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Marking the Golden Anniversary of Coal Region Racing

Mike Clay Is Anthracite Cultural Person of the Year

The Anthracite 250th Board is pleased to announce that Minersville's Mike Clay is our region's Anthracite Cultural Person of the Year 2021.

This honor is awarded each year to the person who has been a major force for the preservation of our Northeastern Pennsylvania cultural heritage. To be considered, the recipient must be a long-term key supporter of multiple preservation efforts, spanning at least two decades.

Mike Clay, a Borough resident on New Castle Street, is founder of Coal Region Racing, a formal outgrowth of his personal passion for preserving the Anthracite Region Dirt Track Racing tradition. Astoundingly, at the young age of seven, Mike began his intense pursuit to collect and preserve racing memorabilia, as well as developing personal relationships with the many dirt track drivers spanning three generations in our region. This year is celebrated as Mike's 50th anniversary in this effort.

Once the youngest multi-track champ

He came to prominence in this issue with the credibility achieved by becoming the youngest multiple track racing champion at the time when he was a top driver. In addition, he has been a phenomenal "put



your money where your mouth is" champion of both civic devotion in Minersville - most recently with the Good Will Fire Company - and cultural preservation efforts throughout the region extending well over 30 years.

As the founder of Coal Region Racing, he put his
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Borough Manager's "State of the Borough"

Projects Aplenty! Minersville Is On the Move!

Greetings, fellow residents! I hope this edition of the *Miners Journal* finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe. Over the first three months of the new year, the increased availability of vaccinations and the number of people being vaccinated has given us hope that a sense of normalcy is within reach in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are all dreaming of that day, but we must remain vigilant and continue to follow the guidelines of scientists and the medical community.

Following are updates to Borough projects last announced in the February issue of the *Miners Journal*.

Streetscape project

The state Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Multi-Modal \$736,000 "No Match

Required" grant for streetscape improvements along Sunbury Street through the Commonwealth Financing Authority moved one step closer to reality.

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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.

2021 OFFICIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

Minersville Borough offices will be closed in 2021 in observance of the stated holidays - Presidents Day, Feb. 15; Good Friday (half day, close at 11 a.m.), April 2; Memorial Day, May 31; Independence Day, July 5 (observed); Labor Day, Sept. 6; Columbus Day, Oct. 11; Veterans Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving and day after, Nov. 25 and 26; Christmas, Dec. 23 (half day, close at 11 a.m.) and Dec. 24; New Year's, Dec. 30 (half day, close at 11 a.m.), Dec. 31 (observed).

Coal Region Racing

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dynamic efforts behind networking to access historic materials that otherwise would have been lost to us forever. His personal drive and championship racing credentials prompted three generations of Anthracite dirt track people to entrust to Coal Region Racing their entire personal collections of memorabilia, trophies, uniforms ... and even cars to Coal Region Racing.

Mike created the framework for members of the organization to preserve and present this unique part of our regional history. As a result, all of us can enjoy this exciting story and cultural wealth now and into the future.

The Anthracite 250th Board congratulates Coal Region Racing on its 50th anniversary and thanks Minersville for giving us Mike Clay, a great promoter of our Anthracite region and people.

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Borough Manager's State of the Borough

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The Borough's permit application and agreement was submitted to PennDOT at the end of 2020. Responding to our inquiry on April 5, a PennDOT official reported the agreement moved through its Office of Chief Counsel and was forwarded to the PA Attorney General's Office for review and signature. We are hopeful this final hurdle will be approved soon. Our bid specifications and project quote requests will follow shortly afterward.



Bob Mahalchick
Borough Manager

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 along the Sunbury Street corridor between Delaware Ave. and Third Street.

A PennDOT meeting asking the agency to coordinate its work to replace all of the ADA sidewalk ramps on Sunbury Street with our streetscape project was successful. Both projects are expected to start this summer.

