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A newsletter from Mt. Oliver Borough



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Manager's Minute

It's hard to believe that it's already fall! This summer has been one of the busiest and we're not slowing down yet! Both the Walnut Street and the Middle Way parking lots are complete, creating 42 off-street parking spaces in the heart of the businesses district. The decorative light pole painting contract was awarded to our own Lisanti Painting Co. and is now underway, and we're gearing up for the Brownsville Road sidewalk project to start late-September. The Borough received an \$80,000 grant through the Federal CARES Act to assist with COVID-related expenses and revenue shortfalls, and we submitted an application to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development for property stabilization and supportive services for individuals and families impacted by the pandemic. We originally intended to submit for an NPP, a 6-year program that would also include a main street component, but with the state of the world and changing funding priorities we decided to submit for a 1-year SPP as sort of a stop-gap and apply for the NPP in 2021. I'd like to thank our corporate sponsors including Northwest Bank, Fragasso Financial Advisors, and Highmark, who committed a combined \$175,000 to this program. I'd also like to acknowledge the HEDC, the Hilltop Alliance, and the Brashear Association who we've partnered with to provide these services. Our expected outcomes over the next year include providing emergency repairs to 10 homes; resolving 40 property maintenance issues; leveraging \$100,000 in additional funding for home renovations; providing food, holiday, or utility assistance to 350 individuals or families; and providing employment training and assistance to 50 individuals.

I'm also happy to announce that Council meetings are now back to being in-person. However, they are being held at the Fire Hall to allow for proper social distancing to accommodate the maximum number of people. I also want to remind everyone that the monthly department reports are available on the Borough website in the "Resource Library" tab. Lastly, if you haven't already, be sure to follow us on social media to stay up to date on all the latest happening in the Borough.



Rick Hopkinson
Borough Manager
Mt. Oliver Borough



Upcoming Trash Collection

The following dates are upcoming trash collection dates and changes due to holidays:

Sep 15	Regular Collection	Nov 3	Regular Collection
Sep 22	Regular Collection	Nov 10	Regular Collection
Sep 29	Regular Collection	Nov 17	Regular Collection
Oct 6	Regular Collection	Nov 24	Regular Collection
Oct 13	Regular Collection	Dec 1	Regular Collection
Oct 20	Regular Collection	Dec 8	Regular Collection
Oct 27	Regular Collection		

Trash must be placed curbside between 6PM the day before and 6AM the day of scheduled pick-up. Residents may put out up to 15 bags and no more than two bulky items. For specific questions or service issues, please contact Waste Management at 1-800-866-4460.

Please note that TVs and other electronics are never accepted. For these and other hard to dispose of items, contact Evolution E-Cycling at 412-390-3450.

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Small Business Spotlight

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Gyro Joint Finds Success in Mt. Oliver

The year 2020 gave us a pandemic, recession, and against all odds—gyros.

In June after restaurants had been closed for more than two months (and some permanently), Mt. Oliver Gyros opened its doors to the Borough community for the first time. It was an instant success.

“We sold out of meat,” says owner Nick Batykefer during his first few days, a sign the grab-and-go, cheap eats business model is ripe for success on the Mt. Oliver Main Street. Their menu features all types of gyros from traditional lamb to chicken, steak, falafel, and even roasted red pepper, authentic Greek dishes, fresh cut fries, salads, and if gyros aren’t your thing, you can’t go wrong with one of their all-American hamburgers or Italian hoagies. The prices are extremely reasonable and portions are plenty. Snag a gyro special with fresh cut fries and a drink for only \$9.

The shop is situated directly beside the Post Office and near a salon and two doctors’ offices, allowing for a consistent stream of customers throughout the day.

“We wanted to make an impact and figured this was the best place to do that,” Batykefer says.



Mt. Oliver Gyros is located at 130 Brownsville Road and open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM every day except Sunday. Find them on facebook @mountolivergyros or call 412-291-8944.



Other Business News



Post-Graduate Football Program Leases Office Space in the Borough

In August, yet another business breathed new life into an empty storefront. Steel City Prep, located at 156 Brownsville Road, is the only post-graduate football program in Western PA with the goal of getting student athletes to four-year colleges and universities. The program allows student athletes to take an extra year to hone in on their on-the-field skills, better their grades, or gain experience after an injury before going to a four-year college or university program without losing eligibility.

