



MOUNT JOY MESSENGER

A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY!



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Spooktacular 2025

A HEARTHFELT THANK YOU TO BOROUGH MANAGER

After a distinguished career dedicated to public service, Mount Joy Borough Manager Mark G. Pugliese I will soon retire, leaving behind a legacy of professionalism, steady leadership, and a deep commitment to serving the Borough and its residents.

Mark joined Mount Joy Borough following an accomplished career in law enforcement and public administration. Bringing decades of leadership experience, operational knowledge, and a commitment to serving others,

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BOROUGH MANAGER CONTINUED...

Mark quickly became a trusted leader within the organization. His experience, thoughtful approach, and dedication to public service have guided him throughout his career and have shaped the way he has served Mount Joy Borough.

As Borough Manager, Mark has served as the Borough's chief administrative officer, working closely with Borough Council, staff, the Mount Joy Borough Authority, Mount Joy Borough Police Department, community organizations, and residents to help ensure the effective operation of municipal government. From navigating complex challenges to overseeing the many details that keep a municipality running smoothly, Mark has consistently approached each situation with professionalism, patience, and sound judgment.

One of Mark's greatest strengths as a leader has been his calm and steady presence. In a role that often requires making difficult decisions, managing competing priorities, and responding to unexpected challenges, Mark has always remained composed and focused. He has a unique ability to quietly and confidently guide staff, provide reassurance during stressful situations, and help those around him move forward with clarity and purpose.

Mark's leadership style is one built on trust, respect, and consistency. Rather than seeking the spotlight, he leads by example — listening carefully, offering thoughtful guidance, and allowing staff the opportunity to grow and succeed. His steady approach has created an environment where employees feel supported, valued, and confident in their ability to serve the community.

Beyond his leadership abilities, those who have worked with Mark appreciate his approachable nature and his ability to connect with people. Whether addressing complex issues or taking a moment to chat, Mark has always made time for others with kindness and respect. His quiet sense of humor and good-natured personality have brought moments of levity to the workplace and helped create the positive working relationships he has built throughout his time with the Borough.

Throughout his tenure with Mount Joy Borough, Mark has helped guide the organization through important projects, operational changes, and the everyday challenges of municipal government. His knowledge, experience, and willingness to share his expertise have been invaluable to Borough staff, elected officials, and community partners.

While his professional accomplishments are significant, many who have worked with Mark will remember most his character as a leader: his ability to remain calm under pressure, his thoughtful decision-making, and his genuine commitment to doing what is best for the Borough.

On behalf of the entire Mount Joy Borough team, we extend our sincere gratitude to Mark for his years of dedicated service. He has been a tremendous leader for the Borough and a valued mentor and colleague to those who have had the privilege of working alongside him.

As Mark begins this well-earned new chapter, we wish him good health, happiness, and many opportunities to enjoy time with family and friends, pursue new interests, and appreciate the rewards of a successful career in public service.

Thank you, Mark, for your leadership, your dedication, and your commitment to Mount Joy Borough. Your contributions will not be forgotten, and we wish you nothing but the best in your retirement.



Photo by: Barry Geltmacher

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER MOUNT JOY

Mount Joy Borough is pleased to share news of two recently awarded grants that will benefit both public safety services and community recreation facilities.

Expanding Access to Life-Saving Equipment

With the assistance of Senator James Malone's office, Mount Joy Borough received grant funding to purchase Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for the Municipal Complex, Mount Joy Borough Police Department, police cruisers, and Fire Department Mount Joy.

The Borough is grateful to Senator Malone and his staff for their efforts in helping secure this funding. Senator Malone visited Mount Joy this summer to participate in a check presentation recognizing the award, and the grant was also featured in a Fox43 News story. This funding will help ensure that life-saving equipment is readily available throughout the community when every second counts.

Community Collaboration Enhances Little Chiques Park

The Borough is also excited to announce grant funding for improvements to Pavilion 1 at Little Chiques Park. The project will include repairs and recladding of the pavilion, helping to preserve and improve one of the park's most popular gathering spaces.

This funding was provided through TE Connectivity's local grant program and secured on the Borough's behalf by Voyage Mount Joy. The project is a great example of what can be accomplished when local businesses, nonprofit organizations, and municipal partners work together toward a common goal.

Mount Joy Borough extends its sincere appreciation to Voyage Mount Joy for championing the project and to TE Connectivity for investing in improvements that will benefit residents and visitors alike. Their support demonstrates the positive impact that community partnerships can have on enhancing public spaces and maintaining the amenities that make Mount Joy a great place to live, work, and visit.

These grants reflect the strength of collaboration in our community. Through the support of elected officials, local organizations, and businesses, Mount Joy continues to make meaningful improvements that serve residents today and help build a stronger community for the future.

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH AUTHORITY



Fall & Winter 2026

New Website

The Authority is excited to announce that our new website is up and running.

Scan the QR code to take a look!



SCAN ME

WE ARE HIRING!!!

Open Positions Include:

- Wastewater Operator
- Water/Sewer Maintenance Technician
- Part-Time Seasonal Worker

Visit mjbapa.gov the employment page on our website for more information!

Water and Sewer Line Maintenance

Water:

- Fix leaks immediately.
- Place food dye in the toilet tank to see if it seeps into the bowl without flushing.
- Check faucets regularly.

Sewer:

- **Proper Waste Disposal:** Never flush non-flushable items or pour grease down the drain.
- **Avoid Tree Roots:** Use landscaping strategies to keep roots away from sewer lines.
- **Harsh Chemicals:** Never flush solvents and flammable liquids, acids, corrosive materials, pesticides, herbicides, oil-based products or cleaning agents.

