



MOUNT JOY MESSENGER

A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY!



Photo by: Ken Newcomer
Little Chiques Park

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX NEARS COMPLETION

Construction of Mount Joy Borough's new Municipal Complex continues to move steadily forward, with substantial completion anticipated around March 22.

At that stage, the building will be considered fully operational, and contractors will shift their focus to completing the project's punch list – a standard process that addresses final adjustments and finishing details before full occupancy.

Exterior work is expected to be largely complete in early March, with only minor finishing touches remaining as this newsletter reaches mailboxes.

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MUNICIPAL COMPLEX CONTINUED...



Planning is already underway for the transition into the new space. Furniture delivery and installation are tentatively scheduled for the week of April 20, with staff relocation targeted for around May 1. Borough officials are carefully coordinating the move to ensure that public services remain uninterrupted throughout the transition.

Residents will have an opportunity to tour the completed facility during an Open House scheduled for June 27 as part of Mount Joy's 175th Anniversary Celebration. Additional details about the event can be found on page 26 of this newsletter.

The new Municipal Complex represents a significant milestone for the Borough and will soon begin serving residents from its modern, updated space.

2026 Events

Music in Memorial Park
July 26, August 2, August 9

Annual Chicken BBQ
August 15

Community & Business Expo
September 17

Spooktacular
October 23

Visit with Santa
December 12

Find details about these events and more at mountjoychamber.com

These 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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62 East Main Street, Suite 1, Mount Joy
717-653-0773 | info@mountjoychamber.com

April 18th
8 a.m. to noon

ROTARY
CLEAN UP
Day

Come one, come all and bring your garden tools and a wheelbarrow. This is a light rain or shine event.
SEE YOU THERE...





GRANTS FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The Borough is pleased to announce that we have received two grant awards that will support important improvements to our parks and pedestrian infrastructure. These projects reflect community input and will enhance safety, accessibility, and recreation throughout Mount Joy.

Little Chiques Park Development – Phase 1

The Borough was awarded a DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) grant to support Phase 1 of planned improvements at Little Chiques Park.

This project will focus on improving accessibility and usability of the park by adding a new ADA-compliant paved pathway, making parking safer and more accessible, and introducing new recreational areas and public restrooms. Stormwater management and environmental enhancements will also be included. These improvements will lay the groundwork for future park upgrades and help transform Little Chiques Park into a more welcoming space for residents of all ages and abilities.

Mount Joy Borough Safety Enhancement Project – Phase 2

The Borough also received funding through the Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) administered by the Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED).

This project will improve pedestrian safety and connectivity throughout the community, particularly near Borough Park and along Main Street. Planned improvements include traffic-calming measures, high-visibility crosswalks, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and enhanced pedestrian crossing features at multiple intersections. These upgrades will help make walking safer and more comfortable for residents and visitors.

Together, these grant awards represent a significant investment in Mount Joy's public spaces and transportation network. The Borough looks forward to sharing updates as these projects move forward.

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH AUTHORITY

WATER AND SEWER

Infrastructure Improvements

Water Main Replacement Projects

Construction has officially begun on the Fairview Street and Martin Avenue water main replacement projects.

Fairview Street work includes the installation of approximately 2,400 feet of new water main, a 75-foot jack and bore under the Norfolk Southern Railroad, the addition of new fire hydrants.

The Authority was fortunate to secure grant funding to cover a portion of the project costs, helping to reduce the financial impact on our community. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we complete these important improvements to our water system.

Martin Avenue project involves replacement of the existing 6-inch cast iron water main with a new 8-inch ductile iron water main. The area involved is on Martin Avenue from the dead-end near Glenn Ave. and continuing east past the intersection of Sunset Ave.

Also included in this project, is Florin Avenue from the intersection of Donegal Springs Rd. and continuing south past the intersection of Martin Ave.



The scope of the project includes the installation of approximately 1,500 feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main, replacing an existing fire hydrant, installing two (2) new fire hydrants and the reconnection of all water services.

During construction of both these projects, roads will be closed to through traffic. Local access will be provided when possible, and we encourage motorists to plan alternate routes. Residents may experience temporary water service interruptions and brief access limitations as work progresses.



Important Changes at MJBA

MJBA is pleased to announce several updates designed to improve service, communication, and operational efficiency.

New Logo

Our updated logo reflects a modern, forward-looking Authority while maintaining our commitment to dependable public service.

New Website – Launching Spring 2026

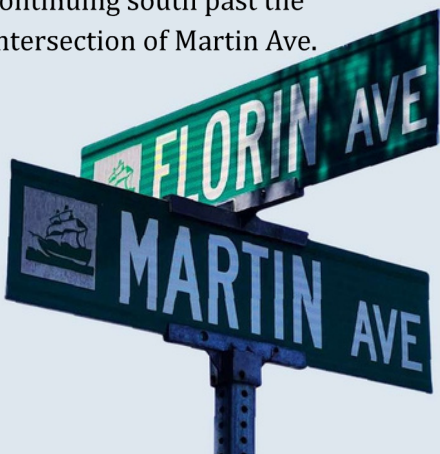
The new website will offer:

- Improved navigation
- Easier access to bill payment
- Project updates
- News and emergency information
- Enhanced mobile compatibility

Relocation to the New Municipal Services Complex

MJBA administration operations will relocate to the new Municipal Services Complex in Spring 2026. This move will centralize municipal services, improve accessibility, and enhance coordination across departments.

More details about the move will be shared as the transition date approaches.



Shop Renovation Project

134 N. Market Avenue (Former Florin Fire House)

The MJBA is excited to announce a Building Rehabilitation Project at 134 N. Market Avenue, the former Florin Fire House, which is currently being transformed into a modern and efficient workspace for our Construction Department Staff.

