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## Borough/Sewer Manager's "State of the Borough"

### Sunbury St. "Streetscape" Nearing Completion



**Bob Mahalchick**  
Borough Manager

I hope this edition of the *Journal* finds you all healthy, safe, and enjoying the beautiful weather of Summer 2022. Given the opportunity, please take some time to enjoy the outdoors by visiting our beautiful swimming pool and the entire recreation complex.

As always, I want to take this opportunity to give you all an update on Borough happenings.

Here are some Borough, Streets, and Sewer Authority updates since the last *Miners' Journal* in May:

#### **Valley Waste is Borough trash collector**

Effective July 1, Valley Waste Solutions of Tower City became our new trash hauler. Our contract with them is in effect from July 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2024. In addition to trash pickup day, ALL regulations and guidelines outlined for residential trash pickup will remain the same. A copy of Rules and Regulations for trash, recycling, etc. are available in the lobby at Borough Hall and are reviewed on Pages 12-13 of this newsletter.

#### **Streetscape project scope extended**

Bids coming in at half the projected costs resulted in excess funds left from our Multimodal Streetscape Grant, the Borough requested (and fortunately received) approval from DCED to keep the excess funds in order to extend the project to the 400 block

of Sunbury Street.

In most cases, funding agencies request the return of leftover funds. The original grant application and award received was only to cover the project on Sunbury Street from Delaware Ave to 3rd Street.

Thank you to DCED for looking kindly on our request to keep the excess funding enabling us to expand the project. We will now be able to replace those sidewalks needing replacement and install streetscape decorative lighting through the intersection of Sunbury and 4th Streets.

#### **Pine/Jones streets get improvements**

The Sewer and Water authorities are currently doing a joint project on Pine and Jones streets. The project replaces existing storm, sanitary and water lines on Pine Street between 3rd and 4th streets along with full-width restoration of the street.

The contract was awarded to Barrasso Excavation - of Oley, Pennsylvania - the lowest qualified bidder at a contract amount of \$516,295. The work was expected to begin in July and be completed in September, weather permitting.

Projects of this type are done where the existing infrastructure is in need of replacement and, with both authorities working together, it maximizes the benefit of their investment

#### **Streetscape project nears completion**

The goal line for the completion of the "No Match"

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### **SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY**

The Minersville Public Library needs your help to maintain its services to the community. *See page 9.*

## **COMING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 11** – Minersville's Spirit Day will be celebrated for the 25th time on North Street, between Second and Fourth, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 22** – Minersville Halloween Parade steps off at 6:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, OCT. 31** – Trick or Treat, 6 to 8 p.m.; Turn your porch light on to indicate youngsters, 12 years and younger, are welcome to get a treat.



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

## 2022 OFFICIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

Minersville Borough offices will be closed in 2022 in observance of the stated holidays - Presidents Day, Feb. 21; Good Friday (half day, close at 11 a.m.), April 15; Memorial Day, May 30; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, Sept. 5; Columbus Day, Oct. 10; Veterans Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving and day after, Nov. 24 and 25; Christmas, Dec. 23 (half day, close at 11 a.m.) and Dec. 26 (observed); New Year's, Dec. 30 (half day, close at 11 a.m.), Jan. 2, 2023 (observed).

# State of the Borough

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Multimodal Streetscape Grant Project on Sunbury Street, from Delaware Avenue to 4th Street, is within sight. Without any unexpected or unforeseen delays, completion is anticipated in the Fall. The total grant funding received - with NO expenditure layout by our taxpayers for the project - is \$1,581,236.

## Streets maintenance

This year's street paving projects will be focused on the south side of the Borough. The following are the areas to receive work:

- South Street between South 3rd and South 2nd streets (mill and pave);
- Line and Berger streets intersection (mill and pave);
- Line Street from Berger to Locust (mill and pave);
- 300 block of Laurel Street (mill and pave); and,

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Registration begins at 5:00 PM

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## WHERE

**Island Park**

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## WHY

### Walk to Support

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- Community members struggling with Substance Use
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# Borough Manager's State of the Borough

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- St. Francis St. hill from Spruce to Oak (overlay).