Miners Lofts

QSP, the private investment firm that has rehabilitated an abandoned garment factory and created Miners Lofts, announced the project is complete. Located at Lewis Street and N. Delaware Ave., the building is now occupied by senior residents and Life Geisinger employees.

Life Geisinger, located on the second floor, provides senior services, including adult day care, therapy services, etc. It was designed to maintain health, prevent nursing home placement, and improve the quality of life for our senior population.

Sewer Authority projects

The Minersville Sewer Authority is working a \$486,875 project, installing approximately 1,000 feet of sanitary sewer and 1,000 feet of laterals on Laurel Street. The project is one of several planned to comply with state Department of Environmental Protection

(DEP) mandates.

Additionally, the Authority is installing a new generator at the Sewer Plant, replacing one that has served the Borough since construction of the plant in 1973.

Borough Office now open to the public

With the recent rise in vaccine availability and those being vaccinated, the Borough Office has again opened to the public to come in and conduct business. Some precautions and restrictions will be in place until further notice - only two customers allowed in the lobby at one time and a face mask covering their nose and mouth is required. Make cash payments in person at the office.

As always, alternative options exist for payment of utility bills. Checks or money orders may be mailed to Minersville Borough Office, 2 E. Sunbury St., Minersville PA 17954 or placed in the secure dropbox on the Sunbury Street side of the building.

Online payments can be made via the Borough website or at <https://wipp.edmundsassoc.com/Wipp/?Wippid=MNRV>. This option will require your account and PIN numbers. Should you need that information, contact the Borough Office at 570-544-2149 or 570-544-2200.

Support our local businesses

Due to the devastating impact Covid has had on our local businesses, recovery from these losses will

continue to be a daily battle. Please, please continue to show your support in any way possible to our local businesses. As business owners,

they have invested their finances and their personal blood, sweat, and tears to provide 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. They are an integral part of our Minersville Family.

In closing, my continued hope is that 2021 will go down in history as the year that we all united in defeating the tumultuous calamities that last year brought. The first quarter of this year has given us a ray of hope that, just maybe, we are turning the corner and heading in the direction of normalcy.

To make that happen, we must all remain vigilant and steadfast in our march to that light at the end of the tunnel. We must make the commitment and stand firm as "Battlin' Miners" to fight together and continue to make 2021 a healthy, safe, and prosperous new page in this next chapter of our existence.

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!"



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When will the 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.

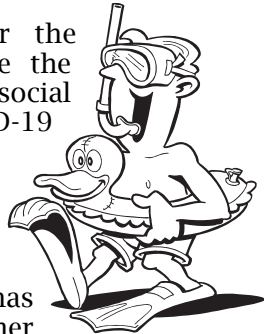
It's still a little early for the announcement as to what date the pool will open and what, if any, social restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic are to be observed.

Borough officials will be discussing plans to open. Decisions made will be based on the health and welfare of the public.

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.

Any interested lifeguards should contact the Borough Office.

Check the Borough website - MinersvilleOnline.com - for up-to-date information for the 2021 season. Click on the "Community Pool" tab.



Time to enjoy the outdoors

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

The Schuylkill Conservation District promotes that very idea by hosting and encouraging the public

to be part of upcoming organized hikes and related outdoor events. Here are a number of them planned near to Minersville:

- **Spring Bird Walk** - Naturalist Denise "Nightowl" Donmoyer will lead a walk on Saturday, May 15 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to locate and identify, by sight and song, resident and migratory bird species that inhabit Sweet Arrow Lake County Park. Meet in the Waterfall Road parking lot for this program that is free and open to beginning and experienced birdwatchers. Be sure to wear appropriate footwear and bring binoculars. Masks are required. The walk will be cancelled in the event of rain. Call 570-345-8952 for information.

- **Fish for Free** - Some things in life are free! On Sunday, May 30 and Sunday, July 4 the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission allows anyone, resident or non-resident to fish without a fishing license on all public-accessible waters of the Commonwealth.