As construction continues, nearby residents may notice increased construction activity, contractor vehicles, and occasional adjusted traffic patterns. All Authority services will continue without interruption during the project.

This project is aimed towards modernizing the building, improving functionality, and enhancing operational efficiency for our staff, which will allow for continued service reliability for our customers.



Mount Joy Borough Authority (MJBA) continually evaluates its water and wastewater systems to identify and complete needed improvements. Our mission is to provide safe, clean drinking water and to treat wastewater responsibly to protect our local waterways. The Board of Directors and staff remain dedicated to meeting all state and federal requirements while serving the best interests of our customers and community. Please use the QR code to view a full list of ongoing Authority projects.



Authority Projects



2024 Consumer Confidence Report

The investment strengthens our ability to maintain infrastructure and respond efficiently to community needs.

Lancaster County Placed Under Drought Watch

Following the January 8, 2026, meeting of the Commonwealth Drought Task Force, Lancaster County has been placed under a Drought Watch. Drought conditions across Pennsylvania continue to shift, with uneven rainfall and groundwater recovery affecting different regions.

What This Means for You

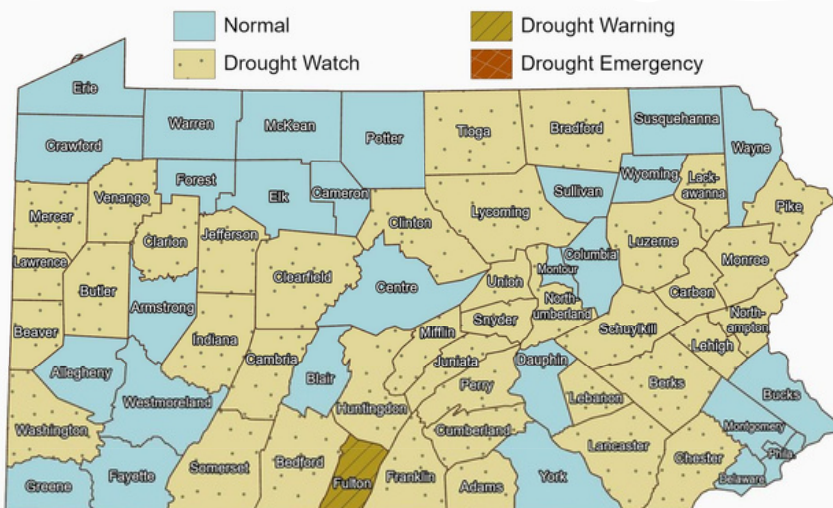
- You may receive water-conservation requests from local providers.
- Conditions vary by location; please stay alert to local updates.
- Reduce outdoor and other nonessential water use whenever possible.

Water conservation plays a critical role in protecting our shared resources. Even small changes in daily habits can significantly reduce overall water demand and help preserve supply during dry conditions.

For additional drought information, please scan the QR code provided in this newsletter.



Drought Information



Water Conservation & Leak Prevention

Even small leaks can result in substantial water loss. Identifying and repairing leaks promptly protects both your utility bill and our community's water supply.

The Impact of Continuous Leaks

A persistent leak from a small hole can waste significant water over a three-month period:



- **1/16" hole:** 74,000 gallons per quarter (822 gallons daily average)
- **1/8" hole:** 296,000 gallons per quarter (3,288 gallons daily average)
- **3/16" hole:** 652,000 gallons per quarter (7,244 gallons daily average)
- **1/4" hole:** 1,181,000 gallons per quarter (13,122 gallons daily average)

5 Easy Ways to Save This Summer

1. Mow High

Set mower blades to 3 inches. Taller grass shades soil, reducing evaporation and protecting roots.

2. Use the "Step Test"

If grass springs back after stepping on it, watering is not needed.

3. Add Mulch

Apply 2-3 inches around plants to retain moisture and reduce weed growth.

4. Check for Silent Leaks

Perform routine toilet dye tests.

5. Sweep, Don't Spray

Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks. You can save up to 80 gallons each time.

How to Check for Leaks

1. Water Meter Test

Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the reading changes, you may have a leak. (Ensure no one uses water during the test.)

2. Toilet Dye Test

Place a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank. If color appears in the bowl after 30 minutes without flushing, a leak is likely present.

3. Faucet Inspection

A small drip from a leaky faucet can waste up to 20 gallons per day. Regularly inspect faucets, toilets, pipes, and water softeners.



Rave Emergency Alerts System

Mount Joy Borough Authority utilizes Rave Alerts to promptly disseminate crucial information and emergency alerts to residents, businesses, and water and sewer customers. This system empowers us to swiftly provide you with essential updates in various situations.

Upon opting in, you'll receive time-sensitive messages at your designated locations, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages, and more. You have the flexibility to choose where and how you receive these messages.

You can receive alerts through the following methods:

- Phone Call
- Text Messages
- Email
- Mobile App (Smart911)

Mount Joy Borough Authority Alerts are powered by RAVE technology.


If you already have an account, sign in to manage it.



Faster, Easier Bill Payment

Paying your bill just got as easy as taking a photo. Follow this quick guide to settle your balance in seconds.

Ditch the Stamps, Not the Speed



How to Pay Instantly scanning our QR code. It's quick, easy, and contactless.

- 1 Open your smartphone camera and point it at the QR code on your invoice until a link appears. Click to access the portal.
- 2 Enter: Input your Account Number and the amount you wish to pay.
- 3 Enter your payment details and review your total before hitting confirm.

What You'll Need

- Your Account Number (Found at the top of your invoice).
- Payment Method (Credit/Debit card or checking account details).

