

# AUTUMN HAPPENINGS...

- Sat., Sept. 4** 8-11am **Recycling/Brush Recycling**  
Industrial Park Road
- Sept 5, 12, 18** 1 pm **Scandals & Scoundrels Walking Tour**  
Mifflinburg Buggy Museum
- Thurs., Sept. 9** 7pm **MHRA Meeting**  
Elias Center
- Sat., Sept. 11** 1pm **Exotic Edventures**  
Elias Center
- Fri., Sept 17** 4-8pm **German Fest at the Museum**  
Mifflinburg Buggy Museum
- Fri., Sept 17 (10-5)** **Traditional Carpentry Days**
- Sat., Sept 18 (10-5)** **with Frank Stroik of The**
- Sun., Sept 19 (1-4)** **Country Homestead**  
Gutelius House, 432 Green Street
- Sat., Sept. 18** 8-11am **Recycling**  
Industrial Park Road
- Mon., Sept. 20** 7pm **Shade Tree Commission**  
Borough Offices
- Tues., Sept. 21** 4:30pm **Planning Commission**  
Borough Offices
- Tues., Sept. 21** 7pm **Borough Council Meeting**  
Borough Offices
- October 1 & 2** **16th Oktoberfest**  
VFW Carnival Grounds
- October 7, 8, 9** **Market Street Sale Days**  
17 blocks of yard sales

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- Brookside Bikes LLC
  - Camp Koala
  - Pompeii Soap Company
  - Mark H. Lemon, PC  
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  - Daniel & Tiffany Stamm
- Be sure to find out more about them in the MHRA business directory at [mifflinburgpa.com](http://mifflinburgpa.com)

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## Mifflinburg Oktoberfest Returns!

Eins, zwei, drei, zuppa! October 1 and October 2 will be this year's 16th Oktoberfest held at the VFW Carnival Grounds. MHRA is so excited for the return of our festival and we cannot wait for October!

On Friday at 1 p.m., Mayor David Cooney will tap the traditional firkin to officially open the event. There will be music and German dancers in the afternoon and John Stevens' Doubleshot will headline the evening from 7 to 11 p.m. On Saturday, the Schutzengiggles Oompah entertains from 1 to 5 p.m. and the Little German Band from Millheim, will close the evening from 6 to 10.

The limited edition black and gold collectible 2021 ceramic steins are available on a first come basis so get to the festival early to make sure you get yours! The second glass is a new design and both are generously sponsored by Mifflinburg Bank & Trust. There will be several wristband/stein packages to choose from to make your day as special as you would like it.

Covid has been a challenge as we all know and we are extremely lucky to be getting any beer from Germany. There are a few different selections but some are limited and again, we encourage you to come early if you want to try them all. We will also have Rusty Rail Oktoberfest and a selection of Shade Mountain Wines for those that don't like beer.

The souvenir selections include a lot of fun hats, key chains and more. Make sure to purchase a mini shot steins with Oktoberfest logo! If you'd like, it can even get be filled with a shot of your favorite schnapps, jaeger and more! The souvenir stand will also have a variety of sweatshirts and t-shirts for purchase.

Game time on Saturday afternoon features the popular keg toss and mug lift competitions. The Buggy Museum will be offering hayrides and 4H will be doing the popular chicken plop bingo!

Penn Staters don't worry! Keep the tailgate celebration going! Bring your ticket stub after the Indiana game and get a FREE extra beer ticket with your purchase of a wristband/mug combo!

As always there will be lots of food including German and American selections like brats, potato cakes, schnitzel, burgers, brisket, pulled pork, chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs, fresh cut fries, cheese, beef sticks, pizza, pretzels, breads, drunken cup-cakes and whoopie pies and much, much more to satisfy any craving.

There is no admission fee for those who will not be drinking beer or wine. As there is every year, free birch beer is provided for designated drivers. Please register for a special wristband when you get to the event. You must be 21 years of age to purchase a drinking wristband and ID's are required. Credit cards are accepted. Parking is free and the grounds are ADA accessible. It's gonna be an Oktoberfest to remember!!



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# Borough Briefings...

by Margaret Metzger

## SWIMMING POOL CLOSES FOR THE SEASON

The Mifflinburg Community Swimming Pool closed for the 2021 season on August 15. Let's all give a big Thank You to our Park Directors, Lifeguards, and other pool staff, as well as the Borough Crew, Office Staff, and Police Department for another great summer! It really takes a group approach to keep things running smoothly. The 2021 season almost wasn't possible due to difficulty in finding lifeguards and staff, we are hopeful that we can find more staff in 2022, and then we will be able to offer swim lessons again.

Our community is fortunate to have such nice facilities, and a Borough Council that is willing to continue to support the operation of these facilities as a service to the community, when many other communities are no longer willing or able to do so. The park remains open until October 15th.

## BUDGET REMINDER

Hard to believe, but it's time to start planning for 2022 already! Any organization interested in making requests to be considered for the Borough's 2022 Budget are reminded that the deadline for submittals is September 30th.