- **Memorial Day Concert** - Free and open to the public, the M & J Big Band will perform at the Large Pavilion on the grounds of the Sweet Arrow Lake Clubhouse on Monday, May 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. In the event of rain, the concert could be postponed to Saturday, June 5 at the same times. Sponsored by the Sweet Arrow Lake Conservation Association, social distancing and masks will be required when not separated from those other than your party. Call 570-345-8952 for additional information.

- **Bear Creek Festival** - Staff and directors of the Schuylkill Conservation District sadly have cancelled the very popular Bear Creek Festival this year. Annually held at the Schuylkill County Fairgrounds near Summit Station, inadequate resources to host the event was the reason provided.



Recreation complex rules

With warmer weather now upon us, please adhere to the following ordinance and rules at the Borough recreation complex:

- No dogs
- No riding of skateboards, bicycles, scooters, and rollerblades
- No forms of tobacco
- Playground is closed from dusk to dawn. Police will use judgement during Little League season.
- Age maximum for playground use is 12 years old. Exemptions are made for those supervising their children.

The complex is under camera surveillance and monitored by police.

Monthly virtual scavenger hunts

Schuylkill County's VISION invites individuals, families and friends to participate in free monthly virtual scavenger hunts. Scavengers that complete photo, video, trivia, and survey missions will earn points and be entered to win prizes!

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Community yard sale

A Minersville community yard sale is planned for Saturday, June 5. 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 to the right and send to the Minersville Borough Office by the June 2 deadline. Maps will be available for pickup June 4.

Fire safety is important all year

As a reminder to residents, the community fire alarm will be tested each month and will sound at precisely 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday.

Fire Prevention Week is observed during October each year, but personal safety is something to be practiced throughout the year. To be fire safe, residents should install at least one smoke alarm on

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YARD SALE ENTRY

To register your household for the community-wide yard sale June 5, complete this newsletter Entry Form and return it to:

Minersville Borough Office, 2 E. Sunbury Street, Minersville, PA 17954 no later than June 2. 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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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every level of your home. Test those smoke alarms monthly and replace batteries when necessary.

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Schuylkill County Fair



Though not held last year due to COVID-19, organizers of the annual Schuylkill County Fair are planning for a bigger-and-better fair experience in 2021. The theme this year, slated for Monday thru Saturday, Aug. 2-7 at the Fairgrounds east of Summit Station,

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Gates open at 4 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Enjoy farm produce, games, contests, animal exhibits, truck and tractor pulls, and nightly live entertainment each day.

Admission will once again be \$5 per person. Children 10-years-of-age and younger are admitted free with an adult. Adults 60 years and older are admitted for \$4 on Senior Day (Thursday). Parking is free. Some attractions and the truck pulls have an additional admission.

Borough Office holidays

The Minersville Borough offices and employee operations will be closed in observance of the following upcoming holidays: Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day); Monday, July 5 (Independence Day observed); and Monday, Sept. 6 (Labor Day).

What to do in an emergency?

In any emergency, call 9-1-1. This will connect you to the Schuylkill County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) with trained staff and cutting edge communications to dispatch the necessary medical, fire or police services quickly and efficiently.

If there is a non-emergency need to contact the Minersville Police Department, call 570-544-2333 or the office at 570-544-6212.

If a fire should occur in your home ... GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL FOR HELP. Never go back inside for anything or anyone.



COVID precautions still in effect

Due to the rise in Schuylkill County confirmed cases of COVID-19, Minersville Borough Council is meeting virtually via Zoom. The public is welcome to be part of that Zoom meeting. Go to the Borough website - minersvilleonline.com - for meeting access information.

The Borough Office is now open for in-person public access, but only two persons are allowed in the lobby area at one time. Office personnel are available Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - to assist residents.

Bill payments can be made at the Borough Office, by mail, or placed in the drop-box at the office front door. Utility payments can also be made online by following the link on the Borough website's homepage.