You can also visit mountjoyborough.com to access the payment portal

SCAN HERE TO PAY

All transactions are encrypted and secure. Paying online also reduces paper use and supports environmentally friendly practices

TROUT STOCKING RETURNS TO LITTLE CHIQUES PARK THIS SPRING

by Dr. David Eichler

Spring brings fresh activity to Little Chiques Park, and anglers have something to look forward to as the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) returns to stock trout in Little Chiques Creek.

This year, PFBC will stock trout at Little Chiques Park on March 17 and again on April 14, providing excellent early-season fishing opportunities right here in the Borough. These stockings are part of PFBC's statewide trout program, which supports recreational fishing, aquatic conservation, and public enjoyment of Pennsylvania's waterways. This year, statewide Mentored Youth Fishing Day is March 28. To participate in a Mentored Youth Fishing Day, anglers 16 years of age or older (the mentor) must possess a valid PA fishing license with trout permit and be accompanied by a youth (less than 16 years of age) who has obtained a Mentored Youth Permit or a Voluntary Youth Fishing License. For the future of fishing, the PFBC encourages the purchase of Youth Fishing Licenses (\$2.97). While mentors will be permitted to fish for trout, they are not permitted to harvest trout and must release them unharmed. Youth may harvest up to two trout (combined species) with a minimum size of 7 inches. Saturday, April 4th is the PA statewide trout season opening day.

The stockings also highlight the continued success of the Borough's Little Chiques Creek Streambank Restoration Project, which has improved water quality, stabilized streambanks, restored floodplain connectivity, and enhanced aquatic habitat. These improvements help create a healthier stream environment that benefits fish populations while also providing a scenic, accessible setting for residents and visitors.

PFBC plays a vital role in managing and protecting Pennsylvania's fisheries through science-based conservation, public education, and enforcement. Their ongoing partnership with local communities helps ensure that waterways like Little Chiques Creek remain productive, resilient, and enjoyable for generations to come.

Whether you're an experienced angler or just enjoy spending time outdoors, Little Chiques Park is a great place to welcome spring.



PFBC stocking truck & technician
Little Chiques Park 2025
By Dr. David Eichler

KEEPING GOOD STREETS GOOD: A 2025 PUBLIC WORKS RECAP

by Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director

The Public Works Department had a busy year in 2025, completing several stormwater and street improvement projects. An outside contractor was hired to repave Walnut Street. However, before the paving could take place, the stormwater pipes at the intersection of Walnut Street and Columbia Avenue needed to be replaced. New Smooth Lined Corrugated Polyethylene Pipe (SLCPP) and Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP) were installed to replace the existing Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP), which had been installed decades ago and had begun to rust through.

Whenever possible, stormwater is directed into pipes beneath the street to move it downstream, where it is eventually discharged into either Little Chiques Creek or Donegal Creek. In the case of Walnut Street, the stormwater flows along the street surface, is directed toward the center of the roadway, and is then deposited into a swale at the southernmost end of the street.

The Public Works Department also replaced stormwater pipes and added new inlets at the intersection of North Alley and North Barbara Street. All existing CMP were replaced with SLCPP as part of preparation for the paving of North Barbara Street, which is scheduled for completion in 2026. In addition, North Alley from North Barbara Street to Concord Street was repaved, and Snyder Alley from North Alley to Frank Street was paved. Snyder Alley had previously been a gravel alley and was subject to rutting and stone washout onto North Alley. To better manage stormwater and prevent runoff from impacting private properties, asphalt curbs were installed along North Alley to direct water to the new inlets at North Barbara Street.

Seal coating is a maintenance process the Borough uses to preserve streets that are currently in good condition. In 2025, seal coating was applied to 13 streets. Residents may wonder why effort is being placed on streets that are already in good shape when some borough streets are in poor condition. The reason is that streets in poor condition require full reconstruction, while good streets can be preserved through preventative maintenance. Over time, good streets begin to dry out and develop small cracks, which can grow larger and allow water to penetrate the asphalt and base material. This weakens the roadway and leads to damage during freeze-thaw cycles.

Before a street is seal coated, Borough staff seal larger cracks using a crack-sealing machine. The seal coat process is then applied, adding oil and stone to the surface. The goal of this program is simple: to keep good streets good.



“Before” and “After” Photos of Walnut Street by Dennis Nissley

Sudden Cardiac Arrest: Every Second Counts

Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in the United States. Each year, more than 356,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur, and nearly 90% are fatal. That means sudden cardiac arrest claims the lives of approximately 1,000 Americans every day.

The most effective way to prevent sudden cardiac death is the early use of CPR and automated external defibrillators (AEDs). Immediate action can double or even triple a person's chance of survival.

This flyer provides the public with an opportunity to purchase a high-quality AED at special pricing, lower than standard retail or internet costs.

This community initiative is proudly brought to you by Penn State Health – Lancaster Medical Center.

Michael J. Reihart, DO, FAEMS, FACEP
Eastern Regional EMS Medical Director, Penn State Health



When sudden cardiac arrest occurs, an automated external defibrillator can save a life.



Fact: More than 356,000 people suffer sudden cardiac arrest each year in the United States.

Fact: Of those 356,000 stricken, fewer than 25% survive until reaching a hospital.

Fact: Having an automated external defibrillator (AED) available for immediate use increases a victim's chances of survival to between 50 and 70%.



Penn State Health Lancaster Medical Center is working to make AEDs more available in public places in Lancaster County. We have partnered with Stryker, an American medical technology corporation, to increase access to AEDs in municipal buildings, community meeting centers, schools and other places where people gather.

Stryker is offering deep discounts on some of its most popular AEDs to community groups and others. These devices are intuitive and easy to use, providing clear, spoken instructions for those administering aid.

Lancaster Medical Center staff members are available to help you learn more about the benefits of an AED, when it should be used and how to operate the device.

