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*Council meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Borough Office located at 10 N. Queen Street.*

*Meetings are open to the public.*

## From the Borough Office

by Jodie Barger, Borough Secretary

As the holiday season is upon us...please remember your neighbors. From Borough Council, the Authority and Staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Winter is in the air...as a friendly reminder, please remember to clear your sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall, and be cautious of covering and clogging storm drains, which could cause puddling of water, resulting in icy conditions. Some of you may still be doing fall yard cleanup, but before you decide to light that pile of leaves, think again. Burning leaves can be harmful to your health and potentially cause other safety hazards to the other residents who live close by. As a Borough resident, you have an alternative! Borough staff has leaf and other yard debris curb side collection on Wednesday mornings or by appointment (717) 899-7436.

### McVeytown Borough Authority Update

Great News! The sewer rehabilitation project is now complete! The McVeytown Borough Authority and Council would like to thank residents and business owners for their patience and understanding through this process.

We are already seeing positive results. Without the local representative's assistance, we would not have had the support to receive all of the grant funds that paid for most of this project! Please remember to always vote! The Authority's next project is the well project. Stay tuned! More information to come.

### Other positive changes in the Borough

In August of 2018, Borough Council and staff

met with representatives from Oliver, Bratton and Wayne townships. the McVeytown Volunteer Fire Company and McVeytown Ambulance to discuss the development of a "safety committee. This action requires a commitment and more work from all involved, but will result in many benefits, including improved safety, services and savings to all. Some of you may not know that each Municipality is required by law to secure fire protection and emergency services coverage from a fire company and ambulance service. As a result, those municipalities by law are required to provide workmen's compensation coverage for all volunteers.

As I mentioned earlier, representatives from Oliver, Bratton and Wayne townships attended our meeting as requested because they, too, pay a portion of this insurance premium. McVeytown Borough Council along with all of the others are always striving to improve McVeytown Borough to make it a better place to live, improve the health standards along with provide savings to you as taxpayers. Borough residents are fortunate to have such an active Fire Company and Ambulance located right in their municipality.

The Borough and surrounding municipalities will receive an additional five-percent savings on their annual insurance premium for having a Certified Safety Committee. Without the support of the fire company and ambulance representatives, the Borough would not be eligible for this added discount...but this requires a commitment from them as well, and they are very willing to assist us! Please



Scene at Rothrock Apartments, by Megan McClay.

**Mark your calendar!**

2nd Friday each month: BINGO Night, sponsored by McVeytown Vol. Fire Co. Doors open at 4:30; Bingo starts at 6:30. Check the sign in front of the fire station for any changes due to the holidays.

Dec. 8: Tree-lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m. at Town Square. (Bring the kids! Santa will be stopping by!)

Dec. 22: From 1 to 2 p.m. Santa Claus is coming to the McVeytown Fire Hall!

**Reminder to town residents:**

Curb side pickup of leaves and yard debris is on Wednesday mornings, or by appointment. Call 717-899-7436. If no answer, leave a message.

**Rothrock Community Library Hours**

Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Weekly Church Services**

*McVeytown United Methodist*  
Pat Bollinger, Pastor 899-7866  
Worship - 9:20 a.m.

Sunday School - 10:45 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship - Sat., 6:30 p.m.

*McVeytown Presbyterian*

Scott Andrews, Pastor 899-6861  
Sunday School - 9 a.m. Worship - 10 a.m.

**The McVeytown Journal**

...is put together by borough staff and volunteers. You can be part of it! Please share comments, photos, stories, events listings, etc. in the Journal. Email Jodie at mcveytown@verizon.net.

Want a pdf copy of *The McVeytown Journal* to email to family and friends? Email mcveytown@verizon.net and Jodie will email you a copy.

remember to support your local fire and ambulance companies, as they support us! Joint efforts like this go a long way towards improving the safety and wellbeing of the residents of McVeytown Borough and surrounding areas!

**In case of fire, are you prepared?**

Each October is Fire Prevention Month, and its purpose is to raise awareness about fire and home safety to help you prepare your home and family in the case of an emergency. Fire Prevention Month is a great time to kick start your family's commitment to safety or maybe a good time to review your current plan!

The house illustration (*at right*) suggests where to place smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers and escape ladders in your home.

Other things to consider: Do you have an escape plan? When was it last practiced if you have small children at home? Maybe plan a fun family day and practice your escape plan. Do you have an elderly family member who lives alone? If they don't have an escape plan, help them make one. When was the last time you replaced

your smoke alarm batteries and tested them?

