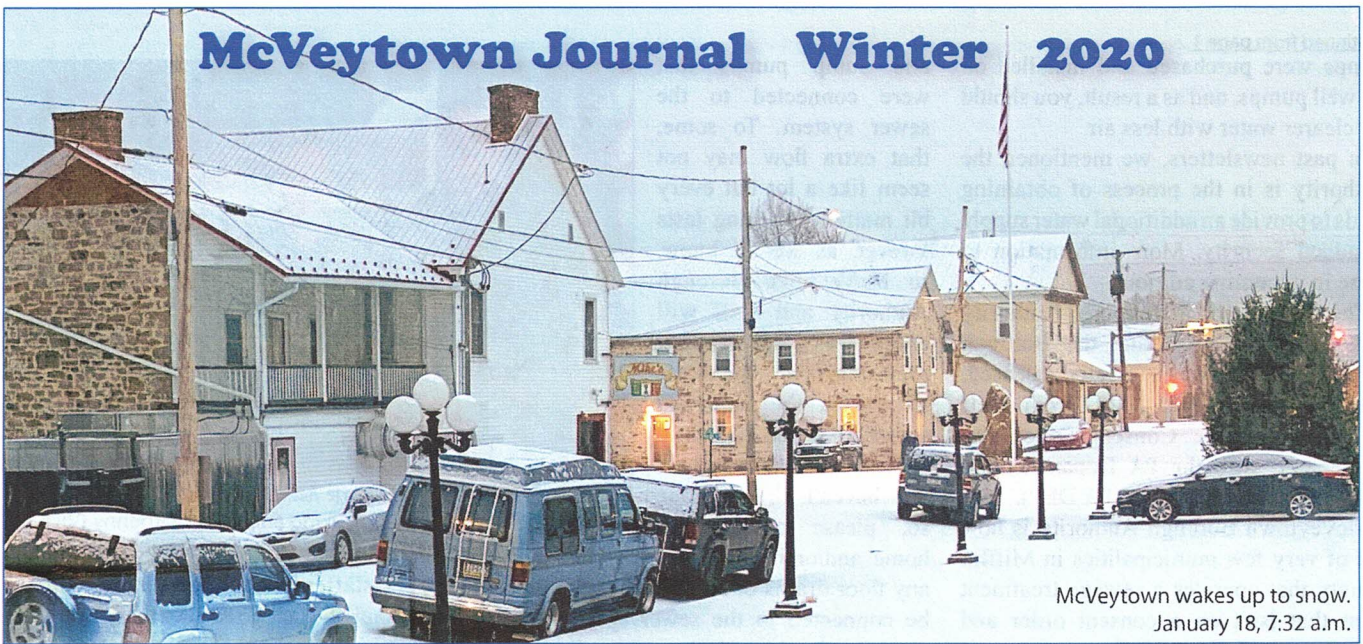


McVeytown Journal Winter 2020



McVeytown wakes up to snow.
January 18, 7:32 a.m.

Borough Directory

Town Council Members

Wilda Fisher, Mayor
Steve Feathers, President
Roland Fagan, Vice President
Jacob Harper, Assist. Sec./Treas.
Rex Goss ~ John Stiver
Mark Zong

Water & Sewer Authority

Pete Sunderland, Chair
Russ Halfpenny ~ Steve Coleman
Galen Yoder ~ Doug Zong

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McVeytown PA 17051

Authority meetings are held on
the 1st Wed. of 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...While the new year is always a time for setting new goals for ourselves, anytime is actually a good time to be inspired...we had many new positive things going on in the Borough, in the past months.

On page 2 is an article by Borough Council Vice-President Roland Fagan announcing no property tax increase again for the fourth consecutive year and no rate increase effective January 1, 2020 for customers on the McVeytown Borough water and sewer system! The Council, Authority and staff constantly strive to make our town a better place to live and raise families.

We realize with today's world, it can be such a fast-paced life, but we need your help now. We want residents to be involved. We currently have two openings to serve on the Tax Collection Committee representing McVeytown Borough; one position on the Zoning Hearing Board and there is always a need for volunteers at the Rothrock Community Library. For more information, please contact the Borough Office.

McVeytown Borough Council Update...On January 6, 2020, McVeytown Borough Council

held their re-organization meeting.

As a result of the 2019 Election we are proud to announce that Steven Feathers, Rex Goss and Mark Zong will serve another four years as volunteer members of the McVeytown Borough Council.

Wilda Fisher, Mayor of McVeytown Borough so graciously provided the oath of office to the members, and commented on how proud she was of the group of people that represent our community. At the meeting, motions were made to reappoint Steven Feathers as Council President, Roland Fagan as Vice-President and Jacob Harper as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Borough Authority Update.... For many years now, a long-range goal for the McVeytown Borough Authority was to purchase and install emergency backup generators!

