

SUMMER HAPPENINGS...

- Thurs., July 9** 7pm **MHRA Meeting**
Elias Center
- Sat., July 11** 1pm **Adventure in Fun**
Elias Center
(\$10 Admission - Children free with paid adult)
- Fri., July 17** 6-8pm **Blueberries in the Park**
Drive-thru Blueberry Dessert Pickup in the Community Park (details on page 1 & insert)
- Sat., July 18** 8-11am **Recycling**
Industrial Park Road
- Mon., July 20** 7pm **Shade Tree Commission**
Mifflinburg Borough Office
- Tues., July 21** 4:30pm **Planning Commission**
Mifflinburg Borough Office
- Tues., July 21** 6:30pm **Borough Council Meeting**
Mifflinburg Borough Office
- Sat., Aug. 1** 8-11am **Recycling & Brush Drop Off**
Industrial Park Road
- Aug. 2-8** **West End Fair**
Laurelton Fairgrounds
www.ucef.com

**MHRA WELCOMES
NEW MEMBER**
Twisted Stitches

**The Mifflinburg Carnival is
still scheduled to take place
in July! Please check their
Facebook page for updates!**

INTERESTED IN MHRA MEMBERSHIP?

July marks the beginning of our annual 2020 membership renewal! Yearly business membership is \$75 and Made in Mifflinburg designations are an additional \$25. Supporter memberships are \$30. Membership includes our popular season voucher booklet with over \$100 in coupons that can be used at all of our yearly events and most importantly, they do not expire so if an event is cancelled this year, your coupon can be used next season. Members also can participate in the MHRA discount card program. This gives them opportunities to save at other MHRA member businesses.

Last year, members had opportunities to advertise in special promotional sections of the Snyder-Union County Times, the special winter events calendar of events, participation at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and more. We also offer free and discounted rates to set up stands at any of our events such as the Wine Festival, Oktoberfest and Winterfest. Your business information with links to your website, email and more is also on our website. MHRA also allows members to post on our Facebook page as well and this year there will be new free advertising opportunities in the Mifflinburg Free Press.

MHRA is not state or federally funded so your support is especially important to us. Funds are used for operations, marketing and promotion, cooperative advertising opportunities, brochures and rack cards, historic preservation, business assistance, community development, repair and maintenance of the historic 1806 Elias Church and more.

Membership materials will be mailed in July. If you do not receive an application, please contact us or go to mifflinburgpa.com to download one. You can also email mhra@dejazzd.com or call 570-966-1666. Thank you for being there for us!

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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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Good Things Happening in Mifflinburg

It seems that things are constantly being cancelled and postponed this summer. The Mifflinburg Heritage & Revitalization Association would like to spread some good news – there are still some great things to look forward to this summer so grab your masks and mark your calendars!

The Mifflinburg Community Pool has opened. The borough currently anticipates that the pool will remain open through August 16.

The Full Mifflinburg Pool Guidelines are available on the Borough website mifflinburgborough.org, the pool office and inside *News & Views*. All sessions will be subject to limited attendance rules, and guests must follow all Pool Rules.

The Community Park is also open and the borough hopes to release a summer concert schedule soon. So keep your eyes on their website and *News & Views* for more information.

The Mifflinburg Buggy Museum is now open! It will be open Saturday and Sundays now through October from 1 to 4 p.m. Tours will be given at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. All CDC guidelines will be followed to ensure the safety of guests and volunteers.

RB Winter State Park has also begun to schedule summer programming. Please find them on Facebook and they have a link to events as they are added.

The Elias Center opened up in June. On Saturday July 11, it will welcome "Adventure in Fun," a family run business that has over 30 years of experience in the entertainment industry. They will bring a collection of fun and animals including a 5' American alligator! The show begins at 1 p.m. Admission to Elias Center performances is always \$10 for adults - and all children are free with a paid adult.

The Elias Center is owned by MHRA and all proceeds support the maintenance and continued upkeep of the 1806 historic church - Mifflinburg's first church. All recommended health & safety guidelines will be observed and weather permitting, the show will be held outside the building.