For questions or more information, contact Leigh Anna Hilbert at LHilbert1@pennstatehealth.psu.edu or 717-615-1864.

Facts cited from/according to the CDC/AHA.

Cost to your organization:

Approximately \$1,000 – 35% off retail price

How to order a Stryker AED:

Contact Tad at Safety Medical, a division of Stryker Corporation, at tad@safetymed.com.

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DO I NEED AN ELECTRICAL INSPECTION?

What PPL Electric Utilities Requires

If you own or manage a property, some electrical work must be inspected and approved before PPL Electric Utilities can provide or restore service.

Your Responsibility

You are responsible for making sure your home or building's electrical system:

- Is installed and maintained safely
- Meets local, state, and national electrical codes
- Complies with PPL Electric Utilities requirements

When Is an Inspection Required?

An electrical inspection and a PPL work order are required if any of the following apply:

Meter or Service Has Been Altered or Inactive

- The meter or service was tampered with or involved in theft of service
- The meter was blocked, removed, or inactive for more than one year
- The electric service was disconnected or removed for more than one year

You're Making Electrical Changes

- Replacing or moving the electric meter
- Upgrading electric service (for example, from 100 amps to 200 amps)
- Changing from fuses to circuit breakers
- Replacing the main breaker or main shut-off switch
- Changing the service mast, weather head, or riser
- Converting from overhead to underground service

Installing New Equipment

- Solar panels or other renewable energy systems
- Backup or emergency generators

After Damage or Emergencies

- Storm damage to the meter or service wiring
- After any fire, even if electrical damage isn't obvious
- If the electrical panel, fuse box, or meter was under water due to flooding

Why This Matters

Electrical inspections help ensure:

- Your home or business is safe
- Repairs meet code requirements
- Power can be connected or restored without delays

Need Help or Have Questions?

Contact Zoning at 717-653-2300.

CELEBRATE THE SEASONS IN A BOROUGH PARK

As the warmth of spring grows into sunny summer days, it's the perfect time to enjoy the wonderful outdoor spaces right here in Mount Joy Borough! From playgrounds and pavilions to quiet gardens and ball fields, our parks are ready to help you make lasting memories with family and friends.



Whether you're planning a picnic, a birthday celebration, or just a leisurely stroll, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

Borough Park & Kids Joy Land

This vibrant community hub includes Kids Joy Land, a beloved playground area originally built by community volunteers and rebuilt in 2015 with local support. It's a favorite spot for families with young children, with plenty of space for running and play. Interested in hosting a get-together? Pavilions here can be reserved—just call the Borough Office to check availability and secure your date!

Little Chiques Park

Located on Park Avenue, this expansive 32-acre park offers nine pavilions (with grills) and plenty of picnic areas. Some pavilions even have electricity! It's also home to a disc golf course and scenic views along Little Chiques Creek.

The Lakes Park

At 275 Lakeside Crossing, this 7-acre park features a pavilion, tennis, pickleball, and basketball courts, and a ball field—perfect for both casual games and organized sports. The pavilion is available on a first-come, first-serve basis for summer gatherings.

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✿ Other Charming Borough Parks

- Memorial Park – A tranquil space dedicated to veterans with a gazebo and benches, ideal for quiet reflection, small ceremonies, or even a wedding!
- Westview Park – Features new playground equipment and a basketball court—great for active fun close to home.
- Grandview Park – A spacious park with ball fields used for youth baseball, softball, and soccer.
- Florin Park – A peaceful green space to relax and enjoy a book or conversation.
- Donegal Springs Road Park – A small, shaded sitting park perfect for a quiet rest or a picnic bench break.
- Old Standby Park – A pocket park with beautiful landscaping and a place to take in the spring blooms.

🌻 Come Enjoy the Season!

From energetic play at Kids Joy Land to peaceful moments in Memorial Park, Mount Joy's parks are open from dawn to dusk and waiting for you. Gather your loved ones, enjoy the fresh air, and make the most of another beautiful spring and summer in our community!

Details about each park and pavilion can be found at www.mountjoyborough.com.

Planning a Park Gathering?

Mount Joy Borough parks are great places to host birthdays, reunions, picnics, and casual get-togethers. Several parks offer pavilions with picnic tables, grills, and in some locations, electricity.

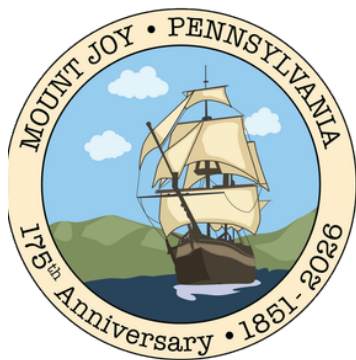
Pavilion Reservations

To reserve a pavilion:

1. Call the Mount Joy Borough Office at 717-653-2300
2. Ask about pavilion availability for your preferred park and date
3. Provide your name, address, phone number, and pavilion choice
4. Submit the \$40 rental fee at the time of reservation

- Reservations are for the entire day
- Pavilion changes are not permitted once reserved
- Some pavilions are first-come, first-served so check ahead!

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH UNVEILS NEW LOGO



As part of Mount Joy Borough's 175th Anniversary celebration, the Borough is proud to unveil a refreshed logo that honors our history while looking ahead to the future.

Chief Robert Goshen and Borough Manager Mark Pugliese partnered with lifelong Mount Joy resident Linda Eberly, owner of Eberly Designs, to thoughtfully update the Borough's visual identity. At the heart of the design is the Good Ship Mountjoy, positioned forward with purpose – a nod to our rich heritage and a symbol of steady progress as the Borough moves confidently into the future.



