



# DANVILLE BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!***

## ***PRESIDENT RICHARDSON'S YEAR IN REVIEW***

As 2017 draws to a close, it is time once again to pause and look back at some of the highlights of what Danville Borough Council and the Borough's dedicated staff have accomplished this past year. As usual, it has been busy in the borough and a great many things have been going on that make Danville a terrific place to live, work, and play.

To begin with, we have made numerous infrastructure improvements this year. One thing we worked on was the levee improvements needed for FEMA certification. Both Hospital Run and the Upper Susquehanna earthen levees need to be raised to meet freeboard requirements. Work will be completed in 2018, then FEMA will review our application for accreditation and when approved the levee system will be shown on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps. This will reduce the need for flood insurance for many residents.

We submitted our permit application to the Department of Environmental Protection's MS4 storm water program. What this means in nuts-and-bolts terms is filing a permit, doing pollutant

reduction plans, implementing best management practices for storm water management, and ultimately creating a process to properly deal with vast amounts of runoff that follows every storm. DEP is requiring the Borough, Mahoning Township, Valley Township, and Cooper Township to take part in this program because we are now included in an Urbanized Area according to the Census.

On a smaller but no less significant note, all borough and PPL owned street lights were converted to LED this year. This will save a significant amount of money on energy costs, allowing the borough to use this money on other much-needed projects.

We have been working with the Danville Area School District and Geisinger to design an option to relocate the entrance to the Middle School further west to eliminate the traffic conflicts and provide more stacking room for vehicles turning into the school. We have agreed on the best option and will be moving forward with the project in 2018.

This past year we also worked with an engineer to design

the reconstruction of the Montour Street Bridge. In 2016 we were awarded a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant for this project to include replacement of concrete deck, barriers, and sidewalk. The bridge was inspected by LDG in 2015, and the resulting report called out high-priority deficiencies in the deck, parapets, and sidewalk. The 42-year-old superstructure is reaching the end of its useful life. The Montour Street Bridge deck has been spalling in many places, with exposed rebar, while the deck also has several cracks and areas of ponding. The parapets exhibited shrinkage, scaling, hairline cracks, and random spalls, while the sidewalk has an eight foot long area of deterioration near the end with exposed rebar. There is also major spalling with exposed rebar at corners and joints. There are full-width traverse cracks at the bituminous approaches, and one inch of settlement at the corners. This bridge is going to see a significant increase in traffic when Geisinger fully staffs the offices at the convent, which will drastically increase the speed at which the structure deteriorates. More

traffic leads to larger cracks and spalls, which leads to more water leaking into the structure, which weakens the bridge's structural integrity, and so on. At present we are working with UGI to determine the best way to handle the relocation of the gas main for construction.

The borough was also awarded both an Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) and Green Light Go (GLG) grant from PennDOT. The ARLE grant will be used to replace the traffic signals and make intersection improvements at Railroad and Walnut Streets. The GLG will be used to re-time the traffic signals to improve traffic flow. Both of these grants will help mitigate the traffic congestion in the Borough.

Finally, the Sewer Main Interceptor project was at long last completed in 2017. We sincerely appreciate everyone's patience while this project was under construction.

It's well for us to take note of our own accomplishments, but so much more satisfying when others note them, which happened several times in 2017. The borough was awarded a Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence for our inter-municipal cooperation agreement with the Town of Bloomsburg for Recycling Services. Shannon Berkey and Jamie Shrawder attended the ceremony along with Lauren Martz and Charlie Fritz from Bloomsburg.

The borough was also designated as a Keystone Main Street program under the PA DCED Keystones Community program. This designation, which was applied for and is managed by the Danville Business Alliance, gives the borough priority consideration when applying for DCED grant programs such as the

Keystone Communities grants which are used for façade improvements and other improvements in the central business district. These funds have also been applied for to construct Canal Park and support the DBA's theatre project.