Budget wise, the cost impact, brought on by the high oil prices, played a significant role in determining how many areas are able to be done this year ... paid for by our Liquid Fuels allocation through the Commonwealth.

The Street Department has been actively patching potholes. In areas that require more than a minor repair, they have cut, milled, and restored a section of the roadway. I ask all to be patient as they work down the list.

If you are aware of a missed pothole, please feel free to contact the Borough Office and provide the location. A work order will be prepared and the Street Department staff will do a site visit to evaluate and do repairs as needed.

## Sewer Authority news

The Minersville Sewer Authority's two-phase project - curb-to-curb road restoration in the area of Laurel, South, and Sunbury streets - has been completed. The major part of the project was necessary to meet DEP regulations.

Phase I began at the intersection of St. Francis Street and finished at the intersection with Miners Alley. It entailed the installation of approximately

1000 feet of sanitary sewer and 1000 feet of laterals to residential properties. The project cost was approximately \$486,875.

Phase II of this project started last mid-September. This phase began on the Sunbury Street side of the municipal parking lot and ended where Phase I finished at the intersection of Miners Alley and Laurel Street. Larger diameter pipes replaced the older, narrow pipes that were unable to handle the volume of stormwater currently being realized. The completed project should alleviate the major flooding problem South Street has been experiencing during heavy downpours.



## Improving our quality of life

In closing, I want to kindly ask you all to team up with our Council, Mayor, myself, and our employees to tap the vast potential our hometown presents. Together, we will aggressively pursue opportunities to improve the quality of life for all our residents and make Minersville the best it can be.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve all of you and provide you with this update on the State of OUR Borough. I wish all a healthy and safe summer and fall. **"Minersville On The Move!"**

- Bob Mahalchick, Borough Manager

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Publication dates for the next three issues are: October 20, 2022; February 3 and May 4, 2023

## News Submittals

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

## Advertising

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

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# October Is Fire Prevention Month

It's time for us all to take the precautionary steps to prevent dangerous and life-threatening fires. Fire Prevention Month in October is a great reminder every year before the winter's heating season is upon us.



The winter months see an increase in home fires, deaths and injuries. These are the months when we turn on the heat to keep our homes warm. While we need to keep our homes warm, there are steps we should take to prevent a fire.

- Make sure your heating source is well maintained. Check the equipment before using or have them serviced.
- Don't store items near your heating source. Boxes, clothes, and other fuels may ignite if they are close.
- Make sure draperies and furniture and other combustible items are kept far enough away from a heating source.

When it comes to keeping families and homes safe, there are many other steps to prevent fires.

- Make sure smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are working. Place detectors on every level of the home and test them monthly. Replace batteries annually.
- Get a fire extinguisher and make sure it's not

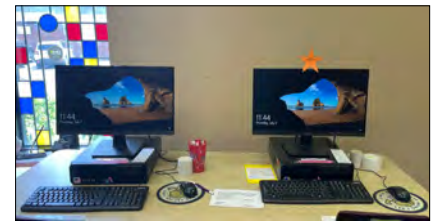
outdated. Most fire extinguishers have an expiration date. Place one on each floor of the house and in the garage.

- Have an escape plan. Practice fire drills with your family and make sure everyone knows where to go. Have at least two ways to leave the house.
- Do not try to salvage items before leaving the house. Personal effects can be replaced, but lives cannot. Instead, keep valuable documents in a fireproof box for recovery later.

## Minersville Library

### "Fun"draising Events

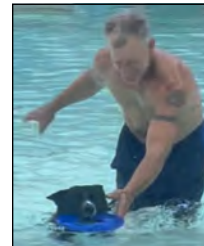
There is something for everyone at the Minersville Public Library, 220 S. Fourth Street. Brand new state-of-the-art computers were recently purchased and installed for patron use. Stop in to see them yourself and take one for a spin. It's free ... just another service provided to the greater Minersville area.



