



## Borough of MOUNT PENN

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### Merger Update:

**To the citizens of the community.** Please be aware that the first of a series of meetings with the Township and Borough Merger Committee will begin on Monday March 24th at 6 PM in the Antietam High School Cafeteria. The Lower Alsace Township Supervisors are pleased to be able to continue discussions with the Mount Penn Borough officials to determine if merging the two government administrations into one municipal entity is in the best interest of the Community.

The Merger Committee will examine the facts, gather the information and input from you and with the help of Paul Janssen and John Kramer from the Center of Excellence in Local Government (CELG), formalize a recommended plan for the structure of the government entity that emerges. With over 60 years of municipal planning and management experience, the Township Merger Committee is confident that CELG will guide the discussion in a thorough and respectful dialogue assisting the Committee in their work looking into the future of our community.

That plan will need to be completed to allow enough time for you, the voters of Lower Alsace Township and Mount Penn Borough, to make the final decision by way of a referendum on the ballot in the November 2014 election. These ongoing discussions will involve public input, opinion and the support of all of the residents in both communities. In addition to the March 24, 2014 kick off meeting, the following Mondays will be set aside, as determined to be needed, to enable the Merger Committee to complete their task.

April 14, 2014  
April 28, 2014

May 12, 2014  
May 19, 2014

June 2, 2014  
June 9, 2014  
June 23, 2014

July 14, 2014  
July 28, 2014

### Various Ordinance Reminders:



#### \*\*\*\* **INSPECTIONS REQUIRED** \*\*\*\*

Prior to selling or renting your property, the Borough requires that a Use & Occupancy certificate is issued. You will need to have a Use & Occupancy Inspection completed; a certificate will be issued when the property passes the inspection. An Inflow & Infiltration inspection also must be completed prior to sale. Forms may be obtained and inspections arranged by contacting the Borough Office or at [www.mtpennborough.net](http://www.mtpennborough.net).

**Pets:** It is unlawful to allow pets to run at large in the borough. Pet waste deposited upon another's property must be cleaned up immediately. All fecal matter on the pet owner's property must be cleaned up within twenty-four (24) hours and deposited in a sanitary manner. Excessive barking is prohibited.

**Bonfires** or other outdoor open fires are prohibited in Mt. Penn Borough.

**Grass and Weeds** must be kept trimmed to a maximum of 10 inches. **Trees** must be kept trimmed so they do not interfere with the passage of pedestrians on sidewalks, or obstruct the view of traffic signs, streetlights, or oncoming traffic at intersections. The minimum clearance of any limbs overhanging a street is 13 feet; alley, or sidewalk should be 10 feet. Our Street Crew will be spraying herbicide along curbs and roadsides to eliminate pesky weeds.

**Tax Information:** Mt. Penn Borough has issued the 2014 Per Capita Tax Bills on March 1, 2014 in the amount of \$5.00 (flat) to every resident over the age of 18. ALL UNPAID PER CAPITA TAX BILLS must be paid by December 31, 2014. After this date, the unpaid Per Capita Tax Bills will be turned over to a Tax Collection Agency who then will demand that full payment be made with the additional cost of penalties (\$30.50). To avoid an inconvenient situation, please make payment to the Tax Collector for \$5.50 by December 31, 2014. **Tax Collector's Hours:** During the last 2 weeks of March, April, June and December, Tuesday 3:00pm-6:00pm, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00am-Noon. Other hours by appointment. **John Skrincosky, Jr., (610)-779-1116.**

**General Reminders:**

Borough news, permit applications, rental and transfer forms, etc. can be found on our website:

[www.mtpennborough.net](http://www.mtpennborough.net)

**Complaints** will now be accepted verbally, as well as in writing, for all **code violations.**

**Trash Collection** every Tuesday and Friday.

**Recycling** every Friday.

**One Bulk Item** the **First** Friday of the month.

**Yard Waste** will be picked up **twice** per month on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays from April-November. Yard Waste includes twigs/shrub trimmings and prunings, leaves, and garden waste (pinecones, weeds, dead plants). Rocks, dirt and logs are **NOT** considered yard waste. Yard waste **MUST** be placed in biodegradable brown paper bags or in a designated Yard Waste container (trash can) with no lid. **NO PLASTIC BAGS!** All material not prepared properly will not be collected. Biodegradable brown yard waste bags can be purchased at the Borough Office, Home Depot, Lowes and some grocery stores.

