

NEWSLETTER

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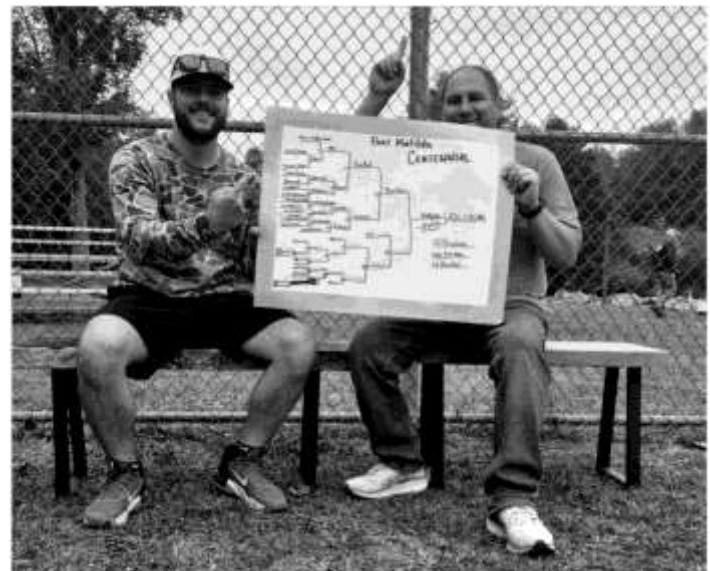
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Centennial Celebration Cornhole Tournament Results

Our recent Centennial Celebration Cornhole Tournament was a huge success, filled with friendly competition, community spirit, and plenty of fun. Congratulations to our champions, **Team Big Sacks**, for taking home first place! Coming in second was **Team AceHoles**, followed closely in third by **Team Ramrod**.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to our generous sponsors who made this event possible: **Tyrone Ford, Moyer's Landscape Design & Stone Specialists, Port Matilda Hotel and Tavern, Lykens Market, and Brother's Pizza of Port Matilda**. Your support helped bring the community together for an enjoyable and memorable day.



We thank you for helping make the Centennial Celebration a success! And, through the entry fees and donations, the tournament raised \$300 to help Zyzah.

Huge Thank You's to our community, everyone who donated, sent proclamations, supported, or volunteered to make the Port Matilda Borough Centennial Celebration such a success. Special Recognition to:

American Legion Post #536	Port Matilda Borough Council & Staff
Brother's Pizza of Port Matilda	Port Matilda Baptist Church
Melanie and Heidi Bartholomay	Port Matilda Centennial Committee
Centre Wildlife Care	Port Matilda EMS
Scott Conklin - PA State Representative	Port Matilda Hotel & Tavern
Michael and Tawnya Conrad	Port Matilda Sons of The American Legion
Grandville Hollow Pottery	Port Matilda Volunteer Fire Company
Hannah Baptist Church	Reese Family
Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge #733	Sam's Club of Altoona
Integrity Construction & Windows	Stoney Creek Hollow Woodworking
Mark Higgins – Chairman Centre County Commissioners	Lynn Snyder & Sons Electrical
Audrey Lively	Tyrone Ford
Lykens Market & LMR Tire	United Paint Ball Park
MF Soul Food	Bob Wiser - Historic Exhibit
Moyer's Landscape Design & Stone Specialists	Jack Woodring - Historic Exhibit
Port Matilda American Legion Auxiliary	Veterans of Port Matilda

I sincerely apologize for any mistakes or omissions. Thanks again to each and every one who contributed.

Bernard Kalt, VP Port Matilda Borough Council

Continued Thank You's Our community came together in so many ways to prepare the Community Park for the Centennial Celebration, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who pitched in. Your efforts ensured that the park looked its best and was ready to welcome all who joined us for this special milestone.

- **Sons of the American Legion** – A heartfelt thank you to Mike Maney, John Poorman, Brad Pritts, Steve Patton, and Bernie Kalt for removing the old grills and installing three new ones at the park.
- **Sons of the American Legion** – We also appreciate your work on upgrading the concession stand, including the installation of the new counter food service ledge.
- **Brad and Tina Pritts** – Thank you for repairing the footbridge after vandalism damage, replacing a baluster and several railings so it could be enjoyed safely during the celebration and beyond. We also appreciate your repair to the picnic table in the pavilion.
- **Bernie Kalt and Steve Patton** – Thank you for your ongoing help with groundskeeping and maintenance in both the Community Park and municipal lot.

Because of your dedication, we showcased the pride we share in our community spaces.

Ida Lively, Mayor

Help Wanted – Part-Time Assistant Maintenance Person

Port Matilda Borough is accepting applications for a **Part-Time Assistant Maintenance Person**.