**Drop Box is
Located at**



**the bottom of the stairs,
on the right-hand side.**

Important Notice: Updated Mailing Address & Bank Bill Pay

If you pay your bill via mail or through your bank's online Bill Pay feature, please ensure your records are updated to our new location:

**Mount Joy Borough Authority
300 Orchard Rd Suite 2
Mount Joy, PA 17552**

To avoid payment delays, please update your bank's payee address immediately and send all physical check payments to this address.

Lawn and Garden Tips

Lancaster County is currently in a Drought watch. Please refrain from watering unless absolutely necessary.

- Water flowers and bushes early morning or evening to reduce evaporation
- Use mulch around plants to retain moisture
- Choose native, drought-resistant plants
- Don't over water - check soil moisture first



**Scan the QR code
or more information**



Outdoor & Exterior Prep

- **Disconnect hoses:** Remove, drain, and store all outdoor garden hoses.
- **Drain spigots:** Shut off indoor valves leading outside and drain remaining water.
- **Cover faucets:** Install insulated foam covers over all exterior hose bibbs.
- **Blow out sprinklers:** Use compressed air to clear irrigation lines completely.

Current, Upcoming and Completed Authority Projects

- Martin Ave and Florin Ave – Water Main Replacement Project – Current
- South Market Ave – Water Main Replacement Project – Possible Fall 2026 Start
- Water Softener Refurbishment at Carmany Rd Water Treatment Plant – Current
- Industrial Waste Discharge Inspections and Surveys - Ongoing
- Water Service Line Inventory – Federal and State requirements - Ongoing
- Rapho Water Tank Rehabilitation Project – Anticipated 2026 Bid, Spring 2027

MJBA is pleased to announce the completion of the following projects. We would like to thank our customers, project engineers, and contractors for their support and efforts throughout the process of these projects and look forward to continuing to serve the community with excellent service from our existing and new locations.

Construction Department Shop Renovation Project

The improvements made throughout the project enhance building functionality, improve coordination among staff, and provide our field personnel with the resources needed to maintain reliable water and wastewater services. This investment in our workforce and facilities strengthens our ability to respond to customer needs and ensures continued service reliability for years to come.



New Construction Department Building

Dystor Gas Holding Restoration Project

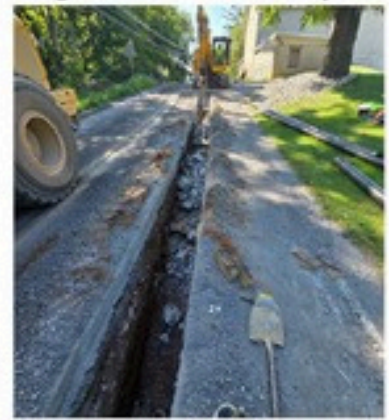
This important project included upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant gas handling and gas storage equipment, which are essential components in the wastewater treatment process. The production, storage, and use of digester gas helps to minimize treatment costs while ensuring continued compliance with all applicable state and federal environmental regulations. These improvements enhance the reliability and efficiency of the Authority's wastewater operations and support its commitment to providing cost-effective and reliable service to the community. The Authority was fortunate to receive grant funding that helped offset a portion of the project's overall cost, reducing the financial impact on ratepayers while allowing for critical infrastructure improvements that will benefit the wastewater system for years to come.



Dystor

We appreciate your patience & cooperation as we continue to upgrade our water & wastewater infrastructures.

Fairview St Water Main Replacement Project



MJBA is pleased to announce that we have received favorable bid pricing and awarded contract to Doli Construction for the Fairview St Water Main Replacement Project. Construction is anticipated to begin late June and will include the replacement of approximately 2,400' of water main, 75' of jack-and-bore installation across the existing railroad tracks, installation of new fire hydrants, and reconnection of all existing water services. These improvements will enhance system reliability and fire protection for the community. During construction, Fairview St will be closed to through traffic, with local access maintained whenever possible. Residents should plan alternate routes and expect temporary traffic disruptions. Brief water service interruptions may be necessary during service reconnections, and affected customers will be notified in advance whenever possible. The Authority was fortunate to secure grant funding to offset a portion of the project cost, helping reduce the financial impact on our customers.



CELEBRATING DENNIS NISSLEY'S RETIREMENT

After more than 12 years of dedicated service to Mount Joy Borough, Public Works Director Dennis Nissley is retiring from his position with the Borough. Dennis began his career with the Borough on July 14, 2014, bringing with him a wealth of experience and a strong work ethic shaped by a lifetime of working with his hands and serving his community.

Before joining the Borough, Dennis spent 20 years as a job supervisor with Restore & Moore. Prior to that, he worked for Hill Street Construction and was self-employed in farming and construction. That practical experience has served him well throughout his career with Mount Joy.

Ask those who have worked with Dennis to describe him, and a few words come up again and again: honest, caring and humble.

Crew Leader Jake Houck describes Dennis as a fair and caring boss who looks out for his crew. His dedication and strong work ethic have made him someone his coworkers

can rely on, particularly when they need guidance. Jake also credits Dennis with giving him opportunities to take on new responsibilities and attend meetings, helping him grow in his role and better understand how the Borough operates.

For Parks Supervisor Barry Geltmacher, some of the things he will miss most are the simple moments—especially their morning conversations. Barry describes Dennis as “as honest of a guy as you will meet” and says Dennis has a great heart that has rubbed off on the people around him.

Dennis's easy-going nature and upbeat sense of humor have helped create a strong, cohesive team—one he can be proud to have helped build. His coworkers point to his leadership, dedication and willingness to be there when people need guidance as some of his greatest contributions to the Borough.

Retirement will hopefully give Dennis more time to enjoy the things that matter most to him—spending time with his wife, their adult children and their families, getting outdoors, staying active and enjoying time at the family cabin in the mountains. He has also spent time serving others through local mission work with his church, another commitment that reflects his caring and community-minded nature.