The Library's second annual Doggie Swim/Pool Party will be held at the Minersville Community Pool on the Saturday after the pool closes for the season.

Three repeat fundraisers are in the planning stages. Follow on the Library's Facebook page to get all the details. "Cork and Canvass" (uncork your favorite beverage while painting your own masterpiece), the "Famous Purcell Brothers Bean Soup/Bake Sale", and a "Christmas Basket Auction."

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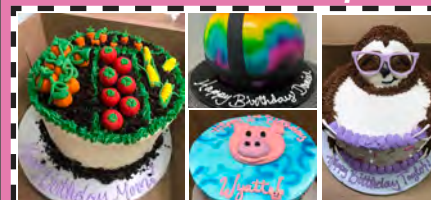
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# Reminders From Our Code Official

## Recent Ordinance Regulates Outside Burning

**Ordinance 336** - Regulates outside burning within the Borough; setting time limits, types of materials to be burned, and conditions under which burning will be permitted.

**Burn Container(s)** - Only manufactured fire pits, chimineas or fireplace kits with an Underwriters Laboratory label will be permissible. All burn containers must contain sides and cover as defined herein. All burn containers must be installed and used in accordance with the manufacturer installation instructions. Burn containers shall not be allowed to deteriorate to the point where they contain holes or missing surface on the structure. No homemade fire pits, outdoor fireplaces, incinerators, chimineas and other types of burning pits will be allowed within the Borough of Minersville.

Exception: Portable outdoor grills, fired by propane or charcoal, and designed for food preparation, are excluded from the provisions of this ordinance.

**Burn Container Cover** - a metal screen with spaces not more than one-half (1/2) square inch, or other comparable material, that covers the entire open area above the burn container opening. Such screen shall be maintained in good order as to prevent large particles from escaping the burn container during operation. The cover shall not be allowed to deteriorate to

any point whereby it loses its maximum efficiency.

**Burnable Materials** - only seasoned firewood or the material permitted in the Burn Container manufacturer's instructions manual will be permitted to be burned in the burn container.

Burning, in compliance with this Ordinance, shall be permitted only between the hours of 8 a.m. to 12 midnight. Under no conditions shall burning, as defined herein, be permitted between the hours of 12 midnight to 8 a.m. Fires in burn containers must be fully extinguished and not be allowed to burn or smolder after 12 midnight. Any fires burning after 12 midnight shall be in violation of this Ordinance, and all those persons or corporations causing such fires shall be prosecuted under the guidelines of this Ordinance.

The use of gasoline or other accelerants cannot be used to start fires in burn containers.

All burn containers must be kept ten (10) feet from any combustible structure. No burning container shall be used within five (5) feet of any property line or public sidewalk area. No burning container can be used for any other purpose.

More information regarding this ordinance is available on our website at [www.minersvilleonline.com](http://www.minersvilleonline.com).

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Sun., Nov. 6—Works for Chamber Orchestra,

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Sun., Feb. 26—Beethoven String Quartet and

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Sun., April 2—Elgar Piano Quintet and Brahms Sonatas

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# Minersville Public Library Fundraising Appeal

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LIBRARY HOURS	
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MONDAY .....	Closed
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WEDNESDAY ....	12 noon-5 p.m.
THURSDAY .....	12 noon-7 p.m.
FRIDAY .....	12 noon-5 p.m.
SATURDAY .....	10 a.m.-4 p.m.

There is something for everyone at the Library. We hope you have experienced the options available to you; but, if not, please plan to visit us soon!

Currently, the Library is featuring Storytime for Children. We also offer community service opportunities for high school seniors looking to fulfill those obligations.

The Library would like to expand its program offerings for adults and seniors. We welcome your suggestions. If there is sufficient interest, we could offer programs on basic computer skills, beginners crochet, how to begin your family tree research, writing a resume, basic self-defense for women, etc.