The health and safety of our residents are of the highest priority. The Borough asks all residents to follow the CDC and PA Department of Health guidelines.

Emergency contact info needed

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

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

Minersville Municipal Water Authority Emergency Notification By Phone

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

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Minersville Municipal Water Authority,
2 E. Sunbury Street, Minersville, PA 17954

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

- Phone Method - Complete the form, shown here, and mail it to the Borough Office, 2 E. Sunbury Street, Minersville PA 17954; or,
- E-mail Method - Send an e-mail with your name and address to minerswateremergency@comcast.

net. Also, add this address to your contact list so you are sure to receive the notifications.

Contact the Minersville Municipal Water Authority office at 570-544-2200 during office hours Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Repairs and improvements

When planning your spring and summer projects, remember to contact the Borough Office regarding Building Permits. Permits are required for all new construction and all replacements or alterations to roofs, windows, doors, garage doors, electrical, plumbing, heating systems (including supplemental heating units), sidewalks, curbing, fencing (six feet maximum height), chimney replacement, or 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 or enclosing decks) requires a building permit and a zoning permit. Zoning permits are administered by the Schuylkill County Zoning Office; call 570-628-1415.

If you are replacing windows, all windows

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installed in this area must have a U-factor of .32 or lower. This number has been established under the 2015 Uniform Construction Code, adopted by the State of Pennsylvania and enforced throughout the state. If your replacement windows don't have the proper U-factor, they will not pass code inspection.

Also, be aware a permit (\$25 fee) is required before placing a dumpster on the street for demolition/construction debris disposal.

If you plan to install a new driveway, there is a preliminary driveway application that must be approved by the Borough Council before committing to the driveway.

Contact the Borough Office at 570-544-2149 for information regarding making repairs and improvements on your property.

Landlords must register

The Residential Rental Ordinance requires landlords to register their properties with the Borough yearly, providing insurance information, and designating a property management agent if the landlord lives outside a 10 mile air radius of the Borough.

The ordinance also calls for the inspection of each unit every two years and re-inspection prior to any change of occupancy. A one-time fee is required for each occupant of a rental property for the length of tenancy.

Newsletter Particulars

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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 or call 570-544-2149.

Advertising

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

Failure for either the landlord or occupants to abide by this new ordinance will result in citations being issued by the Borough. Rental inspection costs \$50 for the first unit plus \$20 for each additional unit in the building. Reinspection costs \$30. Rental registration costs \$10 per year.

The occupancy permit costs \$10 per person with the fee waived for persons age 65 and older.

Contact the Borough Office for registration/permits and with questions concerning this ordinance.

Be pet responsible!

Borough Ordinance 324 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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Nondiscrimination policy

Minersville Borough does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities.

The acting chairman of the Personnel Committee has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the HUD regulations implementing section 504 (24 CFR Part 8, dated June 2, 1988).

For additional information contact the Borough Office: Minersville Borough; 2 East Sunbury Street; Minersville, PA 17951; 570-544-2149.

Housing Rehabilitation Program

The Minersville Borough Housing Rehabilitation Program is designed to encourage low/moderate income, owner-occupants to restore their



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homes to a decent, safe and sanitary condition. Eligible homeowners will receive financial assistance to help restore their homes in conformity with established repair/replacement standards.

The Housing Rehabilitation Program assistance will be in the form of a conditional grant / non-interest bearing loan that will be forgiven at a rate of 20% per annum over a period of five (5) years.

Should ownership of the property change hands or the property owner change his/her principal residence during this five-year period, the unforgiven balance of the loan must be repaid to the Borough. This provision is made to prevent speculative profit from the program.

Homeowners can obtain a "Housing Rehabilitation Application" at the Minersville Borough Building. Complete and return the application in order to be placed on the Housing Rehabilitation list.