In celebration of this milestone year, a special commemorative version of the logo has been created for 2026 to recognize the Borough's 175th anniversary. This anniversary edition will be used throughout 2026 as we mark this important occasion together. Following the anniversary year, the Borough will transition to the updated official logo for ongoing use.

We're excited to share both versions of the logo with the community and look forward to celebrating 175 years of Mount Joy's history – and the bright future ahead.

WARM WEATHER REMINDERS

Bicycle Safety: Ride Smart, Ride Safe

As warmer weather brings more cyclists onto local streets and trails, it's a great time to brush up on bicycle safety. Always wear a helmet, obey traffic laws, use proper lighting and reflectors, and stay alert to vehicles and pedestrians. For added peace of mind, residents are encouraged to register their bicycles with the Mount Joy Police Department. Bicycle registration can help with recovery if a bike is lost or stolen and is a simple step toward safer riding for everyone.

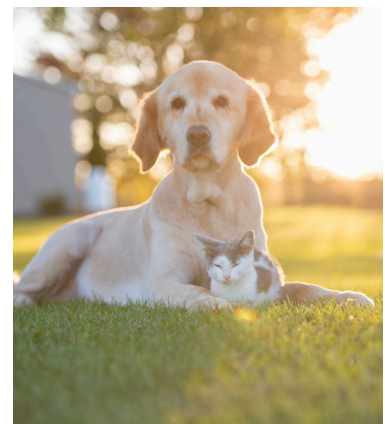


Yard Work & Heat Safety: Take It Easy in the Sun

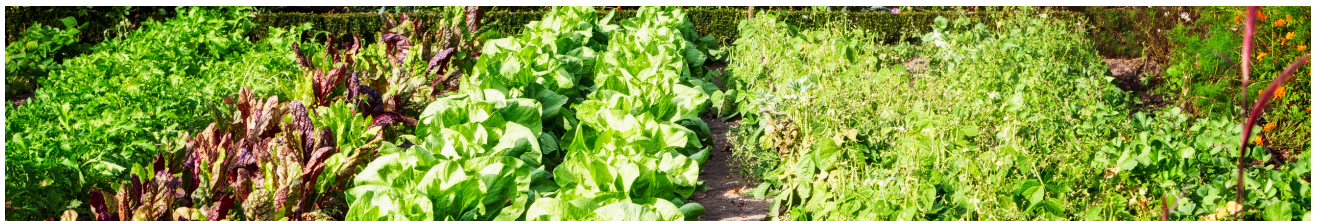
Spring and summer yard work can be rewarding—but it can also be physically demanding, especially in the heat. Remember to take frequent breaks, stay hydrated, wear sunscreen and lightweight clothing, and avoid the hottest part of the day when possible. Listen to your body and don't push through symptoms of heat exhaustion such as dizziness, nausea, or excessive fatigue. A little planning goes a long way toward staying safe while keeping your property looking great.

Pet Safety in Warm Weather: Protect Your Furry Friends

Our pets feel the heat too! Make sure animals always have access to fresh water and shade, and avoid walking dogs on hot pavement that can burn their paws. Keep pets protected from insects with vet-approved preventatives, and never leave animals in parked cars—even for a short time. Extra awareness during hot, sunny months helps keep our furry companions happy, healthy, and safe.



Healthy gardens don't happen by accident—and mulch and compost can do a lot of the heavy lifting. A good layer of mulch helps soil hold moisture, keeps roots cooler during hot weather, and reduces weeds, which means less watering and less weeding for you. Compost improves soil health by adding nutrients and organic matter, helping plants grow stronger and more resilient over time. Together, they support healthier plants, better harvests, and more vibrant landscapes. Interested in putting them to work in your own garden or flower bed? **Be sure to check out Page 21 to learn how you can access the Borough's compost site.**



“CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF FREEDOM”



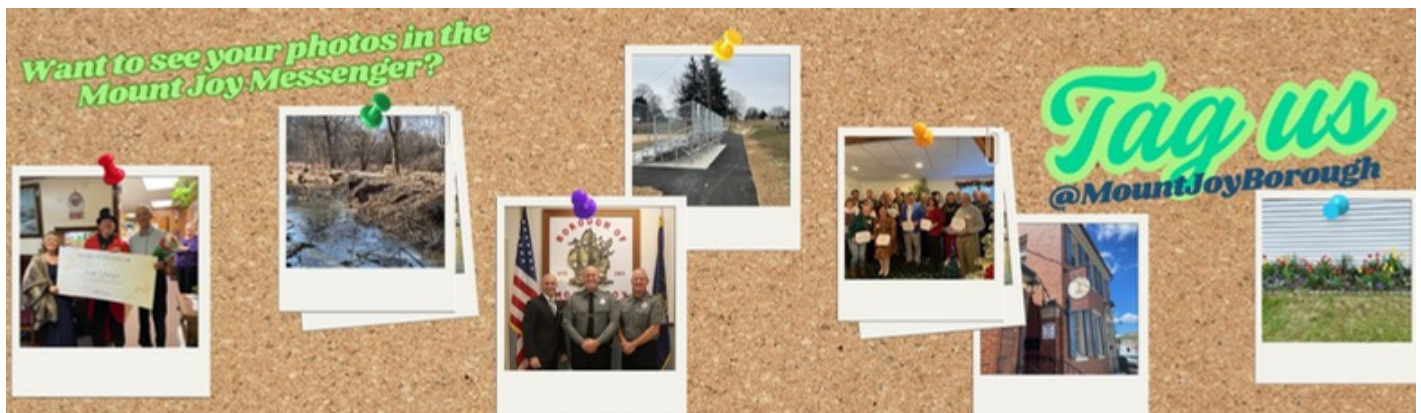
The annual Mount Joy Memorial Day parade will be held at 2pm on Saturday, May 23. The 2026 theme is 'Celebrating 250 Years of Freedom'. This is the largest parade in the county and a fitting way to honor all those who served our country. The parade committee is currently searching to find any local WWII veterans so that they can be honored during the parade. The parade attracts several thousand people each year. The parade forms at Church and Angle Streets, proceeds east down Main Street, ending at Barbara Street.