As Dennis begins this next chapter, his coworkers have just one piece of advice: “Keep moving, and don't forget to stop and see us.”

Congratulations on your retirement, Dennis! Thank you for the years of leadership, hard work and good humor you have given to Mount Joy. You will be greatly missed!



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Get to Know

YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Meet some of the people who help lead our community! Get to know a few of Mount Joy Borough's elected officials and learn a little more about the people behind the roles they serve.



BILL HALL
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Bill's most unusual job was driving a group of out-of-state firefighters on a brewery tour as the designated driver.



PHILIP KARK
COUNCILMAN

In addition to running 5Ks, Phil enjoys making homemade Kombucha and cheese!



BRIAN YOUNGERMAN
COUNCILMAN

Brian's favorite Mount Joy event is the Spooktacular. You can find him handing out candy downtown each year.



ZACK HOLLCRAFT
COUNCILMAN

A meal at Harvey's BBQ "sealed the deal" for Zack and his wife when they moved to Mount Joy!

Keep an eye on the Borough's Facebook page for more fun facts, introductions and updates featuring your elected officials!



Staying Safe, Informed & Neighborly

Our Police Department plays an important role in helping keep Mount Joy a safe and welcoming community. In this edition, our officers are sharing a few timely reminders to help residents stay informed and make safe choices—whether you're behind the wheel, walking or biking around town, or simply enjoying your neighborhood. Take a moment to read these helpful updates from Sgt. Drexel and Sgt. Reed, and thank you for doing your part to keep Mount Joy safe for everyone.

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT REMINDS MOTORISTS ABOUT PAUL MILLER'S LAW

The Mount Joy Borough Police Department is reminding all motorists that Pennsylvania's new Paul Miller's Law is now in effect and will be actively enforced throughout the Borough.

The law prohibits drivers from using interactive mobile devices like cellphones while operating a motor vehicle. This includes holding or supporting a device to make calls, send or read text messages, browse the internet, use social media, watch videos, or perform any other function that requires physically handling the device while driving.

The legislation was enacted to reduce distracted driving and improve safety for everyone traveling on Pennsylvania roadways. According to PennDOT in 2023, there were 11,262 crashes involving a distracted driver in Pennsylvania, resulting in 65 fatalities and 409 serious injuries.

Beginning immediately, officers with the Mount Joy Borough Police Department will enforce the provisions of the Paul Miller Law. Drivers are encouraged to prepare before getting behind the wheel by programming GPS destinations, selecting music, and enabling hands-free features before beginning their trip. If it becomes necessary to use a handheld device while driving, motorists should safely pull over to a legal parking location before doing so.

"Our goal is to educate the public and promote safer driving habits," Sergeant Scott Drexel said. "Compliance with the Paul Miller's Law helps protect drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and everyone sharing our roadways."

The Mount Joy Borough Police Department encourages all motorists to eliminate distractions, keep their focus on the road, and help make Pennsylvania's highways and local streets safer for everyone. For more information about Pennsylvania's distracted driving laws, visit the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) website. <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pennDOT/traveling-in-pa/safety/traffic-safety-driver-topics/distracted-driving>.

Drive responsibly. Stay focused. Arrive safely.

GOOD TO KNOW: BOROUGH ORDINANCES

A quick reminder for Mount Joy Borough Residents: Borough ordinances help keep our streets, neighborhoods and public spaces safe and enjoyable for everyone.



Parking: Follow posted restrictions, do not block driveways and emergency access, and observe the two-hour Borough parking limits on Main Street. Parking of boats, trailers, and campers more than 11,000 lbs. is prohibited on all streets.



Pedalcycles & E-Bikes: Ride safely, obey traffic rules, yield to pedestrians, and follow Borough restrictions on sidewalks. No bikes or scooters are permitted on any sidewalk along Main Street, specifically in the Business District.



Noise: Please be considerate of neighbors, particularly during nighttime hours (10:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.). The noise ordinance is also enforced during daytime hours.



Curfew: Parents and guardians should be familiar with Mount Joy Borough's curfew requirements for minors and the ordinance's listed exceptions. (10:00 p.m. for minors 11 or less years of age; 10:30 p.m. for minors 12 or 13 years of age; and 11:00 p.m. for minors 14 or more years of age).



Animals: Owners of dogs shall have the dog always leashed on the street or in public areas. Dogs are not permitted to bark more than 15 minutes continuously or 30 minutes intermittently. Dog owners may be cited by the police department upon the third capture of their dog running at large.

These are brief reminders—not a substitute for the complete ordinances. **For current regulations and details, visit the Mount Joy Borough Code of Ordinances on the Borough website. You can also access some of the Borough Codes on the Mount Joy Borough Police Department Crimewatch Page, under the Resources tab.**





Take a simple first step toward a more comfortable, energy-efficient home with UGI Save Smart Home Energy Upgrades.

Homeowners can take advantage of a \$50 home energy assessment through the UGI Save Smart Home Energy Upgrades Program, completed by a program-approved and vetted contractor.

You'll receive a detailed report of your home's energy performance and recommended upgrades like air sealing and insulation to help you save money and add comfort, all year long.

The assessment not only includes a professional evaluation, but also a Free DIY energy-savings kit that comes complete with:

- ENERGY STAR® certified smart thermostat*
- Low-flow showerhead
- Kitchen sink aerator
- Bathroom sink aerator
- Carbon Monoxide Detector
- Tank temperature turn-down

Homeowners who proceed with air sealing or insulation upgrades may qualify for up to \$2,500 in rebates.

Schedule your energy assessment today!



STAY WARM, STAY SAFE THIS WINTER

As temperatures drop and heating systems work harder to keep our homes comfortable, it's important to remember a few simple safety precautions that can help prevent accidents and keep your family safe all winter long.

