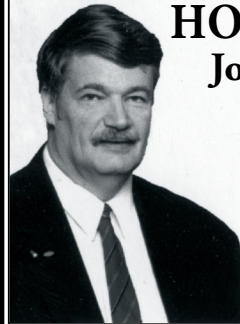
inspection.

Any individual with seasonal/temporary swimming pools (24 inches or greater in depth), must take down those pools each year by September 15 and cannot be installed the following year prior to May 15. These pools require a permit and inspection to verify proper installation and barriers. Seasonal/temporary swimming pool permit applications are available on our website: www.minersvilleonline.com under the Code Enforcement tab.

If you have any questions regarding any of these items, please feel free to contact our office at 570-544-2149.

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COVID-19 Precautions Adopted by Minersville Borough

Protecting Virus Spread; But, Still Open for Business

By Bob Mahalchick, Borough Manager

As you all are aware, COVID-19 has required a change to normal operations. The virus presents unique challenges to municipalities around the globe. States, counties, and local municipalities, like many businesses and organizations, have had to change their way of continuing essential operations and providing services, while minimizing contacts between the public and Borough employees.

The public's right to know

Several changes have been put in place by Minersville Borough to do its part in flattening the so-called curve and, more importantly, safeguard the health and welfare of all citizens, our Borough family, and our employees and their loved ones. Practices have been put in place to reduce the risk of exposure. You have noticed the following changes that will remain in effect until further notice:

Borough Council and Authority meetings are being held via teleconference. Agendas will be posted online and on our buildings several days prior to the meeting, providing an opportunity for residents to submit questions and/or comments. Send in advance via mail or the drop slot located on the Sunbury Street side of the Borough building.

The public, wishing to listen live to the meetings, will be provided directions on how to join the meeting telephonically. The meeting will be recorded telephonically and stored. Minutes of the meeting will be published online and posted on our buildings within 48 hours following the meeting.

The Borough Office has been closed to public access beginning March 18, 2020 until further notice, but is open to accept calls during normal business hours - Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Many needs found online

The Borough will continue to operate all offices including Administrative, Street, Police, Code, Water and Sewer Departments. Online applications are available for compost area access cards, occupant permits, rental registration, etc.

The Borough also offers options for payment of utility bills. A drop box is located on the Sunbury Street side of the Borough Office for payments or send a check or money order to Minersville Borough, 2 E. Sunbury St, Minersville PA 17954. Online payments may be made on our website at the following link: <https://wipp.edmundsassoc.com/Wipp/?wippid=MNRV>. This option will require your account and PIN numbers. Should you need that information, please contact our office at 570-544-2149 or 570-544-2200.

The Water and Sewer authorities will be limiting physical interactions between employees and customers. Non-critical repair work on meters will be suspended as will any work that requires entry to a

customer's home or business unless the work can be done without direct contact with our customers.

Curbside recycling suspended

Curbside recycling pickup has been suspended indefinitely to limit exposure to our street employees and their families. All residents are advised to take their recyclables to the Borough Recycling Site located at the end of N. Delaware Avenue. The activation of the security has been delayed until further notice because of the inability of residents to register for an activation card.

Authority services have been adjusted to avoid person-to-person contact with residents. Code Enforcement rental unit inspections have been suspended for the time being.

Borough playgrounds have been closed until further notice. Minersville Police will be patrolling the playgrounds for violators.

On or before June 4, the Governor is expected to provide a status update. If Schuylkill County is upgraded, the Borough Office may reopen, with restrictions, and curbside recycling may resume.

If I missed anything in the above list and you have a question, please contact the Borough Office at (570) 544-2149. Non-emergencies requiring the police department can be called in to (570) 544-2333.

I know these restrictions are causing hardships, but we are doing this to save lives, pure and simple. Hopefully, the above changes to the normal operations will end soon. Unfortunately, the entire world is experiencing a NEW normal at this point. There are things we just don't know.

Help our local businesses

In addition to each of us individually being impacted during this current crisis, our businesses are suffering and struggling to survive. The owners have invested blood, sweat, tears, and financial interests in providing great services to our hometown. When we support our businesses, we support their workers, who in turn help uplift the vibrancy of our downtown and surrounding neighborhoods. From the depth of my heart and soul, I can say that I am very proud and thankful for our businesses.