The parade committee is looking for bands, church groups and civic groups to add to the line-up. This year our country is 250 years old, and we are looking for more participation from the community. Invitations to the parade will be sent out, in early March. If you or your group do not receive an invitation and would like to participate, please contact John Coleman at MJMDPC@gmail.com or any parade committee member. Prizes are awarded to floats, so get creative and design something unique.

Local businesses can once again place an ad in the program. This program is made available along the parade route before the start of the parade. Ads and donations from businesses and individuals help defray the cost of the bands and groups that participate.

If your business would like to place an ad in the program, please contact MJMDPC@gmail.com or any parade committee member.

Committee: John Coleman, Denny Brandt, Chris Brandt, Brenda Kready & Joshua Deering



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 bas 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 TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION CALENDAR

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Woody Waste Collection White Goods & Tire Collection Christmas Tree Collection



TRASH COLLECTION DELAYS

- May 25, 2026 - Delay Monday - Wednesday
- September 7, 2026 - Delay Monday - Wednesday

WHITE GOODS & TIRE COLLECTION

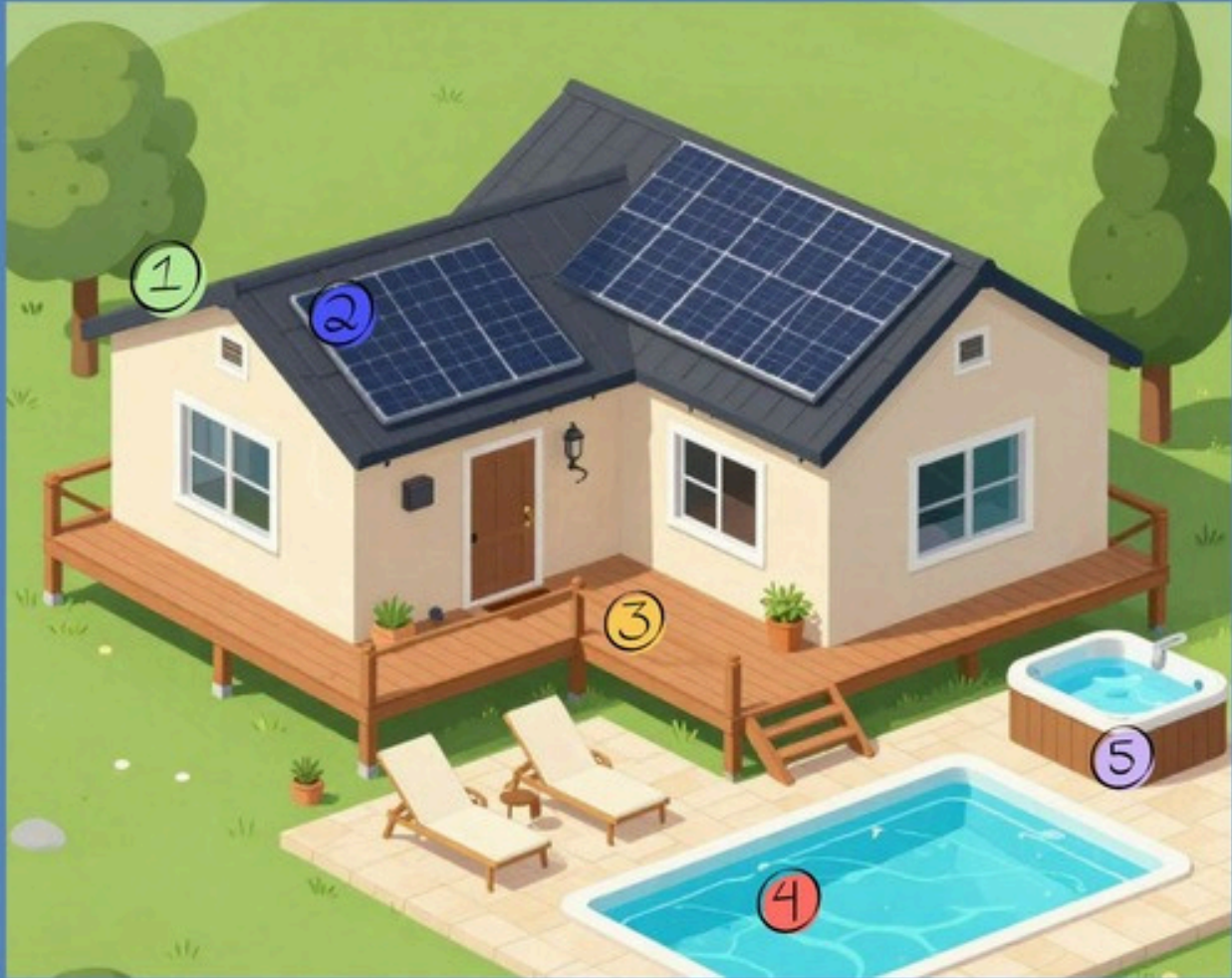
April 27, 28, 29

- **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!

Required Residential Permits



BE SURE TO ACQUIRE RESIDENTIAL PERMITS FOR...