Blueberries and Bluegrass festival is now just a take-out only dessert sale. Pies can be ordered through July 10th and picked up at the park on Friday, July 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. Pies can be pre-paid or you may pay that evening. There will be no extra desserts ordered so please order now. Email mhra@dejazzd.com, call 570-966-1666 and leave a message, or download an order form from the website www.mifflinburgpa.com and send that in with your payment.

MHRA is selling sugar free, double crust, crumb, and custard blueberry pies; blueberry cheesecakes and the popular blueberry whoopie pies. Special arrangements for pickup or delivery can be made as well. Please email or call to arrange them. They are baked by the Stoltzfus family that sells weekly at the Lewisburg Farmer's Market – they also understand all guidelines for safety. Blueberries in the Park is sponsored by M&T Bank.

The Mifflinburg Hose Company has confirmed that the annual July carnival will take place! Details are still being finalized so continue to watch the Free Press and their Facebook page.

At this time, the Union County West End Fair held the first week of August is also still on schedule! Please go to their website www.ucwef.com for all updated information as it changes frequently.

While the Annual Fourth of July Festival was cancelled, New Berlin Days is still scheduled to be held Saturday, August 22.

The Wine, Brews and Blues End of Summer Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, at the carnival grounds. MHRA still has a good selection of wineries, food and craft vendors, fantastic music and much more planned for that day including some events that were lost because of the cancellation of the annual Fourth of July Celebration. Blue River Soul, The Gabe Stillman Band, Mama Corn and The Alexis P. Suter Band are scheduled to entertain. Ray Fuller and the Bluesrockers will headline next year's festival.

MHRA is also still accepting crafters and artisans – email mhra@dejazzd.com for more information.

Lastly and further down the road - the Annual Mifflinburg Oktoberfest is still on track for October 2 and 3. MHRA is adapting to continuing changes and problems with getting German beer but at this point, the festival is still on!! Again - stay tuned to mifflinburgpa.com and *News & Views* for changes and information.



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Borough Briefings...

by Margaret Metzger

2019 DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

The provision of safe and reliable drinking water is very important to Borough Council. Enclosed in this issue of News and Views is the Annual Consumer Confidence Report. As a provider of drinking water, the Borough is required to make this report available to you. A copy is also available on the Borough's website: mifflinburgborough.org.

WATER CONSERVATION SAVES MONEY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

As the operator of a community water system, the Borough is responsible for accounting for not only the quality but the quantity of all the water we obtain from our various sources of supply as well. We are proud of the quality of water and service the Borough provides to you. Also, we are very conscious of the amount of water that is treated but does not make it to you, the consumer. This water is customarily referred to as 'unaccounted for' water loss.

The Borough uses modern water metering and leak detection equipment to locate water leaks but you can help. If at any time you observe areas in the street or ground that appear to be wetter than normal for no apparent reason, please contact the Borough office. Additionally, you should be checking your home or business periodically for leaks: dripping faucets, shower heads, toilet valves. It is suggested that you install low-flow aerators and shower heads or low-flow toilets, and water your plants or lawn at night to conserve water. These water saving measures will be translated directly to you in lower monthly water and sewer bills.

The more efficient we all are at preserving our water resources now, ensures a better and brighter future for the water users of our future. There are some actions that all of us can take to reduce daily water use:

- using washing machines and dishwashers with full loads only
- taking shorter showers
- replacing water fixtures with newer low-consumption models
- limiting vehicle washing
- sweeping sidewalks instead of washing them
- holding back on lawn watering

Not only will these actions conserve water, but they will also help families save money.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Borough will be flushing all fire hydrants on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 (rain date July 16, 2020). This work will begin around mid-day and will continue until complete, probably early evening. This is routine maintenance conducted to remove settled materials, loose deposits of iron and other depositions from the water mains. This will only be completed if water supplies are adequate at this time.

Customers may notice brief periods of discolored water or low water pressure during the flushing process. It is recommended that customers refrain from clothes washing during hydrant flushing since the iron deposits may stain clothing.