I am asking you all to PLEASE, PLEASE show your support to our local businesses. They are an integral part of our Minersville family. I'm sure you all agree that we want ALL our businesses to get through this crisis. We don't want to see even one have to close its doors!

We will get through this together because we can and we must. Now more than ever, it's important that we work together as one Borough!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve all of you and provide you with this update on the State of OUR Borough. "Minersville On The Move!"

- Bob Mahalchick, Borough Manager



Businesses Try to Adapt to COVID-19 Restrictions

The Pennsylvania Stay-At-Home Order to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus is, at press time, been extended at least for a full two months, April 1 through June 5 in Schuylkill County.

The intent clearly is to stem the tide of the global pandemic and protect the health and safety of all residents until a treatment and future vaccine can be developed.

But it sure has put our normal lives and business economics into a tailspin, hasn't it?

Many businesses - though very important, but not deemed life-sustaining - were required to close.

Some, in order to continue serving the public, were forced to modify operations, realizing a greatly reduced volume and lesser income to cover expenses.

Public schools, colleges, and universities scrambled to establish "distance learning" when required to close their doors to prevent person-to-person contact. Parents were forced to arrange for the care of youngsters at home, if they were still able to work, and to adapt to becoming "teachers" themselves in a home-schooling environment.

Many adults were furloughed or laid-off due to business closures or cutbacks. Federal economic stimulus incentives through direct payments from the IRS to taxpayers and their dependents, loans to businesses (some with payback forgiveness) through the Small Business Administration, and increased Unemployment Compensation promised some financial relief. Problems due to the huge number of applicants meant that relief was a long time coming, if yet!

The following businesses serving the Minersville area replied to a *Miners' Journal* request to share how each is coping in this unusual and trying time.

South Schuylkill Printing & Publishing, designer and printer of the *Miners' Journal*, delayed this issue's publication date by four weeks due to the uncertainty how event organizers, Borough officials, and businesses would adapt to the stress and strain of these unusual times.

SSPP was deemed an "essential business" under the Governor's order due to its public communications and supply of printed materials for other "life-sustaining" customers such as food processing and pharmaceuticals. Internal operations continue via telephone and email contacts, but its doors remain closed to walk-in customers. Contact-free delivery has always been our service within Schuylkill County. Commercial delivery is made to other areas.

Phoenix Rehabilitation and Health Services, with offices in Orwigsburg, Pine Grove, and Pottsville, is open for physical therapy! We offer in-clinic visits, in-home outpatient therapy, or tele-health therapy.

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Tele-health therapy gives you the opportunity to seek care for your injuries in a virtual environment. We are committed to provide care in a safe, clean environment. Call us to learn more about what type of visit best meets your needs.

Located in Orwigsburg at 705 W. Market St., call 570-968-2131; Pine Grove at 29 Tremont Road, call 570-915-4160; and in Pottsville at 870 Gordon Nagle Trail, call 570-399-5331.

Child Development, Inc. of Schuylkill County is a United Way member. Families affected through lowered or lost income by the state Stay-At-Home order and business shut-down may qualify for free preschool education programming.

Contact Child Development, Inc. through its website www.childdevelopment.org or call toll-free at 1-800-433-3370, ext. 212. A member of its caring staff will help guide you through the enrollment process and answer any questions.

Schuylkill County's VISION office, located at 11 E. Main St. in Schuylkill Haven, made sacrifices and figured out how to continue its programming in a "no contact" way.

Schuylkill County VISION executive director, Jeanne Elberfield, says "Although COVID-19 threw us a curveball, Schuylkill County's VISION continues to connect resources, people, and ideas in the creation of innovative, engaging programs for a better tomorrow."

Programming shifted to virtual platforms including its Move More Month - a movement challenge and self-directed scavenger hunt; Circle Time with preschoolers; COVID-19 Victory Gardens; Schuylkill Drums (drumming circles); Trauma-Informed information sharing; Stigma and Bias professional development program; and others.

We are looking forward to the day when we can once again gather to resume work at the Haven Community Garden, local agencies, and attend meetings in person. Be well.



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The Schuylkill Conservation District is sad to announce that the 2020 Bear Creek Festival has been cancelled. Organizers held out hope that, perhaps by early June, we could all emerge and enjoy a gathering as has been enjoyed at the Schuylkill County Fairgrounds for many years. After discussion with staff and

the Board of Directors, it is not an appropriate time for this type of event.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 6, 2021! Plan for the 2021 festival, with extra eagerness to once again celebrate all things environmental, outdoors, natural, and agricultural in Schuylkill County.

