



Rothrock Fair 1997
Photo by Carrol "Sis" Norton

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Authority meetings are held on
the 1st Wed. each month.

Council meetings are held on
the 2nd Tuesday each month, at
6:30 p.m. at the Borough Office,
10 N. Queen St.

Meetings are open to the public.

News from the Borough Office by Jodie Barger, Borough Secretary

Hello from the Borough Office...We hope you are having a nice summer! With Fall right around the corner, please remember as a added benefit to Borough residents, staff picks up curb side yard debris on Wednesday mornings or by appointment as an alternative to burning which can be a hazard to your health and your neighbors... this would also be a good time to check your smoke detector batteries with the heating season coming soon...

McVeytown Borough Authority Update...Some of you might not realize that in 1963 the Borough of McVeytown and the McVeytown Borough Authority distributed a Rules and Regulations handbook to all residents on the Water and Sewer System. Many years have passed and the information is outdated. The Authority is now in the process of updating that handbook. Once completed, a new updated version will be distributed to all residents on the system.

As a friendly reminder, please if you haven't already done so, PLEASE check your home for any sump pumps or floor drains that are or could be connected to the Sewer System. If you have any questions or need assistance in checking your set up, please contact the Borough Secretary at (717) 899-6323 or the Sewer Plant at (717) 899-7436. We realize redirecting sump pump discharge from your

basement to your yard can be a nuisance but it is unlawful to put the extra flow into the sewer system. More importantly, the extra flow that enters the sewer system could potentially have hazardous substances which could have a costly impact on our sewer system, and cause it to need to be repaired. If this happens, it can be traced back to your home/business and you will be responsible to make the necessary repairs.

Not all home-owner insurance companies provide this coverage. Would you be able to afford making the necessary repairs? Please keep that in mind and check your connections to avoid potential hardship in the future.

Also, please keep in mind, when you are redirecting the outside flow from your basement, to direct it away from sidewalks, driveways and/or streets. The extra flow, onto sidewalks, driveways and streets, can be a nuisance to local residents while walking, because of the excess water and algae growth in the warmer months and the hazardous freezing conditions in the winter months.

Do you heat your home with oil? With the heating season upon us, please find the attached *Helpful Tip Brochure*, published by the PA Department of Environmental Protection. Please review the brochure, complete the checklist and keep as a reference guide for future use. (Continued on page 2.)



Summer's almost gone and Fall is coming on!

PHOTO BY MEGAN McCLAY

Sept. 12, 13, 14: **Rothrock Fair!** Last fair was held in 2006, and now it's back! Spread the word and make this year's fair the best one yet! (Be sure to thank Nick Sunderland for starting the ball rolling to bring back the fair!)

Sept. 14, 3 p.m. *Save the date!*

Rothrock Grand Reunion at Mifflin County Youth Park in Reedsville (for all former students, teachers, workers of McVeytown schools.) For more information, go to Rothrock Grand Reunion on facebook or call Mary Lou Miller 717-994-5333.

Rothrock Community Library Hours
 Tuesday and Thursday, 10am to 7pm
 Saturday 9am. to 1pm; Story Hour, 2nd Sat. each month, 10-11am

Weekly Church Services

McVeytown United Methodist
 Worship - 9:20am Sun. Sch. - 10:45am
 Contemporary Worship - Sat.6:30pm
 Parish Office Hours: Tues-Fri: 9am-2pm
 Pastor Stephanie Rupert: 899-7866
 Email: mcveytownunited@verizon.net
 Website: www.mcveytownumc.com

McVeytown Presbyterian

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

Have an event that you would like listed? Contact Jodie 717- 899-6323.

The McVeytown Journal

This quarterly newsletter is put together by borough staff and volunteers. You can be part of it! Share your comments, photos, stories, events listings, etc. Email Jodie: mcveytown@verizon.net.

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Please be advised of the things that are not permitted to be washed down your drain or flushed down the toilet: unused drugs or pharmaceuticals, goldfish, cat litter (including "flushable cat litter"), tampons, sanitary napkins, disposable diapers, condoms, wipes (including "flushable wipes"), paper towels, fats, oils, greases, coffee grounds, egg shells, cigarettes, anything radioactive, fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, flammable or explosive liquids/solids, gases, automotive chemicals (antifreeze, coolant, brake fluid, transmission fluid).

If you question whether something is permitted to be flushed or washed down the drain, please contact the Sewer Department at 717-899-7436 or the Borough Secretary. We are here to assist you in any way that we can.

Need rid of unused drugs or pharmaceuticals?

The following Mifflin County locations accepts them: CareSite Pharmacy (Belleville), GMG (Lewistown & Highland Ave Lewistown), Lewistown Police Dept., Mifflin County Sheriff's Office and State Police Troop G, Lewistown.

Positive things are coming up in the Borough...

The United Way of Mifflin-Juniata 2019 Day of Caring Team accepted our application for the project site at the McVeytown Borough Playground, to be completed by the EARN program staff of Mifflin County CareerLink. They will provide volunteer services to the Borough on Wednesday, September 18th, 2019: weeding, mulching, cleaning the equipment and painting the back stairwell as time permits. Donations and volunteering do matter... Just another way the Mifflin-Juniata United Way has impacted the Borough of McVeytown! In 2017, the members of the Rotary Club of Lewistown and staff of the Primary Health Network completed a similar project for the Borough. Photos to come in upcoming issues.