## KEEP IT CLEAN REMINDER

We have a beautiful community that we should all be proud of! 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.

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.

## LEAF PICK-UP

Hard to believe that fall is just around the corner! The Borough of Mifflinburg will not begin leaf pick-up until October 5. Please DO NOT place your leaves in the streets until after that date. Placing them in the street when there is no pick-up can cause localized flooding during heavy rainfall events and could cause damage to either your neighbor or your own properties and you can be held liable for those damages as well as be subject to fines and penalties. If you have leaves ready prior to October 5th, please bag and hold them until pick-up begins. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation with this matter.

## SWIFTREACH NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

As most of you already know by now, the Borough has a Public Notification system. This system allows us to get important and helpful information to you in the quickest, most efficient manner. We urge you to make full use of this system, you can access it via the Borough's website and

add or change contact information, so that you are getting the notices the way you prefer (phone call, email, or text message or all of the above). You can even add all of your family members, if that's your preference. Please be sure to notify us if your contact number changes. If you need assistance getting your information updated, please contact our office and we will help you.

## ONLINE CREDIT CARD PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR UTILITY BILLS AVAILABLE.

The Borough of Mifflinburg offers an Online Credit card processing option for payment of Utility bills. This online payment system is available on the Borough's website through a URL link. The link and instructions for this system are available on the Borough's website: [mifflinburgborough.org](http://mifflinburgborough.org); click the pay my bill tab. This option does allow customers who register for an account to see account usage and payment histories in addition to making credit card payments. This payment method does assess a convenience fee, which is paid to the Card Processing Company handling these transactions.

Customers needing assistance to register their account may contact the Borough Office with questions.

## ARE YOU NEW TO THE AREA? HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW TO DO THINGS IN MIFFLINBURG?

The Borough's website can help you find answers. Visit [mifflinburgborough.org](http://mifflinburgborough.org) to find out all of the latest news as well as to find out how things work. The resources tab can help you find answers to most of your questions, as well as download any required applications or find any related organizations. It's a great...well, as its name says; a resource to find many answers! We're also available by phone at 570.966.1013 to help during normal office hours of M-F 8 AM- 4:30 PM.

## WHEN IS A PERMIT REQUIRED FOR MY PROPERTY?

It seems like residents are working on improving their properties now more than ever after having spent so much time at home in recent times. While this is something that everyone likes to see happen, it's important to remember that there are rules in place to ensure that renovations and buildings are constructed or improved safely, meeting the required rules and codes in the Borough, or the State. As a rule of thumb, any change in the use of a building will likely require a Zoning permit. Any physical changes to a property; like adding space, demolishing space, changing the structure (moving walls or fixtures) will require a building permit. Failure to obtain the proper permits can result in costly delays and fines. The Borough contracts with the CK COG for these services. Please reach out to the CK COG to determine what is required BEFORE starting construction or buying a property if you intend to make changes.

Any changes to utility services also requires permitting. Please contact the Borough Office for more information about any changes to your Utility services.

# What's Happening Around Town...

**TRADITIONAL CARPENTRY DAYS FEATURING FRANK STROIK OF COUNTRY HOMESTEAD**— This is your opportunity to talk to the experts about restoration of historic homes. Frank and his staff will be on hand at the Gutelius House Museum to greet visitors and showcase their work Friday and Saturday, September 17 and 18, from 10 to 5. He will also be there on Sunday, September 19, 1 to 4 p.m.

**GERMAN FEST AT THE BUGGY MUSEUM**— The second annual German Fest at the Buggy Museum will take place Friday, September 17, from 4 to 8 p.m. There will be take-out or seating at the museum. Look for your German favorites — brats, knockwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, apple kuchen, apple crisp, and more!

**SCANDALS AND SCOUNDRELS HISTORICAL WALKING TOURS**— Join the Buggy Museum for a 1.5 mi walking tour of Mifflinburg and learn what people were talking about 150 years ago. You'll hear stories of the scandals and scoundrels— some silly, some shocking and some "spicy"—involving some of the most prominent people of Mifflinburg's past. You won't read these stories in the history books!

Tours are on September 5, 12 and 18, will leave from the Mifflinburg Buggy Museum at 598 Green Street at 1 p.m. and will last approximately 90 min. Cost is \$10. Tour size is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance at the Mifflinburg Buggy Museum's Facebook page or in person at Tack Room Inc., 6506 Old Turnpike Rd, Mifflinburg. Questions? Email: [msulliva@pct.edu](mailto:msulliva@pct.edu).

**MIFFLINBURG GHOST TOURS**— The Mifflinburg Buggy Museum will once again offer a walking tour of some of the most haunted homes and businesses in town. Join them and walk the streets of town and share stories of the very active apparitions who continue to walk among us.

The 90 min tour covers 1.5 miles and dozens of spirits and spookables. The cost is \$10 and proceeds benefit the Mifflinburg Buggy Museum. Tour dates are: Oct 16, 17, 23, 24 and 30. Tours will leave from the Buggy Museum at 598 Green St.

