

Town News

West Middletown Borough

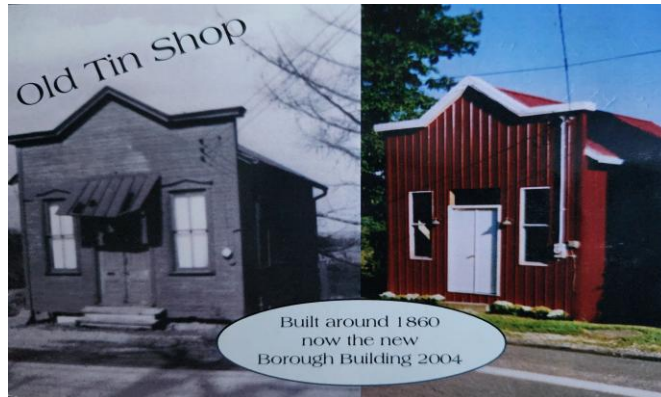
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Public Meetings

2nd Monday of each month
5pm

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Welcome to West Middletown!

- We've been busy this quarter working to strengthen our town, improve safety, and plan for future opportunities. Council recently met with **State Representative Josh Kail** to put names and faces together and begin building relationships that will help better position the borough for future grant opportunities.
- Operational updates are also underway. The borough has begun transitioning from a landline phone to a cell phone to allow for greater flexibility and accessibility. Following a council member's resignation, we welcomed **Joe(Jay) Umphrey** as our newest council member. In addition, a **Vacancy Board** has been established to help prepare for any future resignations, with **Fred Clark** appointed as chairperson. **Mark Craig, Rebecca Lowe, and Earl Dougan** are also serving on the Appeals Board.
- Safety and infrastructure updates include progress on demolition paperwork for **83 Crupe Street**, filing complaints on several properties with safety concerns. With PennDOT approval secured, plans are moving forward to install the new speed limit sign. While the preferred location is near the post office lot, the sign will be placed on **College Street** until written approval is received for the alternate location. **McKean Plumbing** has completed installation of a backflow valve and will be returning to install a septic alarm. The borough is also in the process of gathering estimates for needed electrical work at the pavilion.
- Community engagement continues to be a priority. We are working with **Cross Creek Township** to participate in the upcoming **Community Days** event. Additionally, a new **town newsletter** has been launched, along with a **suggestion box**, to encourage resident feedback and involvement.
- Spring cleaning projects have brought some fresh updates to borough facilities. Painting, window/blind cleaning, replacing light bulbs and flags help to brighten the space and improve overall appearance.

Recent highlights

- Thank you to everyone who continues to support and contribute to our community, and a special thank-you to **Steve Dunlap and Judy Miller** for their work on the audit. The completed audit has also been posted on the town website for public review.
- Progress continues on the sports courts project. **El Grande** has completed installation of the stone base, and paving is expected to be completed by the end of this week. Once paving is finished, El Grande's remaining scope of work will include installation of the perimeter fencing, pickleball net, and basketball hoops.
- **Keystone Sports Construction**, which will complete the court surfacing, has advised that newly installed asphalt requires an approximate **30-day curing period** before the acrylic playing surface can be applied. Keystone has been updated on the paving timeline and will provide a proposed surfacing schedule accordingly.
- Initial discussions have begun regarding a potential **Verizon cell tower** in the borough.
- The borough is currently obtaining quotes for **grass cutting and septic clean-out services** at the park.



Utilities & Local Services

- PAWC Water – 800-565-7292
- West Penn Power – 800-544-4877
- Columbia Gas – 888-460-4332
- R&K Disposal – 724-947-2428
- Septic Services: Ohio Valley Septic – 304-737-1406 | A-Affordable – 800-371-3255
- Deer Removal – 724-223-4480
- McDonald Police Department – 724-926-2105
- Harshman CE Group, LLC – 724-993-4505
- Tax Collector – Beverly Paul – 724-345-3555
- Wage Tax Collector – Keystone Collections – 724-987-0300
- West Middletown Fire Department – 724-587-5223
- PA State Police – 724-223-5200
- Avella Public Library – 724-587-5688
- West Middletown Post Office – 724-209-9001
- Avella School District – 724-356-2216

Our next area of focus

- The borough is currently working on several projects aimed at improving community spaces and preparing for future needs. Plans include replacing chairs and updating exterior light fixtures at the borough building to enhance comfort, safety, and appearance. At the park, efforts are underway to clean up older picnic tables and remove the old shed to refresh the space for public use.
- **Community Clean-Up Day** is planned for a Tuesday June 16th. R&K will be doing the pick-up.
- Once the pavilion updates are complete, the borough is also exploring additional **community events** to bring residents together. Ideas under consideration include **car shows, food trucks, movie nights, dances**, and other fun activities for all ages. More details will be shared as plans develop and we are open to any ideas or suggestions.
- Looking ahead to the upcoming election, the borough is seeking residents interested in running for **auditor positions**. Those willing to serve the community are encouraged to reach out for more information.