

# Millbourne Borough Newsletter

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## Keeping our Borough "Ours."

Justin Skariah, Millbourne Borough Council

Although we come from different backgrounds and ethnicities, one thing we all hate to see is trash. When we allow trash to accumulate, we, the residents, are losing our borough and letting in uninvited guests such as rodents and roaches. So you might ask, "What can I do today to make a difference?"

### Does your household have a trash can?

In Millbourne you cannot simply put your trash bags on the curb — they must be in a trash can with a lid. If you do not have a trash can or wish to purchase a new one, come on down to Borough Hall at 9 Park Avenue and we can order one for you at a reduced cost. And, remember, your trash cans must be out of sight from the sidewalk unless it's a designated trash day.

### Do you know which days of the week trash is collected in the borough?

Not to worry, here's a friendly reminder. "Regular" household trash is collected twice every week on Tuesdays and Fridays. If you have trash that needs to be collected, you should put out your trash in a trash can along the curb on Monday and Thursday nights anytime after 6 pm. After your trash can has been emptied the next day, you have the responsibility of bringing it back onto your property and putting it out of sight with the lid on top. (Continued, P 2.)

## Calling All Residents

Mayor Tom Kramer asks you to call 9-1-1 any time you see something that doesn't look right. See page 3.

## Wister Drive Park Grand Opening Friday, October 12th

The grand opening for newly renovated Wister Drive Park will be held on Friday, October 12th, 2012. All are welcome to join Delaware County Council, Millbourne Borough officials, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and representatives from the PECO Green Region program to celebrate the opening of the renovated park. Free hot cider and cookies. For more information call Borough Hall at 610-352-9080.

## OctoberFest, Saturday, October 13th

Come on out for some fun and some savings on Saturday morning, October 13th. Many of our local businesses will have special sale offerings, and it'll be a great opportunity to get to know what services and products they have to offer us. You may also join in a parade with your bicycle, skateboard or roller skates, and take part other fun activities during the day.

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## Keeping our Borough "Ours," Continued

### What if I have heavier items that I want to dispose of?

Millbourne has got you covered. "Bulk" trash is collected every Friday. Put items out on Thursday night after 6 pm.

### What if I have electronic junk that I no longer want?

Never fear! Millbourne will occasionally hold an "E-Waste" event where you may bring all your old electronics such as computers, printers, video games, etc. Such events will be noted in the newsletter and on the website.

### I have things that I want to recycle, what are my options?

Millbourne is working hard to implement a residential curbside recycling program. Lucky for you, in the meantime you can bring your recycling to Borough Hall, 9 Park Avenue. Please come between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm on weekdays. You can recycle paper, glass, plastics, and metal cans at Borough Hall. If you bring recycling to Borough Hall, please be sure to put it in the can marked "Recyclables." If you have just a single bottle or can there are also new recycling cans along Market Street where you can dispose of them. These new recycling cans are painted green.

### What about sensitive documents?

We all have important papers such as credit card statements, loan or mortgage information, old tax information, etc. What happens when we do not need them anymore? One option is to wait for an event such as "The Great Shredder Event" sponsored by NBC 10. These events are held frequently around the Philadelphia region. If you cannot wait that long or have a ton of sensitive documents, you could invest in a personal shredder. The cost of a personal shredder is well worth it because it protects your identity.

### What else can I do?

There is always something more that each of us can do to help keep Millbourne clean and safe. If you see any litter on the street, pick it up and put it in a trash can. Millbourne Borough Council has added more public trash cans on Market Street to accompany the ones we already had, and two more will be placed on Wister Drive soon thanks to a grant from the PECO Green Region program. Our entire borough is easily "walkable" and this means that there is always a trash can nearby.

### How can I get more involved?

Talk to your neighbors and talk with your kids. If you see someone littering, speak up and courteously let them know there is a trash can not too far away. Keeping trash off of our streets keeps away the vermin and criminals, creating a better environment for everyone. When we have clean, safe streets, Millbourne is truly "ours."

## Absentee Ballot and Voting Information

Absentee ballot applications are available now at Borough Hall. The absentee ballot application must be sent to the Election Bureau in Media by October 30th. After the Election Bureau receives your application, they will send you your ballot. Your ballot must be received in Media by November 2nd to be counted.

Also related to voting, a recent court decision allows all registered voters to vote **without** ID this year in the Presidential election on November 6th. In future years, though, ID may be required. Ask at Borough Hall for more information.