1. Re-roofing when decking or sheathing is repaired/replaced
2. Alternative power and heating systems (solar, geothermal, etc.)
3. Decks over 30" above grade on any side
4. Pools: inground or above ground, 24" of water in depth or deeper
5. Hot tubs and spas

Additional projects include: new construction, addition to primary dwelling or accessory structure/buildings (sheds, pole buildings, etc.), demolition of any structure, replacement/conversion of electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, work on an area more than 50% of the building area

Questions? Contact Zoning at 717-653-2300.



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.

WHEN YOU NEED ZONING & ADDITION PERMITS

Zoning permits are required for...



- Accessory structures under 1000sf (Shed, Gazebo, etc..)
- Fence-placing new or altering perimeter
- Changing of occupancy/tenant in a commercial/non-residential structure or suite
- Decks over 30" above grade on any side
- Opening a business-including day care at any location or a home occupation
- Driveways-including expansion and re-configuration
- Demolishing a structure

Addition permits are required for...

- Temporary obstruction
- Stormwater
- Street/ROW opening/excavation
- Curb and sidewalk
- Temporary obstruction of borough streets or sidewalks
- Road Closures



For a complete list or if you have questions, please call Zoning at 717-653-2300

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



COMPOST SITE



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.

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.

Street sweeping
scheduled for
MAY 11-15



Mark Your Calendars

April 25th Fresh Brews of Mount Joy
presented by Voyage Mount Joy



May 23rd Memorial Day Parade



June 20th Summer Solstice
presented by Summer Solstice Collective



June 27th Stars, Stripes, & Joy



July 25th Taste of Mount Joy Cruisin'
Cuisine Car Show



August 1st Plein Air Quick Draw
presented by Mount Joy Area Historical Society



August 6th National Night Out
presented by Voyage Mount Joy



Holiday Office Closures

Please be aware the Borough offices will be closed on the days listed.

- Good Friday. April 3rd
- Memorial Day. May 25th
- Independence Day. July 3rd
- Labor Day. September 7th





Donegal Power Packs



Getting Ahead
in a Just Gettin' by World

Community Gardens

Planting scheduled to start
May 16th!

UNUSED MEDICINE DISPOSAL



CVS Pharmacy provided us with a drop box for unwanted medication. The box is located inside the front lobby and is accessible anytime the Borough Offices are open to the public. Instructions are posted on top the box, and clear plastic baggies are provided for depositing medications.

- 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.

DISCOVER HISTORY

MOUNT JOY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JOIN US FOR OUR 2026 PROGRAM SERIES

ALL PROGRAMS BEGIN AT 7PM AT THE CEMETERY ROAD SCHOOLHOUSE

3/16: "STITCHING HISTORY & GENEALOGY TOGETHER" BY
DEB GEPFER & SUSAN HEYDT

4/20: "DEBUNKING MYTHS ABOUT PA DUTCH CULTURE" BY
JEAN-PAUL BENOWITZ

5/18: "PILGRIMS/MAYFLOWER REENACTMENT" BY JAMES
BUCKNER

6/15: "THE ROCK POINT SCHOOLHOUSE" BY MARY NOLT

7/20: "NATIVE AMERICAN PEOPLES OF THE SUSQUEHANNA"
BY ABBY TEAFORD

8/17: "EDGAR ALLAN POE'S LANCASTER CONNECTION" BY
MICHAEL KAUFHOLD

9/21: "LINCOLN'S FUNERAL TRAIN IN PA" BY SCOTT MINGUS

10/19: "ANTIQUÉ PHONOGRAPHS" BY SHAWN PATRICK AND
NICK SIEBER

11/16: "WWI DOUGHBOYS" BY MICHAEL JESBERGER

120 FAIRVIEW STREET, MOUNT JOY
717-653-4718

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Books for sale in the Library lobby!

Kraybill Student Art Show

Saturday, May 2nd
9 a.m. to noon

Food Truck Thursdays Return June 6-Aug. 20

Check our website for trucks & times!

For Adults

- Game Night
- Closely Knit
- Book Bingo
- Joyful Stitchers
- Easy Writer
- Make-it Monday
- Lit Lovers Book Discussion

For Kids

- Family Story Time
- Lego Challenge
- Imagination Station
- Fun Fort Friday
- Preschool Pals
- Little Thinker Tinkers
- Curious Minds
- Wiggle & Giggle
- Teen D&D

Friends Used Book Sale

@Donegal High School
June 18th - 20th

Summer Reading 2026



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STARS, STRIPES AND JOY

Saturday June 27th 2026

**Join us at Grandview Park
5:00pm - 9:00pm**



- Grand Opening/Open House For The New Borough Building
- Food Trucks
- Games and Entertainment For The Entire Family
- Live Performances by The Kracker Beez, Phredd and The Kiltie Band
- Mount Joy History and Relics on Display
- Ending With a Neighborhood Friendly Drone Show!

Celebrate the 175th anniversary of Mount Joy and the 250th anniversary of the USA!

**Grandview Park
300 Orchard Road Mount Joy, Pa 17552**

175th Anniversary of Mount Joy

250TH Anniversary of the USA



MALMEDY MASSACRE MEMORIAL

Rotary Club of Mount Joy WE ARE ALMOST THERE!

As of printing, only 24 bricks remain available for sponsorship in the Mount Joy Rotary Malmedy Massacre Memorial.

Construction is slated to begin late March – early April.

This is your final opportunity to be permanently recognized as a founding supporter of this historic community tribute.

