

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Marietta Borough Newsletter, Spring 2016

The purpose of this newsletter is to communicate important information about borough business, town council, seasonal topics, and upcoming Marietta events. This newsletter will honor and celebrate our unique, historic, river town community. It will work to create strong, healthy and appreciative communications among all of us. Brief interviews with a wide range of citizens will enhance our perspective of life in Marietta. Business and organization features will highlight their respective valuable contributions to the community.

INTERVIEW WITH STEVE BAILEY: VOLUNTEERING ROLE MODEL

By Judith Kennedy

When we attend any Marietta event such as Marietta Day, Bike Races, Memorial Day events, the Pig Iron Fest just to name a few, there are volunteer firemen, fire police and emergency medical personnel standing by. These same volunteers were invaluable during the Flood of 2011 and the Pallet Factory Fire of 2015. No one knows this better than Captain of the Marietta Special Fire Police and Emergency Management

Coordinator Steve Bailey. Steve is one of the "unsung heroes" of volunteering in Marietta.

Mr. Bailey began volunteering for the Marietta Fire Company 44 years ago. He is originally from Columbia and worked for the Armstrong Carpet Plant in Marietta where he was encouraged to join many of his co-workers who were also volunteering. He volunteered in many posi-

tions with the fire company, the fire police and as an emergency medical technician. He has received training many times over the years in first aid, cardio-pulmonary-respiratory (CPR), and advanced first aid. He has assisted with the Red Cross, the Heart Association and with the Marietta Ambulance Crew. (see pg 3)



MEETING SCHEDULE

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS

2nd Tuesdays at 7 pm - Borough Hall

PLANNING COMMISSION

3rd Tuesdays at 7pm - Borough Hall

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Meets as necessary.



TESTING THE WATERS

At the March 8th meeting, Borough Council voted to hire Bill Laudien as a consultant who will assist the Council and staff by performing many of the tasks of a Borough Manager. Mr. Laudien has served a successful tenure at Manor Township and is currently the Township Manager at Lancaster Township. In addition to administrative help and best management practices, Bill's presence over the next six months



will allow the Council to explore the benefits of an experienced manager on a trial basis. Bill is a long time visitor of Marietta and has worked in the Marietta Parks program in the early 90's and was the organizer of the cycling events held in town. Bill says, "I'm a big supporter of the Waldorf School, a regular patron of the Borough's restaurants, and I'm regularly on the trail and the river. Marietta's history, unique character and access to natural resources... (see pg 2)

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TESTING ... provide great potential to attract visitors, new residents and see the growth of the town's businesses."

After this trial period, the Council and staff will finally know to what degree Marietta can benefit from a Manager and make an educated decision based on facts.

FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE AND SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE PASSED 3.8.2016

The Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) had mandated an upgrade in municipality's floodplain ordinances to meet new standards they issued. The new ordinance was necessary to comply with their regulations, so that residents could continue to qualify for federal flood insurance programs. Also, the Lancaster county government passed a ruling that boroughs who had their Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances provided by the county would now have to author their own SALDO ordinances.

The current council took up the job of completing these ordinances as started by the previous councils. and with the help of Arro Engineering, was able to complete them in time to meet the Spring deadline, after they had been reviewed by the Lancaster County Planning Commission and other appropriate agencies. The LCPC complimented Marietta for its SALDO ordinance matching well the county development plan.

The SALDO is now in the review period and is available in the office.

marietta day
Saturday, May 14th



memorial day parade
Monday, May 30th

garden tour
Sunday, June 5th

COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE AN EASY WAY TO PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

We welcome anyone to attend the meeting and hear what we are discussing and doing for the Borough.

The first public comment session is open to anyone who has announcements or issues they would like to raise. If you have a specific problem you'd like addressed, it is helpful to let us know ahead of time by contacting the Borough Office or using the website. If you do this, you will get priority and be able to speak first; then others will be recognized next. During the meeting, you can only be recognized to speak if you have a specific piece of information vital to council's deliberations. The final public comment session is designed for responses to what the council discussed.

This is your council. Come be a part!

MARIETTA ON THE MOVE!

Can you guess where this photo was taken?

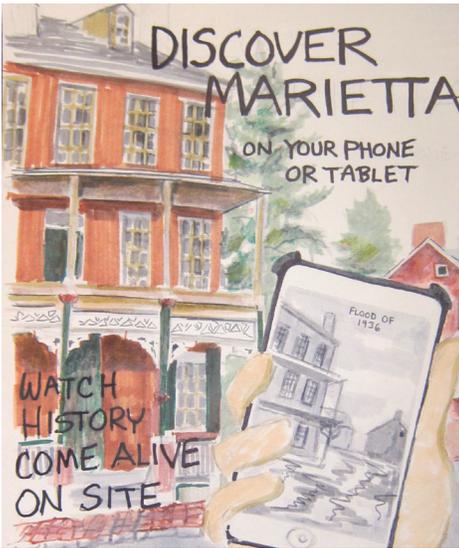


Canaan Valley in WV.
Thanks Sean Sullivan



in the "Marietta Airspace"

Send your picture to SpecialProjects@BoroughofMarietta.com



DISCOVER MARIETTA!