### Fundraisers and Fund Drive make it work

Numerous fundraisers are held throughout the year to help keep our doors open and expand services and programming. This year for Father's Day, Annetta Strauss won a RadRover5 Fat Tire electric bike. The event was so successful that we may do it again, either at Christmas time or next year in the spring.

Another Doggie Swim date near the closing of the Community Pool this year will be announced soon.

One of our most successful past fundraisers was the Famous Purcell Brother's Bean Soup & Bake Sale. Always a huge "must enjoy" event, another soup sale is in the planning stages. Follow us on Facebook..

The annual Shop & Drop Christmas Basket Auction



SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING - 220 S. FOURTH ST.

is always popular and will return this year. Look for more exciting fundraising as we welcome all back to the Library after the COVID shut-down temporarily closed all county libraries two years ago.

Your library can continue to maintain services and expand programs only through your help. State funding has not kept up with inflation and the basic cost of operations. Our annual expenses are approximately \$72,800. We receive a little more than \$26,000 from the state and local governments. Only through our annual Fund Drive appeal can the Minersville Public Library continue operations.

We are asking for your tax-deductible donation and on-going support to continue to meet the needs of our community. Please consider a donation in whatever amount you can afford. Donations in memory of a loved one are also welcome at any time. If making a donation in someone's memory, please include the name of the person being memorialized, a family member to be notified if you so choose, and your name and address.

Complete and clip the donation form printed here and mail to the Minersville Public Library, 220 S. 4th St., Minersville, PA 17954. A pre-addressed envelope has been inserted with this newsletter.

Follow us on Facebook for all the latest library news and fundraising opportunities!

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*What programs (for children, teens, adults, and seniors) would you like to see at the Library?*

**Thank You  
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# Borough Services Update . . . And Events!

## Spirit Day planned for Sunday, Sept. 11

**Spirit Day is back!** The 25th “almost annual” Minersville Spirit Day is back on track and will be held Sunday, Sept. 11. This celebration of Minersville’s Spirit will go on rain or shine on North Street, stretching from Second to Fourth streets from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This year, with good weather, the day promises



many of the old favorite events and entertainment, but welcomes many new activities and vendors. Anyone wanting to be a vendor, please send an email to [minersvillespiritday@yahoo.com](mailto:minersvillespiritday@yahoo.com).

**Show Your Spirit! Go Miners!**

## Trick-or-Treat set Oct. 31

Youngsters dressed as ghosts, goblins, witches, and princesses will take to the streets on Halloween night, Monday, Oct. 31 for the Borough-designated Trick-or-Treat night from 6 to 8 p.m.

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

Residents are asked to have their porch light on, or some other inviting gestures, as a sign that the children are welcome to ring the bell and get a treat. Parents and chaperones are asked to be diligent with young children when crossing streets and making them aware of vehicular traffic. Flashlights and reflective clothing are encouraged. Rain date is Tuesday, Nov. 1.

## Gather at the Garden

Family fun and education will abound at the Master Gardeners of Schuylkill County “Garden Gathering.” Tour the Demo Garden of Flowers; buy a bouquet to take home; taste baked/prepared foods made from locally grown produce (blueberry, rhubarb, pawpaw) and plants like lavender; and, find a bargain at the gardener tool bargain table.

Learn about “top or bottom” vegetables, how to grow, harvest and prepare them, and even basic bee-keeping from the Honey for Veterans program.

Stop in from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, on Saturday, Aug. 27, at 110 Route 61 South, Schuylkill Haven, at the Vietnam Memorial lot.

Questions? Call 570-622-4225 Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:40 p.m. or ask a Master Gardener, in person, at their information booth on Aug. 27.