One of the best things homeowners can do is ensure that heating appliances are properly maintained. Gas heaters, electric blankets, and other heating devices should be inspected regularly and used according to the manufacturer's instructions. Gas heaters should be serviced by a licensed professional every two years to help prevent dangerous carbon monoxide buildup.

If you use an un-flued gas heater, make sure the room is well ventilated. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that can be difficult to detect and may cause serious illness. Symptoms can include headaches, dizziness, nausea, and confusion. If you suspect carbon monoxide exposure, seek medical attention immediately.

When using portable heaters, remember to keep them at least three feet away from curtains, bedding, furniture, and other flammable materials. Never leave a heater running unattended or while you are sleeping.

Hot water bottles and electric blankets can provide extra comfort on cold nights, but they should be used carefully. Fill hot water bottles with hot tap water rather than boiling water and always use a protective cover to prevent burns. Electric blankets should be checked regularly for frayed cords, damaged wiring, or signs of wear.

Fire safety should also be a priority during the winter months. Test smoke alarms regularly, review your family's fire escape plan, and make sure everyone knows what to do in an emergency. Keeping a fire extinguisher and fire blanket readily available in the kitchen is another smart safety measure.

By taking a few simple precautions, you can enjoy a warm, comfortable, and safe winter season.

5 Ways to Stay Safe This Winter

- 🔥 Maintain heating equipment
- 💨 Ventilate rooms when using gas heaters
- 📏 Keep heaters 3 feet from flammable materials
- 🚒 Test smoke alarms and review your escape plan
- ⚠️ Watch for signs of carbon monoxide poisoning



A few simple precautions can help keep your home warm, safe, and comfortable all winter long.

MOUNT JOY *Borough* PARKS



Dress for the Weather



- Moisture-wicking base layer
- Warm middle layer
- Wind/water resistant outer layer
- Comfortable shoes

What To Look For



- Birds-fewer leaves make birds easier to spot
- Native plants & berries
- Wildlife such as deer & foxes
- Animal tracks



Benefits of Cooler Months

- Comfortable temperatures
- Lower humidity
- Fewer bugs & ticks
- Peaceful trails, fewer crowds
- Beautiful seasonal scenery

- 1 Borough Park & Kids Joyland**
301 Manheim Street
Community park with walking path, open fields, playground
- 2 Little Chiques Park**
229 Park Avenue
Scenic creek side park with walking trails, fishing, wildlife viewing
- 3 The Lakes Park**
275 Lakeside Crossing
Offers tennis and pickleball courts, basketball and paved path
- 4 Memorial Park**
101 Marietta Avenue
Green space for quiet reflection
- 5 Westview Park**
650 School Lane
Convenient for a quick walk or play time
- 6 Grandview Park**
300 Orchard Road
Home to baseball and youth soccer fields with open space and shade trees
- 7 Florin Park**
151 North Plum Street
Small neighborhood park, great for playing catch with family or pets
- 8 Donegal Springs Road Park**
363 Donegal Springs Road
Peaceful place for quiet read or a picnic
- 9 Old Standby Park**
223 West Main Street
Includes beautiful landscaping and a spot to rest while exploring the town

SHOUT OUT TO PARKS DEPARTMENT

We're always happy to see our parks being used to support programs that benefit local youth! This summer, the Mount Joy Parks & Recreation Department helped the Donegal Youth Basketball program prepare for its summer activities at West View Park by cleaning up the basketball courts and adding new nets. We're pleased to share the following note of appreciation from Morgan Hummer of Donegal Youth Basketball:

"Dear Mount Joy Parks and Recreation Department,

Thank you for providing the opportunity to use the basketball courts at West View Park this summer.

Thanks to your support, the Donegal Youth Basketball program successfully hosted open courts for boys and girls in 4th through 6th grade. The program allowed the children to stay active, develop their skills, and have fun over the summer. We were even able to host a scrimmage against Manheim Central for the 4th-grade girls team.

The summer was a great success, and we hope to continue this tradition next year. Thank you again for your support. Attached are some pictures!

*Best regards,
Morgan Hummer"*



HOMETOWN HERO BANNERS

The Mount Joy Hometown Hero Banner Program, coordinated by Mount Joy VFW Post 5752, offers families a meaningful way to recognize local veterans and active-duty service members for their dedication and sacrifice. The banners are proudly displayed throughout the community as a lasting tribute to those who have served our country.

Mount Joy VFW Post 5752 is committed to honoring veterans, supporting fellow service members, and serving the local community through a variety of programs and events. The Post is proud to oversee the Hometown Hero Banner Program and welcomes new participants.

The cost for a new banner is \$300, while replacement banners are \$125. For more information or to request an application, contact Mount Joy VFW Post 5752 at mountjoyvfw@gmail.com or 717-725-0247.



Photo: Heather Groff

ROTARY CLUB UNVEILS MALMEDY MEMORIAL



Photo: Dave Christian

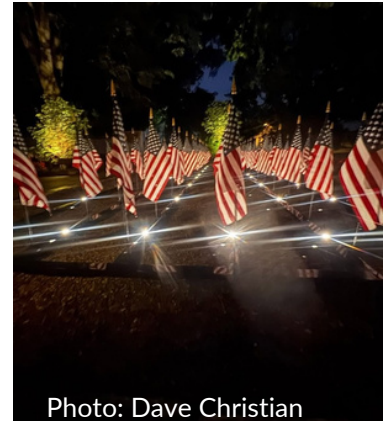


Photo: Dave Christian

A remarkable new memorial now stands in Mount Joy's Memorial Park, serving as both a tribute to history and a reflection of the community spirit that made it possible. Dedicated on Flag Day, the Malmedy Massacre Memorial honors the 87 American prisoners of war who lost their lives during the Malmedy Massacre in Belgium on December 17, 1944, while also paying tribute to all who have served—and will serve—our nation.