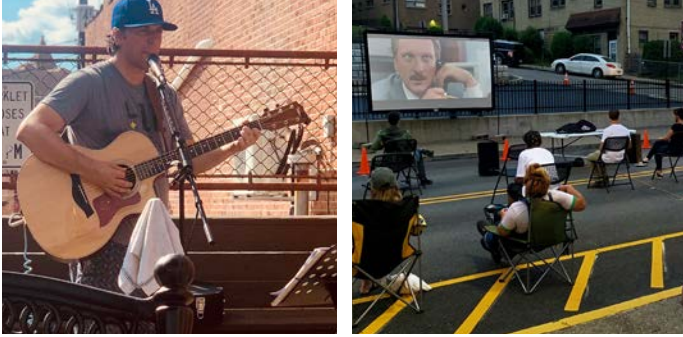
Royce Bachtel, Director of Academics and Community Engagement says that she’s thrilled to be a part of the Mt. Oliver community and have the students involved in community events and service projects. If you see them around in their signature Spartans gear, be sure to say “hello!”



Back in Business: TrZade Salon

Not even a global pandemic can stop Nicky Lewis, owner of TrZade Salon. Times were certainly tough after being closed for weeks on end due to the mandatory shutdown, but she is now back open and busier than ever. Nicky and her team of stylists have been part of the community for over 12 years. She was determined to open her own salon and did just that in 2017. TrZade Salon is located at 113 Brownsville Road and open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 AM to 6 PM. Follow them on facebook @trzadesalon or call 412-431-1100.





'Events on Main' Here to Stay

This year launched 'Mt. Oliver Summer Events on Main' as means to adapt to increased restrictions and changing preferences due to the pandemic. The idea was to throw a series of events in the business district that were relatively low-key and did not attract large crowds, but were also frequent, fun, and predictable. "We wanted folks to feel comfortable coming out and enjoying live music while taking a stroll down main street," says Borough Event Planner Megan McGinnis. Public spaces were furnished with tables and chairs so people could order takeout from local businesses and eat outside. Friday nights featured an outdoor movie showing where part of Brownsville Road was closed and chairs were set up. The series was so successful that we've rolled out another for the fall.

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GREEN GROCER

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2020 SCHEDULE

Green Grocer is a mobile farmer's market truck. We sell fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy, meat and dry goods in your neighborhood.

FORMS OF PAYMENT ACCEPTED


- Cash
- Credit and Debit Cards
- SNAP/EBT (Food Stamps)
- FMNP and SFMNP vouchers for locally grown produce
- Veggie RX and Food Bucks

NEW HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

- Masks/face coverings required
- Boarding the truck not permitted
- Observe 6 ft. social distancing from others

SNAP (food stamps) can help you buy food. Call the Food Bank for help applying. 1-833-822-SNAP (7627)

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Check the Green Grocer webpage or social media pages for schedule changes and updates. Green Grocer does not operate when the temperature or windchill is below 25° or when roads are dangerous.



Yoga on the Deck

Every Saturday morning, the parklet (aka "The Deck") is transformed into an outdoor yoga studio. Renee Salicce has been practicing yoga for three years, and started teaching just over a year ago. "I love that yoga is for everyone and anyone," Salicce says, "My main focus is connection, helping my students connect to mind, body, breath, heart, and spirit." Classes are free and are held every Saturday at 10 AM (weather-dependent) next to the Borough Building. Updates to classes and schedule are posted ahead of time on the Borough facebook page.

Green Grocer Fall Schedule

The end of summer does not have to mean the end of farm-fresh produce. The Green Grocer mobile farmers market is popping up at the Clock Tower Plaza the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM until the end of the year.

Fall MT. OLIVER FRIDAYS ON MAIN



Other Upcoming Events

Council Meetings

3rd Monday of every month at 7:30 PM
Fire Hall – 120 Brownsville Road
NOTE Change in location due to COVID

Sept. **MUSIC ON MAIN**
FRIDAYS IN SEPTEMBER • 6 - 9 PM
Live music by The KOZ Band

Oct. **MOVIES ON MAIN**
FRIDAYS IN OCTOBER • 8 - 10 PM

Oct. 2 A Nightmare Before Christmas
Oct. 9 Hocus Pocus
Oct. 16 Beetlejuice
Oct. 23 Ghostbusters

Attendance for events may be limited,
depending on current health mandates.

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