Recent technological developments present the opportunity to offer visitors to and residents of Marietta a visual and audio trip in time. Soon, anyone with a smart phone will easily be able to download a file from a QR code that will tell our town's intriguing story through photos and narration. The GPS driven program will allow participants to stand in front of a building and witness its history on their device. This new Walking Tour called "Discover Marietta" is being created by the Marietta Community House with assistance from a Lititz-based firm named "Tutouria." It will be completed in phases, the first of which will feature Front Street. Watch for its launch this Spring when you will see little signs around town with a QR code. It is hoped that this non-print version of a tour will reach a wider audience including people using the Northwest River Trail.

INTERVIEW... Mr. Bailey currently serves as Captain of Fire Police in Marietta where he assigns each person their post in protecting fire fighters while they are doing their duty in both traffic and crowd control during both emergency and non-emergency situations. He ensures that all personnel are up to date with their trainings and he maintains records as one of the administrative officers.

As Emergency Management Coordinator, Steve's job is to coordinate the volunteers of all emergency services: police, rescue, ambulance, firefighters and fire police. Steve states that he doesn't direct them, "They know their job and don't need me getting in their way," but he makes sure they have the resources they need. During the Flood of 2011, the access routes to Marietta needed to be closed. He secured help from the Civil Air Patrol and U.S. Marshals when the National Guard was not available. Sometimes he must locate help at county, state and federal levels as needed.

Steve explains that during crises, the borough mayor calls the state

of emergency. If the mayor is not available, the president of the council is contacted, and, if the president is not available, Steve calls the state of emergency. He has had advanced emergency training and continuing educa-

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tion in order to serve as Incident Commander. Homeland Security oversees the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) When asked what has kept him volunteering at this high level over so many years, Steve says, with a laugh, "I have been doing this for so long . . . It's what I do." Steve remembers well the Flood of 2011 when he says, "I put 200 miles on my car without ever leaving the Borough."

Steve asks ordinary Marietta citizens to "check the Marietta Webpage, both Marietta Facebook pages" for his weather and emergency updates. He says to "sign up for Robo calls" so that you receive messages to your phone during times of emergency. Everyone should visit the FEMA website at www.ready.gov in order to create an emergency kit for your home. The site is also "kid friendly".

Many thanks to all of our volunteers. When you are attending an event, let these men and women know you appreciate their service. Despite the reliability of local churches and the Amish during crises, more volunteer firefighters, fund raisers, and emergency medical technicians are sorely needed here in Marietta!





RECYCLING KEEPS MONEY IN YOUR POCKET

Annually, trash removal costs \$160,000. Recycling brings a \$8,800 rebate.

\$73 per ton of disposal cost is avoided for each ton of material recycled. If we maximize our recycling now our trash cost /tons will decrease and thus keep more money in citizen's pockets. There is much room for improvement!

The extent of items that can be recycled is growing. Just last year we learned that cardboard and phone books and junk mail can be included in the recycling regiment.



Just so you know, in addition to glass containers and metal cans, ALL plastics labeled 1 through 8 can be recycled. It is getting harder to find items that cannot be recycled now! For example, every box of cereal, piece of mail and clamshell container from the produce department should all meet their demise in the recycling can only to be reincarnated as more useful items in another life.

However on that short list of items NOT to recycle includes canning jars, household glass, and juice boxes or other coated cardboard drink containers. Some manufacturers have begun producing recyclable containers. These will be specially marked.

The Borough currently has nearly a hundred new recycling cans available in the office for free. If you need to

replace yours simply come into the office and ask for one.

One of the easiest and most effective ways to increase recycling is to place a bin, box, or even a second can for recycling next to your current trash can. With your help, we hope to see our recycling increase and trash decrease!



The refuse company asks that the recycling cans not be over filled, so please flatten all cardboard items. If they do not fit in the bin, bundle them leave them near the bin. Thanks for doing your part!

REBIRTH OF STANLEY'S CAFE

On Ellis Island a young Italian woman met a handsome man from Spain. Thirteen children and goodness knows how many grandchildren later, a baby boy named Dave was born. His grandmother Rosa held him on her hip as she labored in love over the stove making homemade Italian dinners. He would grow up on a farm in New Jersey. His father taught him a good work ethic that stuck.

In 1946 a young man named Stanley with his wife Milley had to flee Yugoslavia since Nazi forces invaded. Opportunity stood on a distant shore beckoning. They too would have come through Ellis Island had it not closed the previous year. They made their way to a small Susquehanna River Town (Marietta) and opened a cafe. The following year after obtaining citizenship, Stanley was able to apply for a liquor licence. Thus was born

many happy memories for Stanley's family and many Mariettans.

Fast forward to 2015. Dave and his wife, Valerie, experienced restaurant owners stumble across the Paris Pub (formerly Stanley's) in need of TLC. Like a newly adopted child, this building is coming back to life.

The faces of this family are anything but new to the area. Jim Kramer will be the head chef (a long time cook in Marietta restaurants) and Barbie Smith will be the General Manager, she too has been around town as a bartender for many years. With these able "parents" the Rebirth of Stanley's Cafe is due any day now!

A true family man, just like Stanley, Dave's vision is to have a place where families can have meals together. "If you help fami-

lies you stabilize a community. I remember when everyone ate dinner together at 5:00 or 5:30. That was when Dad was coming home from work. That was when parents figured out what their children were up to."

"We want to be part of the community and give back; that was Stanley's legacy and we want to keep that alive."

More staff are needed, feel free to apply within!