The memorial is the result of a true community effort. The Mount Joy Rotary Club spearheaded the project, bringing together local businesses, organizations, veterans, and individual donors who shared a common goal: creating a lasting place of remembrance and gratitude. Thanks to their generosity and dedication, Mount Joy now has a meaningful landmark that will educate future generations while honoring the sacrifices of our nation's heroes.

In June, Congressman Lloyd Smucker visited Memorial Park to view the completed project and recognize the extraordinary partnership that brought the vision to life. His visit underscored the significance of preserving the stories of those who served and the important role communities like Mount Joy play in keeping those stories alive.

While the memorial remembers the 87 soldiers whose lives were taken at Malmedy, its purpose reaches beyond a single event in history. It stands as a place where families, veterans, and visitors can pause to reflect on the sacrifices made by all members of our Armed Forces. It is a source of pride for Mount Joy and a lasting reminder that, as a community, we will never forget those who have defended the freedoms we enjoy today.



Share Your Mount Joy Moments

Tag [@MountJoyBorough](#) on your Facebook photos — your shared photos may be featured in an upcoming newsletter!



TRASH, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE



CARDBOARD RECYCLING DUMPSTERS

Please be aware, Mount Joy Borough now has **one** cardboard ONLY recycling dumpster **in the parking lot of Little Chiques Park** on Park Avenue. There is a slot in the dumpster that you can slide the cardboard through. If anyone has questions or comments, please call the Borough Office.

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, PUBLIC & MULTI-FAMILY RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS

Pennsylvania's Act 101 and Mount Joy Borough's Ordinance 487 requires all commercial, industrial, public (schools), community events and multi-family units to recycle. Act 101 also requires municipalities and counties to track and report "post-consumer" recyclables that have been collected and marketed such as clear & colored glass, aluminum, steel & bimetallic cans, corrugated cardboard, plastic, yard waste, leaves, tires and white goods.

Option one is to have your materials collected curbside by Mount Joy Borough's licensed hauler. You would pay a semi-annual bill directly to the Borough for refuse and recycling collection.

Option two is to opt out of the Borough's collection program and contract with a private hauler. Annual proof of collection is required with this option via an Annual Recycling Report that is mailed each January.

TRASH COLLECTION PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES

Collection can begin as early as 5 a.m. on your assigned pickup day. Basic service includes three 32-gallon refuse bags/cans. Each bag/can is limited to 30 lbs. Customers are asked to place trash/recycling containers at your pickup site the evening before your assigned day and should be removed promptly after 6 p.m. If your trash is missed, please do not remove it from your pickup site. Call the Borough office before 11 a.m. the next day at (717)-653-2300 and arrangements will be made to have it picked up.

Special Tags

- **Orange (extra bag tag) \$3 each:** for additional 32-gallon bags or cans, not weighing more than 30 lbs. each; unlimited weekly
- **Red (oversized items) \$5 each:** for refuse that will not fit into refuse containers; ex. small furniture, carpet, etc.; limit two per week
- **Kraft bags (yard waste excluding grass) \$0.50 each:** for woody waste only, shall not weigh more than 30 lbs.

2026/2027 TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION CALENDAR

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Woody Waste Collection White Goods & Tire Collection Christmas Tree Collection

LEAF AND CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Leaf Collection:
November 2nd
thru December 11th



Christmas Tree Collection:
January 4th
thru January 6th

Place your tree curbside on your regular trash collection day. Make sure your tree is free of any ornaments or decorations and do NOT put it in a bag.

WHITE GOODS & TIRE COLLECTION

October 26, 27, 28

- **White Goods - \$12:** refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves, air conditioners, dishwashers, freezers, hot water heaters, dehumidifiers, furnaces, microwaves, treadmills, etc.
- **Tires - \$5:** may be on or off the rim

Residents are asked to place these items at their regular trash collection site the evening before pickup. A special tag must be placed on each item to be disposed of. Tags may be purchased at the Borough Office, M-F, 7 AM–4 PM, or at the Milanof-Schock Library, 1184 Anderson Ferry Road, during their hours of operation. Tags **MUST** be purchased no later than 2 PM the day before your collection.

All items MUST be tagged for collection!

COMPOST SITE



SITE ACCESS

The Mount Joy Borough/East Donegal Township Compost Site is available to residents of both municipalities. Access to the facility will allow residents to drop off yard waste and woody waste and load up quality mulch and compost material. To gain access to the site, stop by the Mount Joy Borough Office to purchase a key fob. This site is available dawn to dusk, 365 days a year.

DIRECTIONS



From East Main Street:



Turn **RIGHT** onto South Barbara Street



Turn **LEFT** onto East Donegal Street



Turn **RIGHT** onto South Jacob Street



Follow South Jacob Street until you can go no further.



ARRIVE at the Compost Facility

MOUNT JOY BORO/EAST DONEGAL TOWNSHIP FACILITY REGULATIONS:

- The site accepts yard waste materials (sticks, branches, etc.).
- The following items will not be accepted: grass clippings, tree branches/trunks over 12 in diameter and/or over 8' in length, tree stumps, construction/demolition waste (boards, etc.).
- Yard waste is not required to be bagged, but if you prefer to do so, Kraft Bags can be purchased at the Borough Office at 21 East Main Street, Mount Joy, or at the Milanof-Schock Library, 1184 Anderson Ferry Road, Mount Joy.

COMPOST SITE EXPANSION

Good news—the Mount Joy Borough/East Donegal Township Compost Site is growing! An approximately one-acre expansion will provide much-needed space to process the increasing amount of yard and woody waste brought to the facility. The additional space will allow for more efficient compost and mulch processing and help keep organic materials out of the landfill.



