

Town News

West Middletown Borough

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Public Meetings

2nd Monday of each month

5pm

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Naudette Baxter

Angela Norman(Angie)

Joe Umphrey(Jay)

Solicitor

Makel & Assoc.

Engineering/Zoning/Bldg. Permits

Harshman CE Group LLC

Welcome to West Middletown!

- **Cell Tower Project**

We continue to work on the proposed cell tower project. Currently, we are awaiting Verizon's final approval of the location.

- **Court Improvement Project**

The sports court project is completed.

- **Speed Limit Sign – College Street**

The speed limit sign has been installed and is operational on College Street. While it is currently set at 35MPH (we put a sticker over the 3 to make it say 15 temporarily), we recognize this is not the correct long-term setting for that location. The sign has been configured in anticipation of relocation to Route 844, pending written approval from PennDOT.

- **Park Pavilion Rentals**

There has been some confusion regarding the park pavilion. The pavilion remains open and available for rentals; however, the electrical/breaker issue has not yet been resolved yet.

- To improve tracking and organization, all rental requests must now be submitted through the borough email.

- Current rental fees are as follows:

- Residents: \$25 rental fee + \$25 refundable cleaning deposit
- Non-residents: \$50 rental fee + \$50 refundable cleaning deposit

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 | 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

Recent highlights

- **Park Improvements and Maintenance**
Kevin did an excellent job removing the outdated playground equipment and the old outhouse structure.
We would also like to extend a sincere thank you to Kim Andrews for assisting with mowing the park while we work through the process of securing bids for ongoing mowing services.
- **We have been awarded a \$25,000 American 250 Spirit Grant to support improvements at the pavilion. These funds will be used to contract Lighthouse Electric to bring the pavilion's electrical system up to current code requirements. The scope of this work will also include painting the pavilion as part of the overall upgrade.**
- In addition to these funded improvements, the Borough is exploring additional enhancements to further improve the facility. These may include:
 - Installation of portable restrooms or permanent bathroom facilities, like those at Cross Creek
 - Addition of benches and signs
 - Placement of trash receptacles to support cleanliness and signs



Our next area of focus

- A borough cell phone has been purchased. We are currently completing setup.
- Council and the borough secretary have been working diligently on multiple initiatives. At this time, we will be slowing the addition of new projects for the remainder of the year as we focus on gaining a clearer understanding of borough finances.
- That said, we are actively discussing and planning potential projects for 2027, including:
 - Construction of a new office building
- Exploring options for increased police presence to address traffic concerns or a solar powered speed limit sign that uses camera for tickets
- Evaluating the use of a robotic lawn mower