**Street Sweeping** will take place April 14-18, 2014. Vehicles will be ticketed and towed so please watch for our signs.

**Note: Effect January 24, 2013,** the Pennsylvania Covered Device Recycling Act **requires that consumers not dispose of covered devices, such as computers, laptops, monitors and televisions with their trash.** We urge you to contact Berks County Solid Waste Authority for all your questions and information on Tire Collection, Paper Shredding, Electronic Recycling Center, Household Hazardous Waste, Pharmaceutical Waste and more at [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us) or call 610.478.6362, or DEP's Recycling Hotline 1.800.346.4242. For your convenience please be aware of the following 2014 Special Waste Collections. All events will take place 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

**Spring Events**

Governor Mifflin Intermediate School  
600 Governor Drive  
Shillington, PA 19607

**Fall Events**

First Energy Stadium  
Rt. 61 Reading

**Household/Hazardous Waste**

April 19, 2014

**Household/Hazardous Waste**

October 18, 2014

**Paper Shredding and  
Pharmaceutical Waste**

April 26, 2014

**Paper Shredding and  
Pharmaceutical Waste**

October 11, 2014

**Electronic and Tire Recycling Center**

1316 Hilltop Road, Leesport, PA (in Bern Twp.)  
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday (year round) 8:00 AM - Noon

**Regarding Prescription Drugs:** A drop box for unused or expired medication is located in the lobby of the Central Berks Regional Police Department office located at 2147 Perkiomen Avenue. Citizens may dispose of their unused medications into the box anonymously. Personal information on the labels should be crossed out, but information regarding the medication should be legible. Syringes should not be placed in the drop box. Opened containers of liquid will not be accepted unless they are completely sealed. There is also a list of "accepted" and "not accepted" items on the box, which should be reviewed before depositing. Pet medications are also accepted. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4PM.

**Congratulations to our 2013 Holiday Decorating Contest Winners**

**Best Decorated Single Home**

1<sup>st</sup> place – The Hannon Residence  
2107 Highland Avenue  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – The Raith Residence  
401 Brighton Avenue

**Best Decorated Semi-Detached Home**

1<sup>st</sup> place – The Ramsey Residence  
2449 Fairview Avenue  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – The Szurgot Residence  
232 North 25<sup>th</sup> Street

**Best Decorated Row Home**

1<sup>st</sup> place – The Serrano & Salinas Residence  
1957 Woodvale Avenue  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – The Keller Residence  
14A. South 20<sup>th</sup> Street

**ANTIETAM/OLEY VALLEY FOOTBALL ALLIANCE**

Youth Football & Cheerleading

Additional registration Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Oley Valley Middle School Cafeteria from 2 – 4 PM

Football Information Contact: Lynn Leister @ 610.334.2761 [lynn@oleyfootball.org](mailto:lynn@oleyfootball.org)

Cheerleading Information Contact: Wendy Mundy @ 267.372.2938 [della09@comcast.net](mailto:della09@comcast.net)

**MOUNT PENN SOCCER CLUB**

The Mount Penn Soccer Club is currently registering players for the upcoming Fall Season. Fees for this year are \$50.00 for U8 players, \$70 for U9 and up. To register, send an email to [mtpennsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:mtpennsoccer@gmail.com) and a registration form will be sent to you. Visit [www.mtpennsoccer.com](http://www.mtpennsoccer.com) for more information. Registration is due by April 12, 2014

**Don't forget to come to National Night Out on Tuesday, August 05, 2014 from 6pm-9pm at the A-Field!**



**National Night Out**

**1,000,000 Gallons of Fun! Antietam Pool**

805 Byram Street  
Membership Information  
(610) 779-5240



**BLOCK PARTY:** What a great way to kick-off Summer. Weather permitting let's gather on the 2500 block of Grant Street on Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>, 4pm-9pm. Music includes a small band and DJ. Local food establishments will be on-site selling delicious eats. Come one – come all.

**Important Telephone Numbers:**

Borough Hall:	610.779.5151	District Justice:	610.779.5137
Water Authority:	610.779.4900	Police (Non-Emergency):	610.655.4911
Sewer Authority:	610.779.0150	Police (Office)	610.779.1100
Tax Collector:	610.779.1116	Emergency:	911

**HAVE A VERY SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SPRING AND SUMMER SEASON**