

❄️ **JANUARY HAPPENINGS...** ❄️

- Wed., Jan. 1** **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
- Thurs., Jan. 2** **Christkindl Committee**
401 Market Street
- Sat., Jan. 4** **Recycling**
Industrial Park Road
- Sat., Jan. 4** **Free Community Meal**
11am to 12:30pm
First Evan. Lutheran Church
- Tues., Jan. 8** **School Board Meeting**
7:30pm
Admin Building
- Thurs., Jan. 14** **MHRA Board Meeting**
7pm
300 Chestnut Street

MHRA WELCOMES
The Buffalo Valley Sportsman's Club
Boof Biscuit Company
Summer Kitchen Spice Company
The Stamm House



- Sat., Jan. 18** **Recycling**
8-11am
Industrial Park Road
- Mon., Jan. 20** **Shade Tree Commission**
7 pm
Borough Offices
- Tues., Jan. 21** **Planning Commission**
4:30 pm
Borough Offices
- Tues., Jan. 21** **Borough Council Meeting**
7 pm
Borough Offices
- Feb. 7-9** **Heart of Lewisburg Ice Fest**
- Sat., Feb. 15** **Buggy Museum Gala**
7-10pm
Rusty Rail
- Sun., Feb. 16** **SnowFest**
12-4pm
R. B. Winter State Park



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MISSION STATEMENT
MHRA exists to help promote and maintain a supportive environment where business, community and government work together to foster growth and development, while preserving Mifflinburg's cultural heritage.

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And the 2019 Christmas Season has come to a close...

The 31st Christkindl Market has closed and it seems preparations for the next one have already begun - Cologne anyone? Despite rainy weather Friday and Saturday, the crowds persevered. As always with over 100 vendors, visitors enjoyed Germanic inspired food, crafts, music, entertainment and much more. Next year's Christkindl will feature Cologne, Germany and will take place on December 10, 11 and 12, 2020.



There was so much new stuff happening at the Mifflinburg Buggy Museum it's hard to know where to start! The museum welcomed one of Santa's reindeer on Thursday and Friday. There were train displays, demonstrations, gingerbread houses to decorate, visits from St. Nicholas, German food and more!



The Gutelius House welcomed people as well - there you could find their wonderful homemade cookies including the traditional Dampfel Dei.

Lastly the Elias hosted local Mifflinburg vendors including Punako Artisan Hearth, Summer Kitchen Spice Co., the Buffalo Valley Sportsman's Club, Boof Biscuit, Twisted Stitches, Abe's Woodworking, Willow Stone Farm, Heritage Printing & Design with, artists Jane Albin, Brett Hosterman and Valerie Moyer. Smokin' Bob served up great food in the parking lot and entertainment was provided by Erin Rute, the West Branch Chorus, MusiCraft, and Cat Herman. Hot toddies and buttered rum were sold to keep everyone warm!



Thank you to the many, many volunteers who gave of their time and talents to make all of these events successful and fun and enabled Mifflinburg to be showcased to thousands of people!



...Happy New Year to All!

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Borough Briefings...

by Margaret Metzger

CHRISTMAS TREE DROP-OFF

All Borough residents wishing to dispose of their 'real' Christmas tree after the holiday season are requested to place the tree on the east side of Industrial Parkway adjacent to the Borough equipment center. The trees will be chipped and donated as mulch. Please note that only 'real' tree disposal is permitted- without bags, ornaments or other materials attached. No garlands, pine ropes or wreaths are accepted. Anyone suspected of or caught using this location as a junk drop-off site, or dropping off unacceptable items will be subject to the penalties of the littering law.

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

Residents are reminded to remove all vehicles from parking areas adjacent to public streets in instances when snowstorms are imminent. Please avoid parking in dead ends and cul-de-sacs during snow removal efforts. This will greatly help Borough employees in their plowing efforts. If you have available space on your property for off-street parking, please use it when it snows.

We are also offering another reminder to mark the edge of your lawns with brightly colored stakes or flags to aid in locating where the edge of the pavement ends during snow plowing. Please remove all ornamental decorations, basketball structures, etc. that may end up in the path of the snow plows. These simple yet conscientious efforts will greatly assist the Borough crew in clearing the snow and minimizing personal property damage.

SNOW EMERGENCIES

In the event that the Borough experiences a severe snow or ice storm, there are provisions where a Snow Emergency can be declared by the Borough. If this emergency is declared, there are specific routes that must remain free of parking and may only be travelled by vehicles equipped for snow. (These routes are marked by snow emergency route signs and a full list is available on the Borough website) By prohibiting parking and unnecessary travel on these routes, the Borough is providing an open route for emergency vehicles. The Borough will provide information about snow emergencies by contacting local media outlets or via a public notification system.

2020 UTILITY RATES

The Borough's 2020 Budget includes a 2% increase in water and a 5% increase in sewer rates. This amounts to an increase of about \$4.27 per month for a residential customer that uses the average of 5,000 gallons of water per month. Electric rates will increase by 2% and cost an additional \$2.56 per 1,000 KWH. The electrical rates have not been increased since 2014. These rates will take effect with the February 2020 billing.

RECYCLING

The Borough of Mifflinburg offers free drop off recycling on the first and third Saturday mornings of each month. This event not only helps our environment, but it also helps to support our volunteers (the Boy Scouts) since they benefit from the aluminum can proceeds.

Please thank these volunteers when you see them out there on those cold Saturdays, and help them out by following the recycling rules. More information about the Mifflinburg's recycling center is available on the Borough's website at mifflinburgborough.org. Thank you for your support!