In addition, the borough was awarded a 100 Cities/100 Memorials grant from the WWI Centennial Commission for the rehabilitation of our WWI monument in Memorial Park. The VFW, American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, and the AmVETS all provided matching funds for this work. Jamie Shrawder participated in a podcast about this grant award and rehab project on October 25. A rededication ceremony was held at the site on Veterans Day.

We received an honorable mention award for our Borough Newsletter at the annual PSAB convention. Jamie Shrawder attended to accept the award.

And finally, Danville's contribution to making the vision for the Susquehanna Greenway a reality was recognized on Friday, September 8th. We have worked to create riverfront parks and connected trails that help our residents live active healthy lives, and we have told our fascinating story of the canal era and iron heritage that is so closely intertwined with the Susquehanna River. We also recognize that our future success is tied to a strong and healthy relationship with the river. The Susquehanna Greenway River Towns Program recognizes and provides technical assistance to communities that value and protect the river as a resource for sustainable economic development. Danville has met all of our requirements to become designated as a Susquehanna Greenway River Town.

There are any number of additional accomplishments we could note -- such as continuing the trend of attracting new businesses to town, this past year bringing Triple Play Sports, Keystone Community Bank, and Rock God Brewing to Danville; or of partnering with SEDA-COG to create a Flood Resiliency Task Force made up of local residents, representatives from insurance, real estate and banking, plus borough staff; or that construction is well underway on the second phase of Jacobs Landing townhouses on Front Street, which includes the construction of two four unit townhouses -- but this letter must end at some point, and the accomplishments of the past year are greater than the space we have to review them!

These are just some of the many very positive things we have been up to in 2017. This year has been a busy one in Danville, but one that has seen what I believe will be the beginning of many things for the borough that will develop in the coming year. We have begun discussion on work that is needed on the pedestrian bridge over Mahoning Creek. In the future we hope to find funding to make repairs to the concrete and ultimately make this pedestrian bridge ADA accessible.

I hope you have personally had as excellent a 2017 as possible, and may 2018 find you happy, healthy, and well.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **ABC Fashion Show – February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 @ 6:00 PM**

Don't toss it out - wear it! Clean out your recycle bin or that basket full of scraps and transform it into fashion! The Danville Arts Council invites you to enter into our ABC Fashion Show, where the ensembles are made of Anything But Clothes! Team of up to 3 members can display outfits made out of cardboard, plastic, paper - you name it! Be sure to bring your friends and family to see all the crazy creations and vote for their favorite! Team members will receive a T-shirt, with the Grand Prize going to the team whose ensemble has the most votes. The party will kick off with a social hour with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Fashion show will begin at 7pm and participants must be 16 years or older.

**Pine Barn Inn, 1 Pine Barn Place – [www.danvilleartscouncil.org](http://www.danvilleartscouncil.org) – 570.284.4502**

### **Winter Wine in the Pines – February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 5:00 PM**

Love is in the air! Celebrate an early Valentine's Day at the 2nd Annual Winter Wine Festival from 5:00-9:00 p.m. It will feature Freas Farm Winery, Shade Mountain, Three Dogs Vino, Red Shale Ridge, Civil War Cider, Old Forge Brewery, food tastings provided by Mayberry Hospitality Catering, Frosty Valley Country Club, Big Dan's BBQ, Mirella's Fine Cakes & Pastries, live entertainment with Woody Wolfe, 50/50, chinese auction raffles and more! Tickets will be \$30.00 per person for this event. Sorry, no ticket refunds. Event will be held regardless of weather conditions.

**Danville Borough Ballroom, 463 Mill Street – [visitdanvillepa.org](http://visitdanvillepa.org) – 570.284.4502**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Destination Blues Music Festival – February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 through February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Attracting people from far and wide, the annual Destination Blues Music Festival takes place in Columbia and Montour Counties, featuring acts ranging from solo acoustic performers to electric bands to a full Gospel choir. Most of the performances take place in family-friendly restaurants and bars with no cover charges; attendees enjoy the best of our area's food and drink – think brewpubs - in addition to the music.