## Borough Hall Information

Please feel free to contact the Borough Manager, Tina Mason, and any Borough Council member by calling 610-352-9080. Borough Hall at 9 Park Avenue is open 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on major holidays. We are here to serve the community. We will be glad to help you in any way we can. The Tax Collector's Drop Box is also located inside Borough Hall so you can drop off tax payments whenever the office is open.

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## Mayor Tom Kramer Calls All Residents

Dear Residents,

The Millbourne Police Department and I ask that residents call 9-1-1 right away if they see something or someone suspicious in our neighborhood. Our police officers are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to serve and protect us. You can help them help us by using 9-1-1 to report suspicious activity. It never hurts to have our officers check out a situation. Call 9-1-1 and let our officers make a determination.

Sometimes, language can be a barrier when you want to call. So please keep in mind that what the 9-1-1 operator really needs to know is: **Where**, **Who** and **What**. Here is an example of a call. Suppose it's 11:00 p.m. at night.

"Hello, Delco 9-1-1, I see two males (provide a description) walking down the street near (provide the address) and they seem to be looking into car windows. Could you please send an officer and have them check it out?"

You must give the operator an address so they know exactly where to send help. You will probably be asked for your name, phone number and address. This is only so they can get back in touch with you if they need to. The dispatcher tries to get as much information as possible, but you can say you wish to remain anonymous.

The important thing is to tell them **where** the problem is occurring, **who** is involved, and **what** the problem is. Give them as much information as you can: Where, Who and What.

With your help, our police will be better aware of activity and will know where to focus resources. So please, if you see something that looks suspicious report it right away to 9-1-1 and let them know Where, Who and What.

Yours truly,

Thomas Kramer, Mayor

## Thank You for a *Spectacular* Trash Can Extravaganza

A big thank you to all the staff and residents who took part in Millbourne's first Trash Can Extravaganza. Special thanks to Drew and Frankie, the sons of Police Chief Payne, who assisted in personalizing the trash cans, and to Bill Muth of Upper Darby True Value Hardware who provided the Rubbermaid trash cans at a **very** good price. Please tell Bill "thank you" if you visit True Value Hardware, 6945 Marshall Rd, near the corner of Marshall Road and 69th Street.

When the Trash Extravaganza was announced the response from the community was almost instant. Orders started coming in the next morning. In the end nearly 40 sturdy, blue Rubbermaid trash cans were put to use by residents throughout the Borough. Each trash can had a sticker to reminding drivers to "**Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25.**" The resident's address was stenciled on both the can and its lid.

Even if you missed the Trash Can Extravaganza you can still order a new trash can. The Borough will order additional trash cans from time to time based on demand. Please stop by Borough Hall if you'd like one. The cost is \$14. Many thanks again for the tremendous effort of the Borough staff and the wonderful response from the community.

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## Neighborhood Notices:

**Borough Council Workshop Meeting** October 10th, 7:30 pm, Borough Hall. Members of the public and comments are welcome. Presentations by Simone Collins Landscape Architecture and Delaware County Planning Department.

**Wister Drive Park Grand Opening:** Friday October 12, 4:00 pm. All are welcome, both children and adults. Free cider and cookies. Join Borough officials, members of the Delaware County Council, Delaware County Planning Department, Office of Housing and Community Development, and invited guests from PECO's Green Region program for the grand opening of the renovated park. Volunteer clean-up immediately afterwards on Hurley and Marion Courts.

**Borough Council Meeting,** October 16th at Borough Hall, 7:30 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and comment. A draft agenda will be available at Borough Hall Thursday, October 11th.

**Police Open House:** Saturday, October 20th, 8:00 am to 11:00 am at the Police Station, Millbourne Borough Hall, 9 Park Avenue. The Police Chief is available to talk with you about any concern, comment or suggestion.

**School Board Meeting** November 6, 2012. Upper Darby High School Performing Arts Center, 601 Lansdowne Avenue, Drexel Hill, 7:30 pm. Arrive no later than 7:10 pm to sign in if you'd like to make a comment.



The Eco-Goat Herd from Sustainable Resource Management, Inc. as they arrived at Wister Drive Park on September 23, 2012, through a generous grant from the PECO Green Region program.

## Wister Drive Park — Grand Opening October 12

New playground equipment — a blue, red and yellow train engine — has come to Wister Drive Park. Two of our hobby horses have been re-installed. New woodchips and a new brick walkway are in place. Three new cherry trees have been planted to join the "One in a Million" cherry tree planted last December from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. Generous support from Delaware County Council through their CDBG program has made this possible.

