

**Borough of West Middlesex**  
**August 2019**  
**Newsletter**

**August 2019 Council Meeting:** The August 2019 Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m. Work Session is held on August 14, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

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**Office Closed:** The Borough Office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

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**Green Light Go:** During the first week of August, work was completed at the intersection of State Routes #18 and #318 to activate the new Green Light Go System at the intersection. If your vehicle approaches the traffic signal and the light is red but there are no vehicles in the perpendicular lane, then the light will change to green to allow you to move forward. Additionally, the siren from emergency vehicles will activate the light to allow them to pass through the intersection.

The estimated cost of this new system is \$65,000.00, and the Borough Government will be reimbursed \$42,000.00 of that cost. This project took almost three (3) years to complete, and it is a great improvement for the flow of traffic in our community. It is estimated that the original traffic signal was placed at that location in 1949, and there had been some improvements over the years. However, the old traffic light was dated, and this traffic light has the latest technology. After being tested for the next thirty (30) days, the new traffic light system will belong to the Borough Government.

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***West Middlesex Borough Government will potentially be an opening for the position of Mayor. The borough is currently accepting letters of interest from residents who would like to be considered for this potential position. This will be an appointed position until the December 31, 2019. Letters of interest can be submitted to the borough office.***

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**Sewer Issues:** Twice in one (1) month, there have been issues in the connection of a homeowner's sewer line to the public sewer system. Each time, the problem was with the homeowner's line, and it was necessary for Roto Rooter to clean and open a clogged sewer line. Residences, with older sewer lines, might wish to take a proactive approach by having a company such as Roto Rooter clean their sewer lines before there is a problem!

Manholes, which are the access to the Sanitary Sewer System, and Grates, which are the access to the Storm Sewer System, **are not to be covered over** by anyone! For the most part, the manholes are in the alleys, and the grates are in the streets. However, there are some manholes in the streets. Regardless of their location the manholes and the grates are owned by the Borough Government and are not to be disturbed by anyone.

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**Dedication of the Shenango River Bridge:** The Shenango River Bridge was dedicated the weekend of Friday through Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. And, the members of the Bridge Dedication Committee which were: **Nancy Babos, Ray Babos, Thelma Barnes, Virginia Barris, Maleia James, Robert Lark, Vicki Partridge, Bonnie Reed, Richard Reed, Charlotte Webster and Ricky White** Wish to express their appreciation and thanks to the following businesses and individuals who made various types of contributions for this event:

**Betty Anderson, Ray and Nancy Babos, Thelma Barnes, Barris Trucking, T. Scott Campbell, Tyler Hudson, Kiwanis Club, Lark Family, Mercer County Historical Society, Vicki Partridge, Luigi Picciotto, The Mercer County Shrine Club and Seeds of Faith.**

Once again, our small community came together and worked together to make this small but special event a successful event! There are some Dedication Booklets still available, and such booklets can be obtained at the Borough Office.

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**West Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department is partnering with Shenango Township Volunteer Fire Department for a Reverse Raffle - GRAND PRIZE: \$1,000.00 Date: Saturday, November 9<sup>TH</sup>. Time: 5:30 p.m. , Dinner Service @ 6:30 p.m. Place: Church of The Good Shepherd, 3613 Sharon Road, West Middlesex. Cost \$30.00 ONLY 200 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD. There Will Be a Chinese Auction. For Information Please Contact WMVFD @ (724) 528-2615.**

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**Grass:** No person owning or occupying any property within the Borough shall permit any grass or weeds to grow or remain upon such premises so as to exceed ten (10) inches. Upon notification from the borough to cut any grass or weeds in violation of this ordinance, the owner or occupant of the premises will be given five (5) days to conform to these requirements. In case any person shall neglect, fail or refuse to comply with such notice within the period of time stated, the Borough authorities will remove such nuisance at a cost to the owner or occupant of \$50.00 per hour.

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