Community yard sale

A Minersville community yard sale is planned for Saturday, Aug. 1. Sponsored by the Minersville Recreation Committee, the sale will take place from 7 to 11 a.m. Residents are asked to be a part of this gigantic, all-weather sale. A \$5 registration fee will get your Borough house location marked on the yard sale map.



Complete the yard sale registration on Page 1 of this newsletter and send to the Minersville Borough Office by the July 29 deadline. Maps will be available for pickup July 31.

Schuylkill County Fair

Still on for 2020 (as of press time), this year's Schuylkill County Fair - themed "Making Memories - One Fair at a Time" - will be held Mon. through Sat., July 27 to August 1 at the Fairgrounds.

Featured entertainment will include the New Individuals on Monday; Sapphire on Tuesday; Hooligan on Wednesday; the Mudflaps Reunion on Thursday; and Amish Outlaws on Friday - all performing two shows each at 7 and 9 p.m. Two entertainment headliners will be featured on Saturday - the Hannah Violet Trio at 7 p.m. and country star John King at 9 p.m.

The fun and unexpected Hogway Speedway will be featured all week long at the amphitheater with shows at 6 and 8 p.m. daily plus an extra matinee show at 2 p.m. on Tuesday and Saturday.

Truck and tractor pulls will again be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday with an additional admission charge at the Ag Museum Track. The Schuylkill County Fair Corn Hole Tournament will



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 - Friday: 9:00am-6:00pm
 - Saturday: 9:00am-Noon

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take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday. Two-person teams can register from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

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" at 570-391-0984 is open every Monday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. now through October, except for holidays.

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.

You can do your part!

Mosquito season is right around the corner. 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 2020: Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day); Friday, July 3 (Independence Day observed); Monday, Sept. 7 (Labor Day); Wednesday, Nov. 11 (Veterans Day); Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26-27 (Thanksgiving); Thursday, Dec. 24 (half day, close at 11 a.m.) and Friday, Dec. 25 (Christmas); and Thursday, Dec. 31 (half day, close at 11 a.m.), New Year's Eve.

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.

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 access gate has been deactivated with the current COVID-19 precautions.



The site accepts grass clippings, leaves, tree trimmings, garden vegetation, 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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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 7. If you have information or announcements for the residents of Minersville, they should be submitted to minersnewsletter@hotmail.com by July 16.

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 Minersville 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's 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 check or money order in the office external dropbox 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 number, contact the Borough office to send a letter to your billing address with the PIN number. 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.

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.

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Interested in sending a subscription to a friend or distant relative?

Living outside the borough limits but would like to receive a copy?

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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.

The state Covered Device Recycling Act prohibits the disposal of desktop computers, laptop computers, computer monitors, computer peripherals and televisions. If these items are placed on the curb for pickup, the trash hauler will not take them.

Electronics recycling is held periodically by the Schuylkill County Office of Solid Waste in coordination with Minersville Borough. Unfortunately, the County has not had this collection for several years. Residents should store their discarded electronics until the next collection or seek other recyclers from the county 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

From PPL Electric Utilities

It's spring cleaning time. Ditch your inefficient



fridge or freezer, save money and energy, and even pick up some spendable cash.

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 pplelectric.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 re-used.

Help beautify Minersville

Borough Police and Code Enforcement officers are cracking down on individuals who leave their property in a state of disrepair. A well-maintained property enhances the beauty of the Borough and increases property value for all homeowners.



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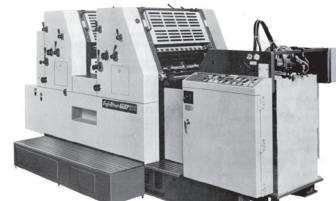
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Recycling Center – Here’s What to Know!

Regular curbside recycling has been suspended due to Covid-19 precautions. Residents are asked to take recyclables to the N. Delaware Ave. Center.

Recycling Center

Place recycling in designated roll off dumpsters. Please read signs advising which dumpster is for paper products and which is for plastics, glass and cans.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS



UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Foil
- Scrap Metal
- Electronics (TVs, Computers, etc.)
- 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
- Toys
- Appliances
- Furniture
- Trash
- Dishes
- Mirrors
- Mattresses
- Tires
- Any item not listed as acceptable