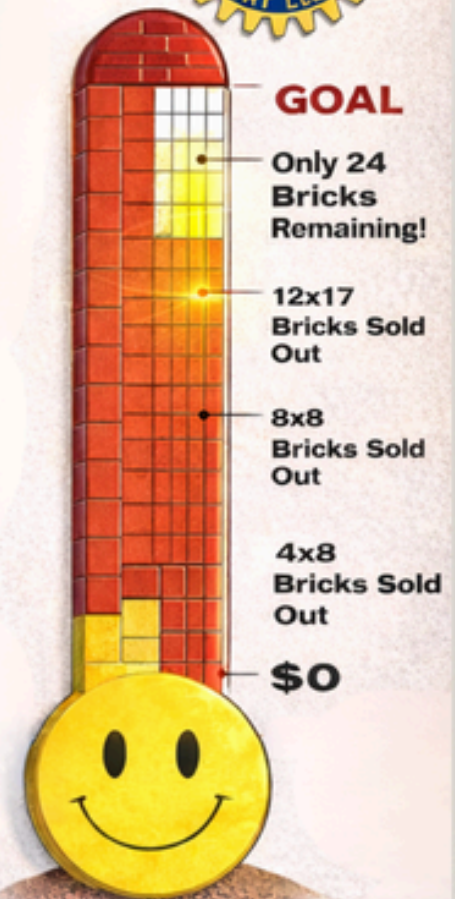
**PURCHASE YOUR BRICK
TODAY!**

www.MountJoyRotary.org

OR

Contact Andy Dieck
Phone: 717-327-6912

Email: sfh@sheetzfuneralhome.com



With Sincere Gratitude to Our Community Partners

- Drohan Brick – Brick, Belgian Block, River Gravel, LED Lighting, Transformer & Materials - Troy Drohan
- Nissly Concrete – Excavation, Stone Base, Concrete, Sealer, Backfill with Topsoil – David Nissly
- Milton Grove – Brick Engraving (88 4x8, 24 8x8, 11 12x18) & Memorial Bench
- Keystone Lawn Care – Trees, Perennials, Fine Grade and Seed - Chris Neiles
- Century Spouting – Flag Display Frame (Pro Bono) – Tod Dohl
- Nolt Electric – Lighting Installer (Pro Bono) – Leonard Nolt
- Miller Monuments / Sheetz Funeral Home – Granite Base
- Carper Signs – Bronze Plaque
- Walter S. Ebersole Post 185 American Legion – American Flag Donations
- Malmedy Massacre Memorial Landscape Design – David Christian and Todjr Dohl
- Eberly Design – Brochure Design - Linda Eberly
- Breeze Designs Unlimited - Brochure's Rendering of Memorial - Keith Greenawalt
- Mount Joy Borough for the use of Veterans' War Memorial Park
- All Project Donors

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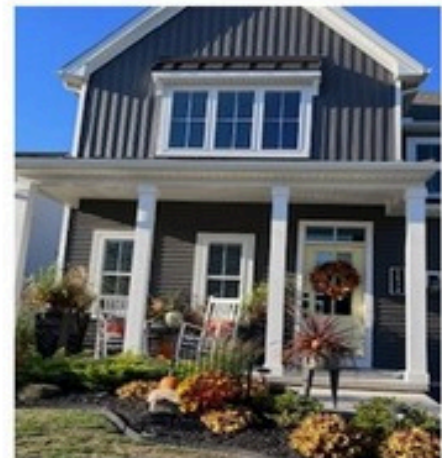
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UPCOMING EVENTS!

SAT., APRIL 11 | PANCAKE BREAKFAST
7AM-10AM - Trinity Lutheran Church
47 W. Main St., Mount Joy

SAT., MAY 2 | HOT DOG SALE
10AM-2PM - ACE Hardware/Hostetters

SAT., JULY 25 | HOT DOG SALE
Taste of Mount Joy Cruisin' Cuisine Car Show

Membership is open to anyone interested in serving our community! Meets first and third Tuesdays every month. Call Lion President John Pepkowski at 267-663-1957 for more information, or join our Facebook page: Mount Joy PA Lions Club.

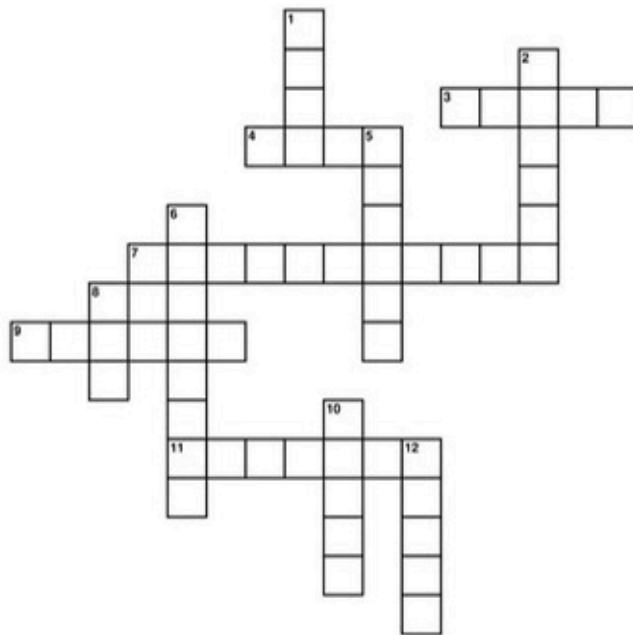
WE SERVE BY SUPPORTING...

- Mount Joy Lions Swim Team
- Donegal Substance Abuse Alliance
- Mount Joy Winterfest
- DHS Valedictorian/CTC Scholarships
- Vision Corps
- PA Breast Cancer Coalition
- Milanof-Schock Library
- Fire Department Mount Joy

- ✓ Vision screening for Donegal Kindergarten enrollees
- ✓ Collecting used eyeglasses
- ✓ Recycled benches made from collected plastic bags
- ✓ Taste of Mount Joy Cruisin' Cuisine Car Show



Mount Joy Messenger Crossword Puzzle



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

LOOK FOR ANSWERS IN THE FALL/WINTER EDITION

Borough of Mount Joy
21 East Main Street
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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