The following income limits are effective July 1, 2020. They represent income by family size for the area as reported by the Housing and Urban Development Department. Minersville Borough Council will revise these limits whenever HUD adjusts the Home Income Limits for Schuylkill County.

Annual income is the gross amount of income that household members are expected to receive during the coming 12 months in accordance to "Annual Income Directive Number 5.609".

Additional requirements are:

- The unit to be rehabilitated must be owned and

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2 people	\$42,450
3 people	\$47,750
4 people	\$53,050
5 people	\$57,300
6 people	\$61,550
7 people	\$65,800
8 people	\$70,050

occupied by the applicant.

- Real estate taxes on the property to be rehabilitated must be paid up-to-date in addition to other municipal taxes and fees.

- The owner shall provide evidence of property insurance.

The program will follow HUD regulations 24 CFR 570.605 and the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973.

Attention contractors

Minersville Borough maintains a list of contractors for the Borough's Housing Rehabilitation Program funded with Community Development Block Grant

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money. Interested contractors can obtain eligibility requirements and an application by contacting the Borough's Grant Consultant at 570-875-7320 (TDD users 7-1-1 PA Telecommunications Relay Center).

Minority (MBE) and women owned (WBE) businesses are encouraged to participate. Applicants will not be discriminated against, on the basis of race, color, religion, handicap, disability, ancestry, national origin, age, sex, or familial status

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 to #7 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.

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 January and 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..

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

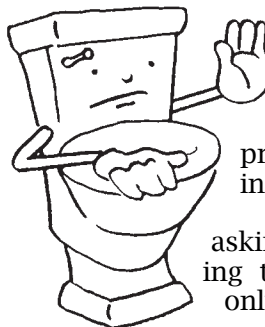
Please help your neighborhood

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.

Be careful what you flush!

Over the past several months, the Minersville Sewer Authority has seen an increase in calls for blocked sewer lines in residences and occupants have experienced sewage backups into their dwellings.

The primary culprits causing these blockages have been identified as pre-moistened towelettes, baby wipes or other cleaning wipes, paper towels, and feminine products.



Many of these items may be advertised as "flushable" and disappear down the toilet, but that doesn't mean they're gone. These products do not break down, resulting in clogs and sewer backups.

The Minersville Sewer Authority is asking for your cooperation in addressing this problem. Toilet tissue is the only paper product safe to flush.

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Minersville Recycling and Compost Site

Key Card Required to Access the Facility

Minersville's Compost and Recycling drop-off site, located at the northern end of N. Delaware Avenue, now has restricted access, requiring property owners to apply for and receive an activation card to access the gated lot.

Application forms are available by download from the Borough website at minersvilleonline.com/?p=54 or get one in-person at the Borough Office. Proof of residency or property ownership is required. Adding additional users on the access/activation card requires a copy of each person's drivers license with photo and number on the form.

Security measures needed to curb abuse

The complex has 24/7 high-definition video surveillance monitored by the Minersville Police Department. Gate activation will be granted only during facility hours - 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the winter, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. during spring through fall seasons.

Cardholders are to notify the Borough immediately if their card is lost or stolen and will be charged \$25 for card replacement. The original cardholder is fully responsible for any additional authorized users added to the card.

The compost facility is for residential properties. Contractors are not permitted to dump compost materials. If a cardholder sells his/her property or moves from the Borough, the card must be returned



to the Borough within five days for deactivation or risk a \$25 charge.

Anyone found violating the regulations can have their access cards made inactive and could face criminal charges for illegal dumping.

Access card instructions

Stop/park your vehicle in front of the gate. You will need to get out of the vehicle and place the card in front of the card reader box.

The gate will begin to open. Return to your vehicle and drive into the gated area. The gate will close after you are in the compost/recycling area.

On the way out, there is a sensor that will automatically open the gate to allow you to exit and then close behind you.

Note: the gate is on a timer for opening and closing, but it will not close if it senses a vehicle in its path.



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