VOLUNTEERING—a great way to give back... Are you interested in becoming more involved in your community? Please see the Borough Secretary or a Borough Council member to see how you can help. Your interest is appreciated!

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A View of Our History

Above: Crowd at Dedication of Joseph T. Rothrock Memorial (left) in 1924.



Pursuant to an act of the Legislature of July 11, 1923 Governor appointed a commission to erect a suitable memorial in memory of Joseph Trimble Rothrock, the founder of forestry in Pennsylvania. The memorial was later moved to town square and revealed on November 1, 1924.

Local Veterans' Flag Project

McVeytown Borough would be honored to accept local veterans' flags to be placed on town square, with the Joseph T. Rothrock Memorial.

For more information, please see the Borough Secretary or a member of Borough Council.



McVeytown is the birthplace of Joseph T. Rothrock, Pennsylvania’s Father of Forestry. The photo above, taken in the early 20th Century, shows how the town’s streets were once lined with trees. Unfortunately, many were lost due to aging, disease or redevelopment. Hopefully, McVeytown streets will be soon be “green” once again, thanks to a group of concerned citizens.

Update on the Street Tree Project

Tom Kerstetter reports some progress with McVeytown’s tree restoration project. “I’m working alongside the community improvement committee to come up with a suitability map,” he says.

The committee met in July to review possible sites to plant trees, and grade the

sites as “best suited, some limitations, not suitable, and potential stormwater infiltration.”

Tom reached out to the Mifflin County Conservation District for information on potential grants available, and will continue to seek funding when the committee’s suitability map is completed.

When funding is secured, plantings will begin, hopefully in spring of 2020.

Welcome Our Newest Neighbors!
The Hick Family @ 6 Lombard Street

News from Our Library

by Deb Himes, Librarian

The Rothrock Community Library is pleased to announce the addition of two new volunteers, Anney and Emilee Fisher-Henson! They are helping with the Children’s Library, now located on the 2nd floor. They have done a great job of decorating and making the room inviting.

Story Hour is held on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10 am to 11 am. It is open to children of all ages. The story is followed by a craft. I encourage all to visit and see what a wonderful job the girls have done so far.

We need adult volunteers, especially for Saturdays, from 9 am to 1 pm. The work is not difficult and it is a nice way



to meet new people. If you are interested, please stop by the library. Thanks for your support!

*In Fond Memory of
Ruth Sunderland • Tom Clark
Kindest Sympathies
to their families and friends.*

Fire Hydrant Replacement improves safety.

A new fire hydrant was installed on North Queen Street this past August. The old one had been installed in 1963.



Borough employees Matt Stringer (bottom) and Randy Stoner dig their jobs—literally!

Coming Soon...The Rothrock Community Fair returns

A little bit of Fair History

by Jodie Barger
Borough Secretary

In 1958 Ira Dunmire of Ferguson Valley, former county extension agent in Berks County, called a meeting at the high school. The purpose of the meeting was to interest local citizens in establishing a community fair.

The first fair was held for two days in September 1958 with Ira Dunmire as the chairman. Exhibits included food, needle work, agriculture, flowers, floral arrangements, arts, crafts and woodworking.

Until the addition was added to the playground building, the entries were exhibited in a rented tent on the grounds, and at a house adjacent to the playground.

A horseshoe pitching tournament was a regular part of the fair activities until 1971, and in 1975 this popular event was revived with much success.

In 1961, Diane Shingler was crowned "Miss McVeytown" in a beauty and talent contest. It was only held that one year.

In the early years of the fair, meals were prepared and sold by the fair committee. As the work involved in preparing for the fair increased, responsibility for meals was assumed by various church and community organizations.

Other popular events at the fair over the years have been the pet show and horse show as well as the auction of flower and agriculture exhibits.

The fair has always presented a variety of popular local entertainment, along with rides, games and displays by commercial and community organizations.

1997 color photos by Carrol "Sis" Norton.

First column, top photo: Music was a nightly feature during the fair.

Bottom: Ferris wheel was a favorite ride that provided a fantastic view of town.

1988 black and white photos, by Ruth Dunmire and Pam Brumbaugh, were published in the *County Observer*.

Large photo at top: Some kids preferred the sliding boards to the motorized rides! The old double slide was a playground favorite for many years.

Top photo: Casey Cowan, age 4, got a bang out of riding the tanks.

Middle: Hopefully these girls were right-side-up when the ride stopped!

Bottom: Tyler Zong, son of Deb and Doug Zong, holds onto his balloon while touring the fairgrounds in his stroller.



Make New Memories at Rothrock Fair 2019

by Steve Feathers
Borough Council President

Familiar sights and sounds remind us that fall is just around the corner. School has started, and the whistles and cheers of McVeytown Eagles football and youth soccer fill the air around the much-improved Rothrock Playground.

On September 12, 13, and 14, through the efforts and generosity of many community organizations and businesses, residents, volunteers, and the Rothrock Playground Authority, the Rothrock Community Fair will return. Many McVeytown-area residents, who have childhood memories of the fair, have stepped forward so that their children can enjoy a time that was so special to them.

On Memorial Day weekend, we have Country Memories Day to bring us all together. And now, what a fitting way to say goodbye to summer, than by attending and supporting the Rothrock Community Fair.

We hope to see you there!