Requirements:

- Must be able to pass all child clearance requirements.
- Prior maintenance experience is preferred but not required.

How to Apply:

Applications may be picked up at:

Port Matilda Borough

400 S. High Street
Port Matilda, PA



Port Matilda Borough Trick-or-Treating
Friday, October 31, 2025, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



LEGAL NOTICE

The Borough Council of the Borough of Port Matilda is offering for sale Centre County Tax Parcel 35-003-078, as more fully described in Centre County Record Book 2301, Page 389, currently zoned Stream Valley.

Sealed bids must be received by the 20th day of October 2025 at the Borough Office at 400 S. High Street, Port Matilda, PA. Bids will be opened on the 18th day of November 2025.

Purchaser will be responsible for all transfer taxes, recording costs and purchaser's legal fees.

The property has an unoccupied office structure located thereon.

The property is being sold "as is" without warranties, except as to title.

Successful purchaser must deposit 10% of the bid within five (5) days of award and close within thirty (30) days of the date of award.

The Borough reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Inspection may be obtained by contacting the Borough Office at (814) 692-0092.

Winter Reminders

SIX TOP WINTER FIRE SAFETY TIPS



INSTALL AND TEST ALARMS

Carbon monoxide alarms should be tested at least once a month



HEAT YOUR HOME SAFELY

Keep anything that can burn three (3) feet away from a fireplace, wood stove or space heater.

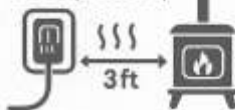
NEVER USE CANDLES FOR EMERGENCY LIGHTING

Always use flashlights and stock up on extra batteries



PLUG SPACE HEATERS DIRECTLY INTO OUTLETS

Never use an extension cord or power strip



KEEP CHIMNEY & VENTS CLEAN

Hire a qualified professional to clean and inspect your chimney and vents at least once a year.

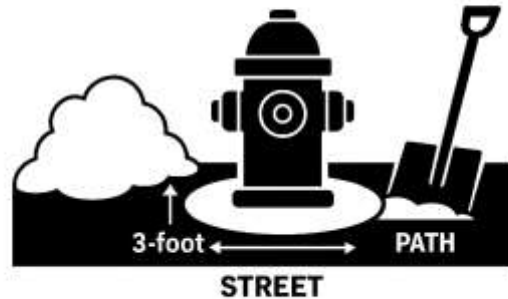


USE FIREPLACE SAFELY

Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen when using your fireplace



SNOW CLEARING AROUND FIRE HYDRANTS

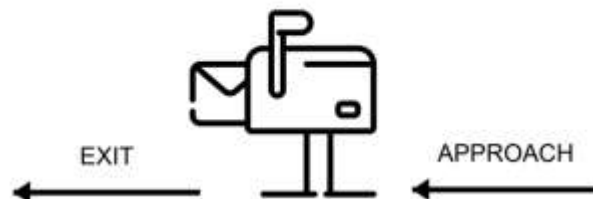


To effectively clear snow around a fire hydrant, ensure a minimum 3-foot radius of space is shoveled around the entire hydrant and a clear path is maintained from the hydrant to the street.

This crucial task supports faster emergency response by allowing firefighters immediate access to water, which can significantly impact a fire's outcome and potentially save lives and property.

Clearing hydrants is considered a civic responsibility, particularly for residents near a hydrant, and can prevent dangerous delays during a fire emergency.

Keep Mailboxes Clear of Snow



You are responsible for keeping the approach and exit to your mailbox clear of snow and ice to ensure safe and continuous mail delivery. You should clear a path for carriers to safely approach, deliver, and depart without having to back up or leave their vehicles.

Additionally, ensure your mailbox is properly installed according to postal guidelines to minimize damage from plows, as PennDOT and the borough do not cover damage to improperly installed mailboxes.

SNOW REMOVAL

The 24-hour window for snow/ice clearance starts after the snowfall or precipitation has stopped.

PROPERTY OWNER / OCCUPANT RESPONSIBILITY

The owner or occupant (depending on lease agreement) is responsible for clearing the sidewalks directly bordering their property. This includes sidewalks that cross alleyways and driveways.



PROPER SNOW DISPOSAL

Do not push or throw snow from your property into the street. It should be piled on your own property, such as in your yard.

CLEARANCE AND DE-ICING

Both snow and ice must be removed. If the surface is icy, you must apply a de-icing agent like salt to make it safe for pedestrians.



VIOLATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

If the sidewalk is not cleared within the specified timeframe, the property owner or occupant can be subject to fines. If the borough needs to clear the snow, the property owner will be responsible for the cost in addition to fines.

Pennsylvania laws also require drivers to clear all snow and ice from their vehicles before operating them to prevent projectiles from flying off and causing accidents.