BOROUGH OFFICES

The Mifflinburg Borough Offices have been reopened following the PA Department of Health's Reopening guidelines. Social distancing and masks are recommended in accordance with the CDC and PA Department of Health Guidelines for COVID-19.

Residents and Customers are encouraged to continue to use the payment drop off box in the foyer, mail or automatic payment if possible. Any questions may be directed to the Borough Office at 570.966.1013.

BRUSH DROP OFF AND RECYCLING CANCELLED

Brush Drop Off and Recycling have been cancelled for July 4. Recycling resumes on July 18, from 8-11 a.m. The next Brush drop off will be on August 1, from 8-11:00 AM.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FOR UTILITY BILLS IS COMING SOON

The Borough of Mifflinburg is working to incorporate online credit card payments as another way to pay utility bills. This convenient option will allow customers to access their account information online and make a payment using a credit card from the comfort of their own home. This payment method will be accessible through the Borough's website. Please watch the Borough website for more details.

ANNUAL STREET AND ALLEY MAINTENANCE

As you may be aware, the Borough has begun using more seal coat or 'tar and chip' surfacing material and spot patch paving for pavement maintenance as opposed to the previous standard asphalt patch and overlay methods used in the past. There are several reasons for this transition, all of which boil down to a huge difference in costs. Due to some previous issues with dust following this work, we will add an additional seal coat after the initial application. Please bear with us as we work to stretch our budget as far as we can to help keep our streets in the best state of repair that we can.

We anticipate that our annual maintenance work will begin within the next month or two and will be completed before school is back in session. Thank you for your patience as we complete this work.

KEEP IT CLEAN REMINDER

We have a beautiful community, thanks for your help in keeping it that way! Please keep your grass mowed to the required limit and keep your property free of garbage. We also ask that you keep any trees or shrubs that are located along alleys and streets trimmed so that they do not scratch passing vehicles or impair sight distance at intersections.

As a reminder, public refuse containers located at the Borough parks and along the streets are not intended for disposal of residential garbage. Additionally, the Borough does not have a designated area for grass clippings, or other yard waste disposal. It is the property owner's responsibility to find an outlet for disposal or re-use. Please DO NOT place your grass clippings in the street, this is illegal and can cause problems for both you and your neighbors, and our storm water system. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMUNITY PARK UPDATE

In accordance with the Community Park/Pool Ordinance, the following Community Park rules must be followed:

1. No Alcoholic Beverages or Drugs.
2. No Smoking or Tobacco Use Including E-cigarettes.
3. No Pets.
4. No Bicycles or Board Use in the Pavilions.
5. No Profanity.
6. No Littering.
7. No Sitting or Standing on Picnic Table Tops.
8. No Drawing or Carving on Picnic Tables or Pavilion.
9. No Intimidation of Other Park Visitors.
10. No Loitering.
11. No Weapons.
12. The Borough is Not Responsible for Lost/Stolen Items.

The Mifflinburg Police Department and the Park Directors have the authority to temporarily remove any person or persons from the park or recreation area for up to five days for violation of any of the above rules and regulations. Permanent removal (longer than five days) shall be made at the discretion of the Mayor.

2020 POOL SEASON RULES AND RATES

The Mifflinburg Community Pool opened for the Season on Saturday, June 20, at 1 p.m. We currently anticipate that the pool will remain open through August 16. Pool hours will be as follows:

High Risk Population swim time: 10:15 AM-11 AM (\$1 per person)
Lap swimming: 11 AM-11:45 AM (\$1 per person)
11:45 AM-12:30 PM (\$1 per person)

(Attendance will be limited due to social distancing requirements)

General Admission (2 time blocks available) (General admission fees to be assessed for each time block and all attendees must leave the pool compound during the sanitizing break)

First time block: 1 PM-4:30 PM (per the rate schedule below)

Closed for sanitizing: 4:30 PM-5 PM

Second time block: 5 PM-8 PM (per the rate schedule below)

(Attendance will be limited due to social distancing requirements, and if you choose to leave during your time block there is no guarantee of re-admittance-you must stay in the pool area to maintain your spot)