There are a lot of valuable resources available on the internet. If you don't have internet access at your home, visit the Rothrock Community Library for free access—another benefit for Borough Residents! The library is open Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Do you have an upcoming event that you would like listed in the newsletter? Contact Jodie at 939/899-6323.

*Jodie Barger is the McVeytown Borough Secretary. Her office hours are listed in the sidebar on the first page of this newsletter.*



**Library Notes** by Deb Himes

The Rothrock Community Library is in the process of creating a larger area upstairs for the Children's Books. It is a large bright area with enough room to hold story times. We are looking for someone who is interested in holding story hours.

We have purchased new children's titles, as requested by individuals and hope to add many more titles this next year. Watch for news of a grand opening!

As well as keeping up with best-sellers we have added many interesting nonfiction including biographies featuring John McCain, Sally Field, Joe Biden, Anderson Cooper and Mary Ann Bradnick, to name a few. Other nonfiction books feature true crime, and military subjects from World War I through battles in Afghanistan.

We continue to look for volunteers to help cover the hours that the library is

open: Tuesdays and Thursday from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. If you are interested, please stop in and talk to us!

*Deb Himes is the volunteer librarian at the Rothrock Community Library.*



## Employee Recognition and Changes

As of October 2018, Matt Stringer has been promoted to the full-time position as McVeytown Borough Plant Operator/Maintenance Employee. Matt began working with McVeytown Borough in 2015, and has proven to be an asset to our community. He is eager to make positive impacts in the community, and is here to assist Borough residents and business owners in any way possible. If you see Matt, please congratulate him on his well-deserved promotion!

Randy Stoner, who was a full-time employee, requested to be the part-time employee, as he explores an exciting employment opportunity outside the Borough. If you see Randy, thank him for his service to McVeytown, and wish him the best in his future endeavors.



McVeytown's "Go-To Guys", Matt Stringer (left) and Randy Stoner.



### We'll miss you, Joann!

This November, Joann Rhodes moved to one of the new apartments at The Gables, on South Main Street, Lewistown.

Joann was often seen in McVeytown—on her porch, at Mike's O.I.P., the post office—and planting and watering flowers at the square. The clock on the front of the post office is her gift to the town in memory of her husband, Leon, who passed away in 2012. He was a farmer who also worked part time as a mail carrier.

Joann is the mother of Duane Rhodes of Lewistown, and Julie Nease of Fletcher, North Carolina.

## Good News about Area Residents



### Medal Winner!

This past August, Megan McClay of McVeytown represented Mifflin County at the Special Olympics Summer Games held at Penn State in State College.

Megan participated in the swimming competitions. She won a Bronze Medal in the 25-meter Freestyle, and a Silver Medal in the 25-meter Backstroke. She placed fourth in the 50-meter freestyle.

Megan is a photographer, who contributes photos to the *McVeytown Journal*, including the one you see at the top of page 2 in this issue.



### The 40-Plus Club

Ruth Miller Zook, Leon Miller and Merv Miller (siblings) have each worked at their places of employment for 40-plus years.

Leon was employed by Allensville Planing Mill from June 1972 until his retirement date on September 1, 2018. He completed 46 years of service.

Merv has worked at Allensville Planing Mill since May 1975. Still employed, he is in his 44th year.

Ruth was employed by GE Inspection Technologies (previously KB-Aerotech) from August 1977 through March 30, 2018. Joyce Sunderland tells the story that she hired Ruth right out of the tomato patch! Sadly, the company closed its doors on June 30, 2018. Ruth completed 40 years and 7 months of service.

*Have some good news that you would like to share?  
Email Jodie at [mcveytown@verizon.net](mailto:mcveytown@verizon.net).*

## McVeytown Borough will soon be online!

Borough Council is on a mission to launch a new website! The new site will include all the current functionality of the old one, but also provide additional functionality. To this end, we need your help. We would like to include current pictures, as well as pictures from the past. Please submit any hard-copy photos to the Borough Office or by e-mail to [Jwharper1006@gmail.com](mailto:Jwharper1006@gmail.com).

Include the following information:

- Name of building pictured
- Date taken (If known)
- Submitted by (Your name)
- Your phone number

Once your photos have been scanned, we will call you to pick them up.

Thank you!  
Borough Council



### Say Hello to the New Folks in Town!

*Please welcome our  
newest residents:*

**The Boozels and Lenos**  
at 22 N. Market St.

**The Peachey's**  
at 6 Lombard Street

**The Kauffmans**  
at 24 N. Queen Street