What does this mean for you...during a major storm event with power outage, the Authority will now be able to provide residents with water and have accessibility to operate the sewer system accordingly.

Hopefully by now, you have noticed an improvement in your water. Two variable-speed

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Left to Right: Mark Zong, Steve Feathers, Wilda Fisher, and Rex Goss.



Council President Steve Feathers and Mayor Wilda Fisher,

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pumps were purchased and installed on the well pumps, and as a result, you should see clearer water with less air.

In past newsletters, we mentioned the Authority is in the process of obtaining funds to provide an additional water supply as added security. More information to come in upcoming editions.

The McVeytown Borough Authority is honored to report that the Borough of McVeytown was officially released, effective January 22, 2020, from their obligations in the Consent Order and Agreement, with the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP).

McVeytown Borough Authority is now one of very few municipalities in Mifflin County that operates a sewage treatment plant that isn't on a consent order and agreement with PA DEP. For many years, McVeytown Borough Authority was in violation for having overflows at the Wray Pump Station into the Juniata River, as a result of a defective system with inflow and infiltration issues and extra flow. Every time we had a significant rainfall event that meant another overflow and another fine.

We again thank you for your patience while the sewer rehabilitation project was completed, and for your assistance in checking your home for floor drains

and sump pumps that were connected to the sewer system. To some, that extra flow may not seem like a lot but every bit matters. Nothing lasts forever, as we all know, so McVeytown Borough Authority and staff will continue to diligently seek preventative measures to sustain the improved sewer collection system.

Please do your part. If you haven't already done so, please check your home and/or business for any floor drains or sump pumps that may be connected to the sewer system. You won't be fined; we just need to eliminate any unlawful connections. If in question, please contact the Borough Office for assistance.

As an added preventative measure, the Authority has submitted a proposed plan to PA DEP—a request to purchase and install an equalizer holding tank at the Wray Pump Station, as added protection to prevent future overflows in years to come. It takes people like members of Borough Council, the Authority and the Mayor (all people of the committee like



McVeytown Borough Water and Sewage Authority members (from left): Pete Sunderland (Chairman), Doug Zong and Russ Halfpenny (Vice-Chairman). Not pictured are Galen Yoder and Steve Coleman.

you) and staff, working together to be able to accomplish such goals like these things mentioned throughout this newsletter.

We feel very proud and honored to have such a great team of people who want to work together to make McVeytown Borough a better place to live and raise families. As part of that, in this edition we wish to recognize the members of the McVeytown Borough Water and Sewer Authority for their volunteer services to the committee.

Above is a picture of three of the current five members of the McVeytown Borough Authority. We thank you for your services!

Good News for Town Residents!

A preliminary 2020 budget was presented and accepted at our November meeting. Thereafter it was made available for public review and public comment at the Borough Office.

At our December meeting, it received final approval from Borough Counsel and it took affect January 1, 2020.

The Borough was able to complete the 2020 budget with NO tax increase, therefore our real estate tax millage will set again at 9.5 mills.

The Borough continues to face many difficult budgetary challenges and works very hard to see that *your* tax dollars are spent wisely. Residents are welcome to stop at the Borough Office and review the budget at any time and offer comments. We encourage all residents to become familiar with how your tax dollars are spent.

Respectfully, Roland Fagan,
Council Vice President
Budget Committee Member

Watch out for those 4-way Stop signs

Over the past several years the Borough Council has added numerous Stop signs throughout the Borough. Most intersections are now four-way stops with only a few exceptions.

This action was taken to promote safety within the Borough. However, it's been brought to our attention that not all vehicles are slowing down and/or stopping at the Stop signs, which is a clear violation of State Law!

We are a small Borough with a lot of foot traffic—both young and old alike. Folks walk to the Post Office and to various businesses, as well as walk for pure enjoyment.

In addition, our children walk or ride bikes to either one of the playgrounds, the library, or just ride around for fun, like we did when we were their age.

During the school year, both morning and afternoon vehicle and foot traffic increases. Therefore anything we can do to make our town safer is of great importance to Borough Council and, I'm

sure, to all Borough Residents.

Many of us have witnessed first hand the aforementioned traffic violations and have mentioned them to one another as well as to Council members.

We ask all residents to be respectful while driving throughout the Borough by obeying all traffic laws.

We have also notified the State Police, asking for their assistance, and are exploring other options to help enhance the safety of all who travel throughout the Borough.

But with that being said, the onus still falls on all of us to do our part in keeping everybody safe! Just take a minute and look around. You'll quickly realize how busy our streets and sidewalks are on a daily basis.