Did you see the 34 goats that recently visited the Borough? They ate poison ivy and invasive plants on the land next to the park. The Eco Goats herd, managed by Brian Knox of Sustainable Resource Management, Inc., were faster and less expensive than human hands on this steep bank. Thanks to a PECO Green Region grant, the cost to the Borough was \$0.

The grand opening for Millbourne's renovated park will be at 4:00 pm on Friday, October 12th. Everyone, adults and children, are welcome to join us for cider, cookies, and the opening of the new park. More information? 610-352-9080.

OctoberFest, October 13, 2012. Shop specials all along the business district.  
More info inside and at [www.millbourneborough.org](http://www.millbourneborough.org).

# Millbourne OctoberFest

Events from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday October 13, 2012

Visit our local Millbourne businesses for specials all day.



Our Millbourne business district will be all dressed up and everyone can enjoy specials at participating businesses on Market Street this Saturday, October 13th, 2012.

Come one, come all, it'll be fun. And its a great way to get to know your local businesses and take advantage of some special sales. Some of the specials include:

- A sale on tilapia at R.K Food Mart (featuring Murry's Steaks), 10 pounds for \$29.99;
- Sale pricing on flyers and brochures at Superior Printing; and
- 10% off grocery products at J & J Grocery.

Keep an eye out for a special OctoberFest brochure which will be delivered to your house on Friday, October 12th. Then come on out and enjoy some savings at OctoberFest on Saturday.

There will be a parade organized by the 60th Street Business Association starting from 63rd and Market. All human powered vehicles are welcome, including bicycles, roller skates, skateboards, pedicabs, fire trucks and creative moving sculptures of all kinds. Be there at 9:00 am for decorating and set up. The parade will leave at 10:00 am and will go from the corner of 63rd Street and Market down to approximately 60th and Locust Street.

For more information on the Parade please send an email to [moberlypj@yahoo.com](mailto:moberlypj@yahoo.com) or call the 60th Street Business Association at 215-748-3830.

In addition to the business specials and sales in Millbourne, OctoberFest also offers additional activities, festivities, and events down on 60th Street in Philadelphia. Follow the parade or jump on the EL to get there. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, October 13th.

OctoberFest 2012. Everyone is welcome!

# Wister Drive Park Grand Opening



## Renovated Wister Drive Park, Grand Opening

All adults and children are welcome to the ribbon cutting for the re-opening of newly-renovated Wister Drive Park. Hot cider and cookies. Members of County Council, Millbourne Borough Council and staff, Office of Housing and Community Development and many more invited guests will be there. Come celebrate the renovated park! Friday, October 12th, 4:00 pm at Wister Drive Park at the western end of Wister Drive.

## Community Clean Ups on Hurley Court and Marion Court

Come one, come all. A community clean up sponsored by State Representative Margo Davidson will be held at 5:00 pm on Friday, October 12, right after the opening of Wister Drive Park. Trash bags, gloves, drinks and cookies will be provided. Let's get these blocks cleaned up, and then let's keep them that way.

We are also seeking block captains on these blocks, one for each side of the Court. If you're interested, please send an email to [assistant@millbourneborough.org](mailto:assistant@millbourneborough.org) or call 610-352-9080.

## Business Association Meetings, October 17th and Nov. 13th

These meetings in October and November are a chance to get acquainted and discuss the possible functions and priorities of a business association in Millbourne. Review OctoberFest activities, generate new ideas, enjoy coffee and refreshments. All Millbourne business owners are welcome. Meet at Millbourne Borough Hall, 9 Park Avenue, Millbourne PA. 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Wednesday October 17th and 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday November 13th. Questions? Call Borough hall at 610-352-9080.

## More New Trees Coming in November!

More new trees will be planted in early November as part of the PennVEST-Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) grant program. These trees will be planted along the treelawn (the small strip of grass between the road and the sidewalk) and on other public property. We have requested an up-to-date map from PHS and hope to be able to share that with you soon.

## OctoberFest 2012

Saturday, October 13th, 2012, 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m. The business district will be all dressed up and store sales and specials will be available all day. Fun tables and festivities also will be ongoing on 60th Street, courtesy of the 60th Street Business Development Association. There will be a parade, and additional information is available from Jeannie Moberly at [moberlypj@yahoo.com](mailto:moberlypj@yahoo.com) or at the 60th Street Business Association at 215-748-3830. Help for parade participants with parade decorations will be available at 9:00 am on Saturday near 63rd and Market. Parade route will start near 63rd and Market and progress to approximately 60th and Locust.