Site plan courtesy of RETTEW

2026 Events

Spooktacular
October 23

Visit with Santa
December 12

2027 Events

Mount Joy Minnie's Groundhog Day Event
February 2

Find details about these events and more at mountjoychamber.com

Events are made possible by the members of the Mount Joy Area Chamber of Commerce.

Shop Local

When you shop local, you're not just making a purchase—you're investing in your community! Visit mountjoychamber.com to explore local businesses and what they have to offer.

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SAVE THE DATE

Mount Joy

OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

	NOVEMBER 26	Thanksgiving
	NOVEMBER 27	Thanksgiving
	DECEMBER 25	Christmas Day
	JANUARY 1	New Year's Day

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MOUNT JOY

	SEPT 26	Plein Air Quick Draw presented by the Mount Joy Area Historical Society
	OCT 24	Spooktacular presented by the Mount Joy Area Chamber of Commerce
	NOV 28	Small Business Saturday
	DEC 5	Winterfest

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

HELP KEEP MOUNT JOY SAFE THIS WINTER



Clear sidewalks within 24 hours of snowfall ending.



Maintain a clear path at least 3 feet wide.



Clear snow and ice from fire hydrants



Remove dangerous snow and ice from roofs and structures



Do not shovel or deposit snow into streets, sidewalks, or onto fire hydrants



ZONING DEPARTMENT

717-653-2300

zoning@mountjoypa.org

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 7 A.M. – 4 P.M.



DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU

EXTENSION CORD &
APPLIANCES:
A Fire Safety Reminder

- 1 Always plug appliances directly into an outlet** Major appliances (i.e., refrigerators, air fryers, space heaters, toasters, etc.) should always be plugged directly into an outlet
- 2 Never "daisy chain" cords** Never plug one extension cord into another or into a power strip as this can cause overheating and lead to fire
- 3 Small electronics only** Only use power strips and extension cords for small electronics such as lamps, phones, computers, etc.

Bottom line:

- ⊘ Never use extension cords or power strips with appliances.
- ✓ Plug appliances directly into a wall outlet.
- 🔥 When in doubt, prioritize safety—especially with heating and cooking devices.

Staying mindful of how we power our homes helps keep everyone safe.



OUR COMMUNITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE!



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sponsored by community businesses & members

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DONEGAL FOUNDATION,
FRIENDS OF DONEGAL &
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

ASHARA-CASIPHIA LODGE NO. 551 &
FIRE DEPARTMENT MOUNT JOY
STATION 72
COLLECTED
358 LBS
OF FOOD FOR THE
MOUNT JOY FOOD BANK!

MOUNT JOY
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OF COMMERCE**

SOLD OVER
1,000
BBQ Chickens!
TO RAISE MONEY FOR
4 SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR 2027 STUDENTS!

WE WANT TO HELP CELEBRATE COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS!



If your organization has had a successful fundraiser that gives back to the community, **SEND THE INFO TO**

rstebbins@mountjoypa.org



Rechargeable Batteries are Causing Fires.

KEEP ALL BATTERIES OUT OF THE TRASH AND RECYCLING BINS!

We need the community's help! Rechargeable batteries containing metals such as lithium and nickel, can spark and explode when damaged. Fires in garbage trucks and processing facilities are on the rise. Help protect our employees, garbage collectors, property, and community.

Rechargeable batteries are found in many common household items including:

- Power Tools
- Toys
- Cellphones
- Laptops
- Watches
- Remote Controls
- Gaming Devices
- Electric Toothbrushes
- E-cigarettes and Vape Devices



Here's what to do:

- **Alkaline Batteries (single-use: AA, AAA, C, D):** Collect in a storage bag. Once full, time for disposal. Although not a fire risk, LCSWMA will properly dispose of alkaline batteries.
- **Rechargeable Batteries:** Don't store end-of-life batteries. Dispose of immediately.

FREE, Proper Disposal: LANCASTER COUNTY RESIDENTS:

- Bring batteries and cellphones to LCSWMA's QUICK, CONVENIENT, DRIVE-THRU Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA, 17603, Mon—Fri, 7 AM—4 PM; Sat, 7—11 AM.
- Ask your trash collector if they take filled battery bags. If so, place on curb **BESIDE** trash. Bags are brought to LCSWMA.

To find battery drop-off locations near you, visit www.SafeBatteryDisposal.com. Participating retail collection points include: Home Depot, Lowes & Staples

Specialty Batteries:

- **E-bike Batteries:** Contact retailer or manufacturer for safe battery disposal options. Need assistance? Call LCSWMA at 717-397-9968.
- **Electric Vehicle Batteries:** Contact local automotive store or dealership for safe battery disposal options.

Remember to keep all batteries out of the trash and recycling!
For more information, visit www.SafeBatteryDisposal.com





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Just Gettin' by
World**



**Donegal
Community
Gardens**



**Donegal Power
Packs**

Community Programs & Opportunities

UNUSED MEDICINE DISPOSAL



CVS Pharmacy provided us with a drop box for unwanted medication. The box is located inside the Police Department. **Unwanted medications are accepted Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Police Department window.** All medications must be in a sealed clear plastic baggie.

- Medications **MUST** be dumped out of the original prescription bottle & put in a baggie.
- They may be mixed together with other medications.
- **NO** liquids, ointments, or creams. Pills & Capsules **ONLY**.
- **DO NOT** put prescriptions in the Borough Over Night Drop Box.
- Pills & Capsules in foil packs **MUST** be removed from the packets.

MOUNT JOY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



THIS FALL AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Join us at the Cemetery Road Schoolhouse, 120 Fairview Street. Programs are held the third Monday of each month and are free and open to the public. Refreshments and museum tours follow.

SEPTEMBER 21 * 7 P.M.

Lincoln's Funeral Train in Pennsylvania

Award-winning Civil War author Scott Mingus traces Lincoln's funeral train through Pennsylvania in April 1865.