Respectfully,
Roland Fagan
Council Vice President



A Salute to Our Library Volunteers!

On Tuesday, September 10, 2019, McVeytown Borough Council held a recognition event for the volunteers of the Rothrock Community Library.

Without special people like them and the library committee (Rex Goss, Mark Zong, Deb Himes and Rich Freed), the library wouldn't be possible.

Hours of operation of the Rothrock Community Library are Tuesday and Thursday 10 to 7 pm; Saturday 9 am to 1 pm.

Please stop by and bring your kids!



(From left): Anney Fisher-Henson, Deb Himes, Ann Saylor, Marie Yoder, Stella Henry and Joyce Fuhrer.

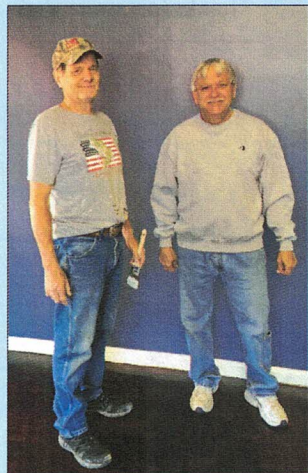


Rich and Rosalie Freed



Tangeline Sechrist

Volunteers not shown:
Emilee Fisher-Henson,
Sally Simone and
Damon Miller.



When something
needs done, call
The Renovaters!

Keith Gruber and
Steve Feathers spent
at least a week—
painting, cleaning;
sanding and staining
the floors; plus made
numerous other
improvements to the
Borough Building's
2nd floor.

You All are Terrific!

Check out the New Children's Library! And check out some books, too!

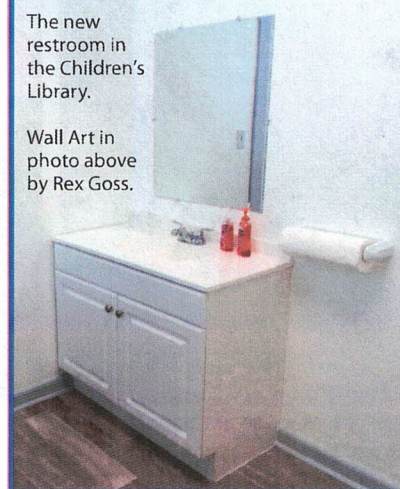
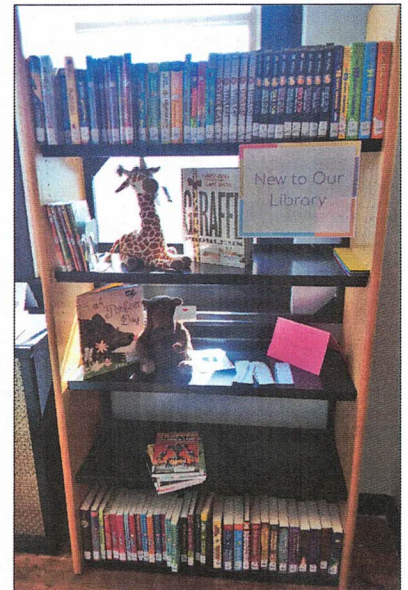
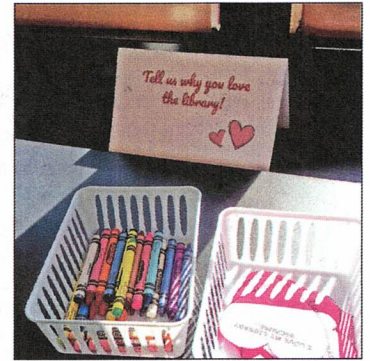
The Rothrock Community Library has expanded to the second floor of the Borough Building to include a children's library and soon to be a sitting room.

On behalf of funds provided by the Mifflin County Commissioners, renovations were made to the second-floor restroom for the children's library. Additional funds provided enabled the purchase of a new computer and printer, plus more books and supplies.

Thank you, Mifflin County Commissioners for recognizing the library as an asset to the community, and approving another year of funding to the Rothrock Community Library!

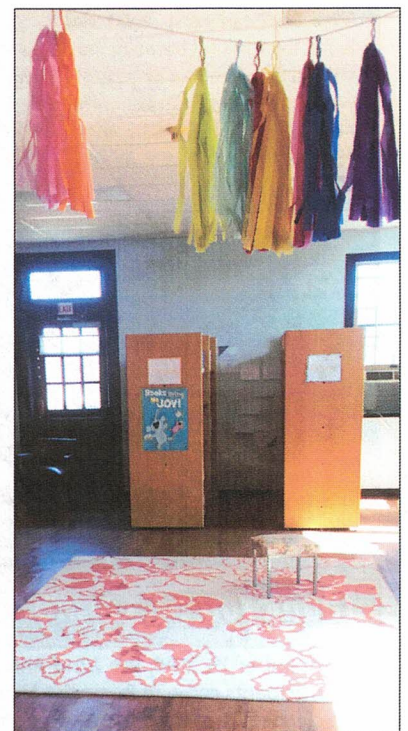
A date will be announced in the near future for a Grand Opening Event.