## Borough Office holidays

The Minersville Borough offices and employee operations will be closed in observance of the following holidays for the balance of 2022: Monday, Sept. 5 (Labor Day); Friday, Nov. 11 (Veterans Day); Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24-25 (Thanksgiving); Friday, Dec. 23 (half day, close at 11 a.m.) and Monday, Dec. 26 (Christmas, observed); Friday, Dec. 30 (half day, close at 11 a.m.) and New Year’s Day (observed) on Monday, Jan. 2, 2023.



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# Borough Services Update . . . And Events!

## Fall cleanup accepts large and small

The Schuylkill County Office of Solid Waste & Recycling will hold its annual Fall Cleanup & Recycling Event in mid-September with the cooperation of numerous municipalities - including a special collection in Minersville Borough.

Unwanted tires, appliances, scrap metal and other bulky items may be taken to any of the designated collection sites for proper disposal. Minersville's collection will be set up at the Borough's North Delaware Avenue Compost & Recycling area.

Dates and times of this and other drop-off locations are yet to be finalized and announced. Schuylkill County has not allowed electronics in its recycling effort for the past five years.



## Recreation Complex

Enjoy the Minersville Recreation Complex this summer and fall. But, please adhere to the few rules and regulations that assure for the safety and enjoyment of all - residents and visitors alike.

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

With the large number of people visiting the Recreation Complex, parking at times may be at a

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

## 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.

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.

## Do I Need A Permit?

When planning any construction project, remember to contact the Borough Office to see if you need a Building Permit and if specific requirements must be met.

Permits are required for all new construction and all replacement or alterations to roofs, windows, doors, garage doors, electrical, plumbing, heating systems (including supplemental heating units), sidewalks, curbing, fencing with 6 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, enclosing decks, requires a building permit and a zoning permit. Zoning permits are administered by the Schuylkill County Planning & Zoning office. Phone 570-628-1415 for additional information.



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# Curbside Trash & Recycling – Here’s What to Know!

As of July 1, Minersville Borough has a new contractor – Valley Waste Solutions, operating from Tower City – to collect and dispose of household trash and recyclables when placed curbside by residential property owners.

Other than the change in haulers, all other requirements as to trash and recycling preparation and day of service have not changed. However, this is an opportune time to review those practices. This information can be found any time on the Borough website – [minersvilleonline.com/services/](http://minersvilleonline.com/services/).

## General information

The entire Borough – both North Side and South Side, denoted by Sunbury Street – receives sanitation services every Tuesday. Recyclable materials should not be placed in the trash. Violators may be prosecuted as per Borough ordinance.

Approved recyclables will be collected curbside per the following schedule – North Side on the first and third Wednesday each month; South Side on the second and fourth Wednesday each month. There is no collection when there is a fifth Wednesday.

## Trash collection

Trash collection is composed of household garbage only. Yard waste and grass clippings may be taken to the compost site located at the end of North Delaware Avenue.

The collector will pick up a limit of five 30-gallon

bags (each bag not to exceed 40 pounds in weight). All containers must be secured and bags properly tied.

One large item per week, along with your trash, can be collected. Any mattress placed curbside for pickup must be wrapped in plastic. No white goods (washers, refrigerator, stove, sinks) or Freon bearing appliances will be collected.

All waste must be placed curbside after 6 p.m., and no later than midnight, the evening prior to the pick-up date. Garbage containers must be removed from the sidewalk area after sanitation collection is completed.

Holidays recognized by Valley Waste Solutions may alter the collection day. These dates will be announced as they occur.

No tires, batteries or electronics (TVs, Computers, DVD Players, etc.) will be collected. K&B Recycling is available for electronics and appliances. Please call 570-205-3584 (additional fees apply).

No construction, demolition, or renovation debris will be collected. The property owner or contractor is responsible for arranging separate disposal.

## Recyclables collection

As part of the Borough’s continuing recycling program, the following curbside items will be collected – #1 thru #7 plastics, aluminum and tin cans, green-brown-clear glass containers, newspapers and magazines (bundled separately).