OCTOBER 19 * 7 P.M.

Antique Phonographs & Recorded Sound

Local collectors Shawn Patrick and Nick Sieber explore the history of recorded sound and demonstrate antique phonographs.

NOVEMBER 16 * 7 P.M.

A Solder's Life: The Doughboy

Michael Jesberger, Mr. U.S. History, explores the American soldier and the home front during World War I.



FALL & WINTER at the Library



YOUTH & FAMILY

FALL & WINTER READING CHALLENGES
Challenge yourself to read, explore, and earn prizes!

DONEGAL STUDENT ART SHOW
January

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS
The Library offers a variety of programming for Families and Children.
Visit our website and social media pages for details!

ADULT PROGRAMS

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

	GAME NIGHT	1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 5:00 PM
	CLOSELY KNIT	2nd & 4th Mondays at 1:00 PM
	BOOK BINGO	3rd Wednesday at 2:00 PM
	EASY WRITER WRITING GROUP	3rd Wednesday at 6:30 PM
	LIT LOVERS BOOK DISCUSSION	4th Tuesday at 6:30 PM* *Except December
	QUILT STUDY	2nd Wednesday at 12:30 PM Every other month

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

FRIENDS GROUP MEETINGS
2nd Monday monthly at 6:30 PM
Friends are always looking for new members!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NATIONAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK
October 18-24

PUMPKIN PANDEMONIUM
October 2026
See website for details!

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE
Tues, Nov. 3

SANTA VISIT
Sat, Dec. 12

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Closing at 2 PM
Wed, November 25

Closed
Thurs, November 26

Closed
Thurs, December 24

Closed
Thurs, December 31

Closed for
Martin Luther King Day
Mon, Jan 18, 2027

Closed for
President's Day
Mon, Feb 15, 2027

LIBRARY HOURS

M-TH 10 AM – 8 PM
SAT 9 AM – 4 PM

CLOSED FRIDAYS & SUNDAYS

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- Hershey HVAC & Plumbing
- Tyler Parmer, State Farm
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WATCH MEETINGS

Links to watch Council and Committee meetings



WEATHER UPDATES

Timely updates to keep you informed of severe weather



EVENT INFORMATION

Find out about events happening around Mount Joy



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Q DOWNSIZING

"I've lived in my home for 30 years. Where do I even start with downsizing?"

Start with a conversation, not a moving truck. A realistic look at what your home is worth today, which updates (if any) are worth the cost, and a timeline built around your life — not the calendar. Downsizing can be **overwhelming**, let me help you put a plan together that makes sense for you, and your unique situation.

Q RELOCATING TO PA

"We're moving to Lancaster County from out of state. What should we know before we start looking?"

Having relocated myself several times, I know firsthand what the move really involves — not just the house, but the logistics and timing around it. Lean on someone who understands the **intricacies of relocating**. Whether you're looking at an existing home, new construction, or something in between, I can help make your transition a smooth one.

Q LUXURY & CUSTOM HOMES

"How is selling a higher-end or custom home different from a typical listing?"

Buyers at this level do more homework and expect more from the presentation — professional photography, honest comps from truly comparable properties, and marketing that reaches beyond the usual listing sites. Each property requires a **unique plan** — a "cookie-cutter" plan won't do. Let me work with you to create a unique plan for your property.

Q NEW CONSTRUCTION

"We're considering new construction. Do we need our own agent, or can we just work with the builder's rep?"

The builder's representative works for the builder. Having your **own agent** means someone who is working for you, not the builder. Let me represent you through all phases of the construction process.

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HAVE A QUESTION OF YOUR OWN, SCAN THE QR CODE TO EMAIL ME.

I'm happy to talk it through — no pressure, no obligation. Just a straight answer from a straight shooter. I'm not here to tell you what you WANT to hear, I'm here to tell you what you NEED to hear.