**Various Locations around Columbia and Montour Counties - [www.destinationblues.org](http://www.destinationblues.org) – 570.317.2596**

### **Humdinger Trail Races – Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 @ 10:00 AM**

The Humdinger Trail Races are designed to test your early season stamina while shaking off the cabin fever. What could be more fun than racing through snowy and muddy central PA fields and forests with 300 or so costumed friends and family? Whether you're up for roughly 5, 8 or 13 miles of early March trail running and you're in it to win it or just have fun with your family and friends, we have a 'Dinger for you!

**The 'Pig Barn' (State Hospital Dr., Danville, PA) – <http://www.rivertownrace.com/humdinger/> – 570.271.1055**

**See website for registration cost and details.**

## Curbside Recycling Collection Dates

### 1<sup>st</sup> Ward

1/4/2018	2/1/2018	3/1/2018	4/5/2018	5/3/2018	6/7/2018	7/5/2018	8/2/2018	9/6/2018
			10/4/2018	11/1/2018	12/6/2018			

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

1/11/2018	2/8/2018	3/8/2018	4/12/2018	5/10/2018	6/14/2018	7/12/2018	8/9/2018	9/13/2018
			10/11/2018	11/8/2018	12/13/2018			

**3<sup>rd</sup> Ward**

1/18/2018 2/15/2018 3/15/2018 4/19/2018 5/17/2018 6/21/2018 7/19/2018 8/16/2018  
9/20/2018 10/18/2018 11/15/2018 12/20/2018

**4<sup>th</sup> Ward**

1/25/2018 2/22/2018 3/22/2018 4/26/2018 5/24/2018 6/28/2018 7/26/2018 8/23/2018  
9/27/2018 10/25/2018 11/21/2018 12/27/2018

*Need recycling collection bins for your residence? Call us at 570-275-3091, Ext. 0, and we'll have them delivered right to your front door. (Limit 3 bins per household.)*

**MEET YOUR NEW COUNCILMEN**

**Byard Woodruff**



Byard is 56 years old and married to Theresa Woodruff. His son Patrick is 24, and he has three step children: John Burke, Carey Burke, and Amy Burke Conklin. He graduated from the Pennsylvania State University in 1983 with a B.S. in Finance. He is currently employed as a Cost Analyst at Ritz-craft Corp. in Mifflinburg and has worked in the modular home industry since 1985. He looks forward to sharing his experience with other members of council and hopes to gain their knowledge in working toward a better Danville.

**Joseph Stigerwalt**



Joe was born and raised in the borough Danville. He is married and has girls. He works in the maintenance department for Montour County. He also owns his own property maintenance business, JWS Enterprise. He is a volunteer firefighter at the Washington Fire and Hose #2 in Danville.

**Jeremiah Walter**



Jeremiah Walter is a Hazmat Supervisor with Northridge Group Inc. and has worked with hazardous materials since 2010. He is an Iraq war veteran and grew up here in Danville. He is also a volunteer firefighter with Friendship Fire Co. He looks forward to building positive relationships with the residents and business owners within the borough.

**FLOOD FLASH**

The Borough's Flood Resiliency Task Force is developing a brochure to be distributed to real estate agents, insurance companies, and banks, as well as any interested public, on the importance of having an elevation certificate. The Borough and SEDA-Council of Governments (SEDA-COG) are working together to provide FEMA Elevation Certificates. SEDA-COG has negotiated a group pricing agreement with Coukart & Associates, Inc. to complete the Elevation Certificates at a rate of \$450. Applications for Elevation Certificates are available for pick-up at the Borough Office, or via email at [jshrawder@danvilleboro.org](mailto:jshrawder@danvilleboro.org). Visit [www.floodsmart.org](http://www.floodsmart.org) for more information about the National Flood Insurance Program. To look at the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps, visit [msc.fema.gov](http://msc.fema.gov). Educate yourself on flood insurance reform at <https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance-reform-law>.