Please plan to attend!



The new
restroom in
the Children's
Library.

Wall Art in
photo above
by Rex Goss.



Coming Soon!
May 23rd, 2020



Country Memories Day

The Country Memories Day Committee meets every Monday at 7 pm, in the basement of McVeytown Borough Hall.

If you are interested in becoming a committee member, please join us!

It takes many hands and strong backs to prepare for the big event. Help is especially needed the week before.

What better way to serve your community than to help keep this beloved event alive and thriving?!

Need more information?

Call 717-899-6966 or 717-899-7450.



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

Pastor Stephanie Rupert: 899-7866

Worship - 9:20am Sun. Sch. - 10:45am

Contemporary Worship - Sat. 6:30pm

Parish office hours: Tues-Fri: 9am-2pm

Email: mcveytownunited@verizon.net

Website: www.mcveytownumc.com

McVeytown Presbyterian

Pastor Scott Andrews, 899-6861

Sunday School - 9am Worship - 10am.

Have an event that you want listed?

Contact Jodie 717- 899-6323.

The McVeytown Journal

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.

On Guard Duty



Although McVeytown doesn't have a town constable, we do have some protection. Stop in at Borough Hall and meet Rascal. He serves as the Borough's K9 Unit, and wears a badge on his chest to prove it!

Firehouse Fundraisers

Bingo: March 13 and 27;
April 10 and 24; May 8.

Cash Night: March 14
Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
April 11th

A Special Thank You to Nittany Media for assisting McVeytown Borough in hanging the Christmas lights!



New In Town

Please Welcome our new residents

The Miller Family of 22 S. Market Street
The Kauffman Family of 26 S. Market Street

Re-located in Town...

The Pollock Family at 20 S. Water Street

New Business Owner

Grove Rentals: Apts & Storage Rentals
W. John Street



*We had joy,
we had fun...*

Everyone, of all ages, enjoyed the music of *Flip Side* at the Treelighting Ceremony on December 7th. Thanks for coming!



Thank You for Caring!



On September 18, 2019, the 22nd Annual United Way Day of Caring, five participants came to fix up the McVeytown Borough Playground. They cleaned the playground equipment, weeded, mulched, and

scraped and painted the back emergency stairwell of the borough building. Thank you Nick of MCIDC, and Jill, Lori, Gina and Liza of PA CareerLink MC_EARNS Group. *You did a Great Job!*

2020 US CENSUS

What Is the 2020 Census?

The 2020 Census counts every person living in the United States and five U.S. territories—once, only once, and in the right place. This census is conducted every 10 years by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency.

Why We Do It

The results of the census determine your congressional representation as well as federal funding for states and communities. Every year, more than \$675 billion goes toward hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and more.

It's also mandated by the Constitution: The United States has counted its population every 10 years since 1790.

When You Can Take the 2020 Census

By April 1, 2020, households will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You'll then have three ways to respond: online, by phone, or by mail.

Everyone Must Complete the 2020 Census

If you live in the United States, you are required by law to participate in the 2020 count, even if you recently completed another survey from the Census Bureau. A complete and accurate count is critical, as the results of the 2020 Census will affect congressional representation, community funding, and more.

2020 Census will ask:

- How many people are living or staying at your home on April 1, 2020.
- Whether the home is owned or rented.
- About the sex of each person in the household.
- About the age of each person in the household.
- About the race of each person in the household.
- About whether a person in the household is of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin.
- About the relationship of each person in the household to one central person.

The Census Bureau will never ask you for:

- Your Social Security number.
- Money or donations.
- Anything on behalf of a political party.
- Your bank or credit card account numbers.

If someone claiming to be from the Census Bureau asks you for one of these things, you may be the target or victim of a scam. For more information, visit [Avoiding Fraud and Scams](#) on the 2020 US Census Website by visiting 2020census.gov

What Happens to My Answers?

Your personal information is kept **confidential**. We are bound by federal law to protect your information, and your data are used only for statistical purposes.

Need a temporary job? The US Census is hiring Census Takers in Mifflin County starting at \$15.50 per hour. For more information, please visit 2020census.gov/jobs

Don't have internet access... the Rothrock Community Library located on 10 N. Queen Street has free internet services available to you.

Additional ways to follow the 2020 US Census for updates is on FB, Twitter and LinkedIn