The 2020 Season will look very different than other years due to COVID-19 and the recommended safety measures. Here are some of the key changes: Only General Admission fees will be used. (No season passes due to the shortened and uncertainty of the season); Masks will be required for admittance and while walking around the facility, but not while swimming. "Masks in Motion"; Social Distancing is required. (You must stay at least 6 feet away from anyone not in your family unit.); No Swimming Lessons; No Concession Stand, no water fountain (no outside food permitted, only non-alcoholic beverages in plastic containers-NO GLASS); No playground program or craft program; The Mifflinburg Pool waives any liability relating to COVID-19.

The Full Mifflinburg Pool Guidelines are available on the Borough website mifflinburgborough.org and are available at the pool office.

2020 POOL ADMISSION RATES

Morning Lap Swims: \$1 Admission per person per session

General Admission per session:

Adult (over 18) \$3 per session

Student (school age) \$2 per session

Non-School age children free with a paying adult (up to 3 children)

All sessions will be subject to limited attendance rules, and guests must follow all Pool Rules.

A THANK YOU FROM OUR POLICE...



The Mifflinburg Police Department (MPD) would like to thank everyone from the community for their cooperation and support during the recent protest/rally for the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement, held on Sunday, June 7th, at the intersection of Chestnut and Fourth Streets. The three hour event was organized by a several young persons from Milton, who formed a group known as 'If Not Us, Then Who?'. An estimated crowd of approximately 300+ people attended and exercised their right to peacefully assemble. The protest/rally was held without incident, although there was a small disruption in traffic flow. No arrests were made. The organizers were passionate about their cause, while being extremely respectful of our town. In fact, there was not a single piece of trash left behind. Multiple calls from people offering information and concerns were made to our office in preparation and each was investigated to the best of our ability. Additionally, the MPD would like thank the Union County Sheriff's Office, New Berlin PD, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), the PA State Police (PSP) and other local municipalities for their assistance, as well as members of the Mifflinburg Borough Crew. A special thank you to the Mifflinburg Hose Company (MHC) and the Evangelical Community Hospital Medics and Ambulances for their back-up and support.

Library Offers Chance to Win \$1,000

Support the Public Library for Union County and you could win a \$1,000 VISA gift card.

Raffle tickets are available at the library, 255 Reitz Blvd., Lewisburg, starting July 1 for \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. A winner will be drawn July 31. There are only 200 tickets remaining of the 800.

All proceeds from the raffle go toward supporting the library. Fundraisers like this allow the library to keep the doors open and continue to bring a variety of enriching programs and offerings for free to the public.

For more information on the auction or to purchase tickets, visit the library at 255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg or call 570-523-1172.

FREE SUMMER SCHOOL LUNCHES!

Free Summer School Lunch and Backpack food pick up is Wednesdays from 11am-12pm at the Mifflinburg Community Park. Drive thru style. Enter the park by the Basketball courts.

COVID-19 Relief Pennsylvania Statewide Small Business Assistance Program

The COVID-19 Relief Pennsylvania Statewide Small Business Assistance program will provide grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000 to small businesses that have been economically impacted by COVID-19. The Pennsylvania CDFI Network, a coalition of 17 Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) that will support small businesses throughout the Commonwealth to access the grant funds, has issued an initial fact sheet.

Please note that this is not a first-come, first-served program and that there will be multiple rounds of application windows. The application window for the first round of funding is expected to open on June 30th and remain open for 10 business days.

Though this fact sheet contains the most updated information, it is anticipated that there will be future updates as more details are finalized. With this in mind, it is recommended that interested parties also visit <https://pabusinessgrants.com/> to stay apprised of news and updates.

NEWS & VIEWS SUBMISSION DEADLINES

If so, please have information submitted no later than the 15th of the previous month. For example, information for the August edition needs to be submitted no later than July 15. Email mhra@dejazz-d.com or mail to MHRA, 300 Chestnut St. Mifflinburg, PA 17844.

Blueberries in the Park

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