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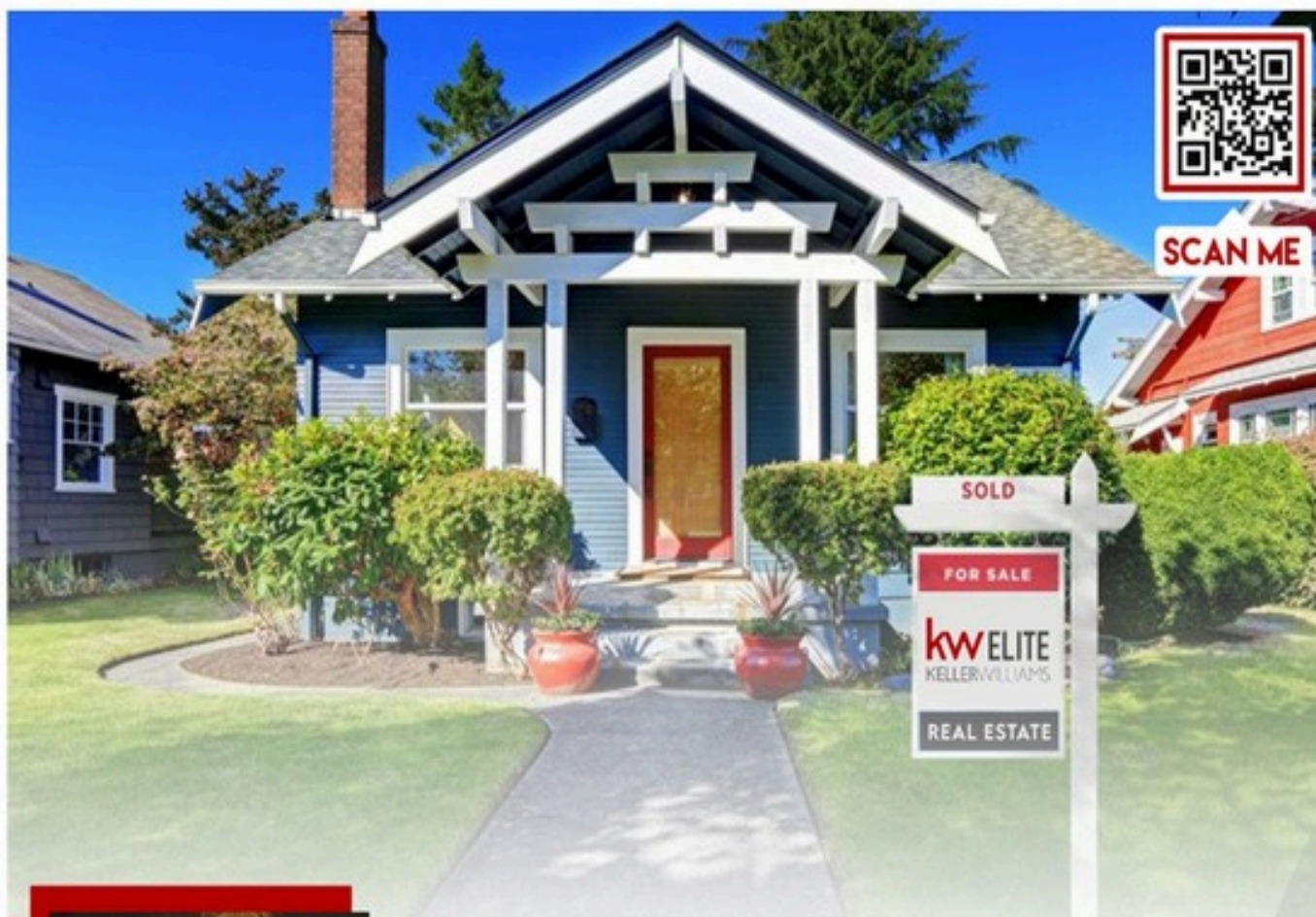
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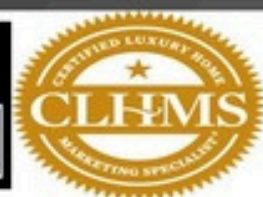
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- ✓ Collecting used eyeglasses
- ✓ Recycled benches made from plastic bags we collect
- ✓ Taste of Mount Joy Cruisin' Cuisine Car Show

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Saturday, October 3 | Hot Dog Sale
10AM-2PM at Ace Hardware/Hostetter's

Friday, October 23 | Spooktacular
5-8PM on Main Street, Mount Joy
Come meet the lion!

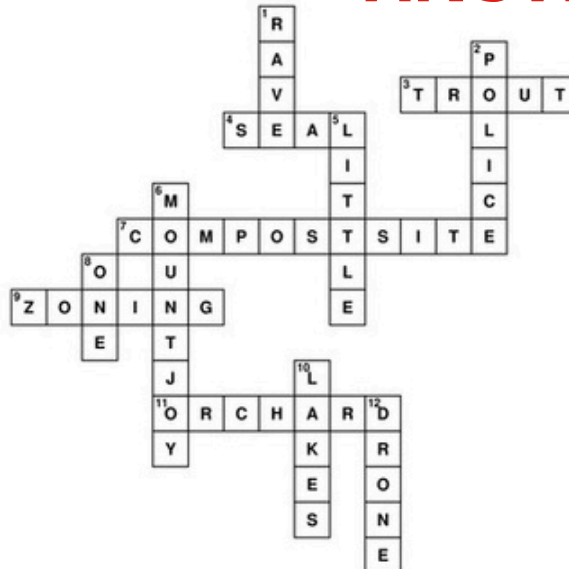
Saturday, November 14 | Pancake Breakfast
7-10AM at Trinity Lutheran Church
47 W. Main Street, Mount Joy

Membership in our Club is open to anyone interested in serving our community! We meet first and third Tuesdays every month. Email mountjoylions2@gmail.com or join our Facebook page Mount Joy PA Lions Club.



Mount Joy Messenger Crossword Puzzle

ANSWERS



Across

- [3] Fish stocked for anglers
[4] Street preservation method: _____ coating
[7] Where residents can drop yard waste
[9] Permit required when demolishing a structure
[11] Road for new municipal complex

Down

- [1] Sign up to receive emergency alerts
[2] Department to register bikes
[5] DCNR grant park: _____ Chiques Park
[6] The Good Ship _____
[8] Number of cardboard recycling dumpsters
[10] Park at 275 Lakeside Crossing
[12] Anniversary celebration will include this show

Borough of Mount Joy
300 Orchard Road, Suite 1
Mount Joy, PA 17552

MEETING SCHEDULE

(All meetings are open to the public.)

- Borough Council meets the 1st Monday @ 7 PM; Except September 14th; Except November 2nd @ 6 PM.
- Borough Authority meets the 3rd Tuesday @ 4 PM; Except Wednesday, May 20th.
- Borough Planning Commission meets the 2nd Wednesday @ 6:30 PM.
- Public Works Committee meets the 2nd Monday @ 6:30 PM; Except September 21st.
- Admin/Finance Committee meets the 4th Thursday @ 6:30 PM; Except November 19th and December 17th.
- Public Safety Committee meets the 4th Monday @ 6:30 PM; Except May 18th.
- Zoning Hearing Board meets the 4th Wednesday @ 7 PM; Except November 18th and December 16th.
- Borough Authority Finance Committee meets March 4th, March 25th, and July 8th @ 10 AM.
- Borough Authority Admin. Committee meets June 23rd @ 10 AM.
- Civil Service Commission meets the 4th Monday, as needed @ 5:30 PM; Except May 18th.
- Borough Council Budget meets on November 5th, 10th & 12th @ 6:30 PM.
- Borough Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meets the 4th Tuesday @ 6:30 PM.

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