SEWER LATERAL INSPECTION ORDINANCE

Mifflinburg Borough Council has adopted a sewer lateral inspection Ordinance. This took effect in 2018 and requires that prior to the transfer of ownership of any property in the Borough, the property owner must have the sewer lateral inspected (using a camera) as well as down spouts, floor drains and sump pump connections. This work is to be completed by a contractor with a Borough representative present to determine if there are any failing pipes or illegal connections. If any deficiencies are noted, they must be repaired and then the property must be re-inspected before an Evidence of Compliance Certificate can be issued. The Ordinance and the inspection forms are available on the Borough's website.

This Ordinance was enacted to help us eliminate some of our inflow and infiltration issues which contribute to our hydraulic overloads, which have caused our system to experience violations and to be placed under a connection prohibition by PA DEP. Please contact the Borough Office for more information – 570-966-1013. Thank you for your cooperation.

What's Happening Around Town...

ART GALLERY IN MEMORY OF MIFFLINBURG ARTIST KATHRYN FRITZ— Paintings are on display in memory Kathryn Fritz at the Public Library for Union County in Gallery 255 throughout the month of January. Finding truth in the saying that you are never too young to learn, Kathryn began painting at the age of 85. The self-taught artist, used various mediums including reversal glass painting, acrylics and watercolors. Kathryn also matted and framed her work. Many of Kathryn's paintings were donated or used to raise money for mission projects while others adorned the walls of her home. Artists and organizations are encouraged to apply to exhibit items of artistic, cultural and intellectual interest in the library's gallery and/or display cases. For more information, visit <http://unioncountylibraries.org/home-page/info/displays>.

BUGGY MUSEUM GALA RESCHEDULED— The Mifflinburg Buggy Museum's 1st Annual Fundraising Gala with a Roaring 20s theme has been moved to Saturday, February 15, due to a lot of feedback from people who really want to attend, but because of the holidays, are unable to and organizers want to accommodate them. There has been a lot of amazing response for the gala and a date move would make it an even better experience for everyone. In the event of bad weather on the 15th, the snow date would be Sunday, February 16. Tickets are \$75 and include buffet dinner, dancing, silent and live auctions, live music and much more. Several VIP tables are still available for \$2,000 for 8 people and includes a special one hour VIP cocktail hour from 6 to 7. Tickets are available at the Tack Room, Art of Living Design Studio, Heritage Printing & Design, on Facebook and by email at eva@tackroom-inc.com. Deadline for tickets is February 5.

Willow Stone Farm open for Business!



Congratulations to MHRA member, Willow Stone Farm, near Mifflinburg! The Central PA Chamber of Commerce helped them culminate a several years long project with a ribbon cutting ceremony held recently. Willow Stone Farm is "Where Elegance Meets Country Charm." The new constructed house and renovated barn sits on 11 acres of scenic property at 100 Cedar Run Lane, near the hamlet of White Springs. The property is available to use for weddings, receptions and overnight accommodations, as well as baby showers, corporate events, family gatherings, yoga retreats, birthday parties and more! See it for yourself! Call 570-541-5943 for a complimentary tour. Learn more at www.willowstonefarmpa.com. Cutting the ribbon is Benjamin Reeder, proprietor, along with his daughter, Colleen, 5. They are surrounded by family, supporters and the local businesses they work with to complete the project. From left: Nathan Seigel, General Manager of Mifflinburg Lumber and Building Supply; Brian Neitz, Office Manager, and Amber Gabrielson, Commercial Lender of Mifflinburg Bank & Trust; Jessica Williams, Finance & Membership Director of the Central PA Chamber; Heidi Criswell, Executive Director of Mifflinburg Heritage & Revitalization Association; Congressman Fred Keller; Carl Reeder, Benjamin's father; the Reeders; state Rep. David Rowe; and Michael Porter, Education Coordinator of the Central PA Chamber.

Kiwanis Club delivers Happy Holidays



Each holiday season, the Mifflinburg Kiwanis assists at least 100 community families with food boxes. The club, in conjunction with a lot of local support, collected canned fruits and vegetables, apples, bread, pasta, tomato sauce, PB & J, cereal and other non-perishable items. Last month, the Club, the Key Club, and many volunteers met at the Mifflinburg Middle School and prepared and distributed the boxes to the community.



A Barbershop Christmas entertains at the Elias



On Saturday, December 21, the Elias Center for the Performing Arts welcomed a special Christmas Barbershop Christmas program. Proceeds were divided 50/50 between the Center and the Kiwanis Club for their holiday food boxes! The audience was entertained by two local barber shop quartets - 'The West Branch Four' and 'Achorning to Dad.' Plans are underway for the 2020 concert season at the Elias and will include a visit from the West Branch Chorus in April. Keep watching 'News and Views' and mifflinburgpa.com for more details.

MIFFLINBURG BUGGY MUSEUM
presents

1ST ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GALA
A ROARING 20'S EVENT

Buffet Dinner, Beer & Wine,
Dancing, Silent & Live
Auctions, Live Music & More!!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020
7 pm to Midnight

RUSTY RAIL BREWING COMPANY
5 North Eighth Street - Mifflinburg, PA
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Tickets: \$75 per person - Four VIP tables for 8: \$2,000 each

Tickets available at: The Tack Room, Art of Living Design Studio & Heritage Printing & Design
Facebook.com/mifflinburgbuggy or email: eva@tackroominc.com
DEADLINE FOR TICKETS: FEBRUARY 5, 2020 - SNOWDATE: FEBRUARY 16 AT 6 PM

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