Tour size is limited and tickets must be purchased online in advance through Mifflinburg Buggy Museum's Facebook page. Tickets can also be purchased at Tack Room Inc, 6506 Old Turnpike Rd. Questions? Email: [msulliva@pct.edu](mailto:msulliva@pct.edu).

**CAMP KOALA DAY CAMP FOR GRIEVING KIDS - SAT., SEPT 18TH**— Camp Koala for kids ages 7-18 who have experienced a death will take place Sat., Sept. 18, from 10-5 p.m. Lunch and all supplies are included, there is no cost to attend. Camp takes place at BSA Camp Karoondinha, 225 Thomas Dam Road, Millmont. Please note that due to Covid-19, campers will be practicing social distancing, holding activities outdoors and wearing masks. If your child cannot wear a mask while at camp, please do not sign up. There are fun outdoor activities including Art Therapy, lake activities, campfires and more. For an application and more information, please visit [www.campkoala.org/campers](http://www.campkoala.org/campers), call 717-258-1122 or email [director@campkoala.org](mailto:director@campkoala.org). Space is limited, please apply early.

## EXOTIC EDVENTURES RETURNS TO THE ELIAS CENTER!

We are excited to announce the return of Exotic Edventures to the Elias Center on Saturday, September 11, at 1 p.m. This program packs the house every time! Exotic Edventures is an animal facility and exotic animal rescue that offers fun and interactive programs featuring their live animal ambassadors! Come to the Center and get up close and personal with reptiles, birds and mammals from all around the world right here in Mifflinburg! As always, tickets are \$10 for adults and children are free with a paid adult! The Elias season is generously sponsored by The Woodcock Foundation, Mifflinburg Bank & Trust, State Rep. David Rowe, Sally Rothermel, Mike and Karin Fullam, Harvey Ilgen, Gingrich & Associates, Paul Petrucci and Sarah Bass (In Memory of Becky Hagenbaugh). Doors open at 12:30.



# Mifflinburg welcomes Tamara's Hair Studio



MHRA recently welcomed another new business to downtown Mifflinburg. State Representative David Rowe, Union County Commissioner Jeff Reber and Mayor David Cooney were among the guests and family to welcome Tamara Collare's new studio to our community.

Tamara's Hair Studio located at 373 Chestnut is open for business! The phone number is 570-966-8759. Salon hours: Tuesday 10-6, Wednesday 9-2, Thursday 10-6, Friday 9-2, Saturday by appointment only.

# Blue Moose celebrates ribbon cutting

The Blue Moose had their official Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting last Saturday afternoon. Saxman Ravi entertained in front of the Blue Moose and guests got a tour of the renovated spaces including the restoration of the bowling alley, event and office spaces. For information renting the spaces find them on Facebook or call 570-713-4455. How about an awesome bowling birthday party?!



## 45W Opens for Business!

We welcome 45W to the corner of Chestnut and 4th Street. The fun store opened August 21st offers all types of artisan pieces - paintings, pottery, jewelry, furniture, soaps and so much more. The new store will also house a café when completed. Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday.



## Stamm House open for fall season

The Stamm House is open for the Halloween season! Kay and Guy work tirelessly to create the most unique German inspired reproductions and feather tree creations. You will be amazed at the skill and craftsmanship of each piece - no two are quite the same and all are works of art. They also have fun penny candy, cards and more for sale. They are open Fridays and Saturdays at 10 a.m. through end of October.



## Bags for Books – Coach Bag Bingo Fundraiser for Herr Library

Be ready to yell "BINGO" at the Coach Bag Bingo fundraiser for the Herr Memorial Library on Sunday, November 7. Doors open at 1 p.m. and BINGO begins at 2 p.m. This fundraiser is held at the Burkholder's Gym, 3150 New Berlin Mountain Road, Lewisburg. Get your tickets for a fun afternoon that includes 20 bingo games! Tickets are limited and available for \$25 online (beginning September 1) at <https://shopsmol.com/product/coach-bag-bingo/> or through Herr Memorial Library. Raffles for other prizes are offered at the event. Food is available to purchase at the concession stand. The proceeds generated from the event are used to assist with the expenses associated with the adult and children's programs at Herr Memorial Library. To purchase tickets or for more information visit Herr memorial Library at 500 Market Street, Mifflinburg, PA 17844 or call 570-966-0831.

## Library seeks Program Coordinator For Children and Teens

The Union County Library System is seeking a program coordinator for children and teens. This is a 30 hour a week position. Qualified person The Program Coordinator for Children and Teens will be responsible for planning and coordinating children and teen programming designed to follow the library's mission. This will include, but is not limited to the planning and implementation of The Discover Program for infants, toddlers and preschool children, and teen programming. The PCCT will also perform the duties of a Library Assistant as scheduled and needed, including on Saturday as it falls in the staffing rotation. The PCCT will assist the Director as needed. For additional qualifications and how to apply go to: <https://unioncountylibraries.org/homepage/info/employment/>