All recyclable materials must be placed curbside

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for pick-up. Bundle newspapers or magazines in string or place in a brown paper bag or cardboard box separate from other recyclables for pick-up.

Cardboard should be flattened and bundled. Any loose paper and cardboard not bundled will not be picked up curbside. Do not use plastic bags. They are not recyclable.

A drop-off container for recyclables is located at the compost site, located at the end of North Delaware Ave., for disposal on other days of the week. This is a fenced area with a security gate for entry. Residents must gain an activation card to enable access. See Page 14 of this newsletter for more information.

## Curbside ash collection

Coal ash collection is provided curbside by Borough Street Department personnel ... not by Valley Waste Solutions.

Ashes are collected throughout the Borough every Tuesday and also on Friday during the winter months of January and February.

All ashes created, accumulated or produced shall be deposited in one bushel (15 gallon) steel tubs. Any steel tubs in excess of one bushel (15 gallons) must only have one bushel full of ashes in each container.

All ash containers must be free of holes and/or rust. Steel ash tubs in poor condition will not be handled.

## No Ifs, Ands, or ... Butts!

Your choice to smoke cigarettes is your own. Tossing that cigarette butt on public or private property – whether walking along a sidewalk or from the window of your vehicle – shows a disregard of society ... is considered littering ... could spark a grass fire, or worse, during dry and/or windy conditions ... and can cause problematic outcomes for our storm drainage system and, ultimately, to our natural waterways.

Be a concerned conservator for the world in which we live. Extinguish your cigarette butt, stow it responsibly; take it home or dispose of it in a proper container.



## MINERSVILLE RECYCLES!



### Curbside Recycling Guidelines



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



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

#### Items not accepted

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

**If you would like to drop off your recycling, the site is located at end of N. Delaware Ave.**

# 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, 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](http://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.

## Compost Site

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

All items must be free of plastic bags or unacceptable debris



Leaves



Grass Clippings



Garden Vegetation



Tree Branches  
(no longer than 5 ft in length and no larger than 6 inches in diameter)

### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Tree Stumps
- Construction Materials of any nature including by not limited to:
  - Lumber
  - Drywall
  - Concrete
  - Bricks
  - Asphalt
- Scrap Metal
- Pallets
- Rocks
- Ashes
- Glass
- Food Waste
- Animal Feces
- Styrofoam
- Hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, cleaners)
- Any oil (including used motor oil bottles)
- Medical Waste
- Furniture
- Trash
- Mattresses
- Tires
- Any item not listed as acceptable

**Contractors are not permitted to dump at this facility. The compost is for residents only!**



# Minersville Recycling and Compost Site

## 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



Newspapers, brochures & inserts



Cardboard boxes (flattened)



Pizza/donut boxes (flattened)



Phone books



Magazines



Aluminum cans



Glass bottles & jars



Plastic containers  
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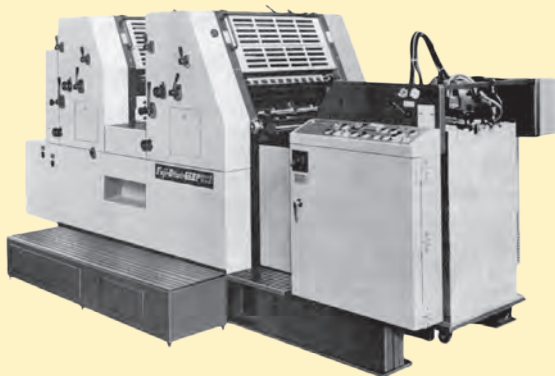
### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- 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
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## Labor Day - Praising the American Worker

### Builder of the Nation's Strength, Freedom, and Leadership

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and wellbeing of our country.

#### Labor Day legislation

The first state bill to commemorate the contribution of workers was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During 1887, four more states - Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York - created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania followed suit.

#### The first Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday,

and on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September of each year a national holiday.

#### Parade and festival envisioned

The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday - a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families.

This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known, bringing us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy.

It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership - the American worker.

