



# MEDIA NEWS

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## New Library Building will open in Summer 2016

In a few months, a beautiful state-of-the-art gathering place will be unveiled in our community: the new Media-Upper Providence Free Library. We are deeply grateful for the support our Library building project has received from individuals, organizations, businesses and government. Construction is on schedule for the new library building to open in summer 2016. The expanded 10,000 sq. ft. space offers enhanced technology, flexible program spaces, ADA compliant accessibility and cozy public areas for all ages to read, relax and engage. The second level features three public meeting rooms including a large conference room designed for multimedia, high-tech programs. The lower level will become the home for the Library's Book Sale in 2017.

During construction, the Library is located at the Media Firehouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at 11 S. Jackson Street. We are open seven days a week, offer ten public computers, daily programs, and a wide selection of materials to borrow. Visit our website – [mediauplibrary.org](http://mediauplibrary.org) - and sign up for our monthly email newsletter for Library updates. See page 10 for more happenings at the Library.



The Recreation Board continues to host a full list of fitness programs, some old favorites and some new ones:

**Yoga** is offered on Mondays 5:30pm in the Parlor Room and Tuesdays at 6:00pm in the Community Center.

**Laughter Yoga** class offered in the Community Center at 6:00pm on Mondays.

**Tai Chi** is on Mondays at 7:00pm in the Community Center.

**Zumba Fitness** is every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00am in the Community Center.

**Zumba Gold** offered on Mondays at 10:00am and Thursdays at 9:00am.

**Senior Aerobics** is every Wednesday at 10:30am in the Community Center.

**Pilates** is on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm in the Parlor Room.

**Gentle Yoga** on Wednesdays at 9:30am and Friday's at 9:00am in the Parlor Room.

**Pajama Yoga** classes for children ages 4-8 which are offered periodically through the year.

**OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHTS!**



During the summer, we will once again be hosting our Outdoor Movie Nights on Friday June 3, Saturday July 9, and Saturday August 13. Start time is 8:00pm and the movie titles will be announced at a later date.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION!**



Our annual Independence Day celebration will be held at Barrall Field on Monday, July 4th from 10:00am-12:30pm. Come join us for food, fun, games and entertainment by Silly Joe.

**TENNIS ANYONE?**

We will hold our annual Children's Tennis Clinic in August. Please contact the Recreation Office for exact dates and times.



**Mark Your Calendar! SPIRIT OF PHILADELPHIA BUS TRIP**

There is a bus trip scheduled for Sunday, October 9 for a lunch cruise on the Spirit of Philadelphia. Tickets are \$50 per person.

More information on upcoming events and volunteer opportunities is available by calling the recreation office at 610-566-5210 x255, follow us on our Facebook page under "Media Recreation Board" or check out our website at [www.mediaborough.com](http://www.mediaborough.com).

## A Message from the Police Department



### Don't be a Victim of Scams

Scams are out there, and the Media Police don't want you to become a victim. For years we have been taking reports about scams-internet scams, IRS scams, PECO scams- and it seems as if these calls or emails to our community are becoming more frequent. I'm sure either you or someone you know has received a call from the "IRS" this season demanding you pay some bill or tax or face arrest. Rest assured, the IRS would never contact you in this fashion, nor would they threaten arrest over the phone. Another call frequently received is from someone claiming to be from PECO and requesting immediate payment of a bill. Often times the person is threatened with their electricity being turned off if they don't pay this "outstanding bill" which most likely doesn't even exist. Don't fall for this one- it's a scam! The caller usually asks that the person buy a gift card and call back with the gift card numbers to pay the "bill". No company, PECO or otherwise, would ever request payment in this fashion. Never give out financial or personal information over the phone to a company requesting "immediate payment". Always ask that they send you a bill, and then follow up by calling the company directly through their PUBLISHED number, not a phone number given to you by the person calling.

Other scams come by way of a Craigslist, EBAY or Care.com ad (to name a few) you post an ad and someone responds that they wish to purchase your item, but they need to mail a check ahead of time for more than the price of the item being sold. They ask that you cash this check and return the overage to them. Inevitably, after you deposit the check and pay them the difference, not only do they not pick up the sold item, but the check bounces and YOU are out the money. Do not accept payment from anyone in this form- no one in their right mind would send you a real check for \$1000 just to buy a \$400 item and trust that you return the remaining \$600 to them, it just doesn't make sense.

If you are confronted by any of these situations, or any telephone call, email, or other communication asking for your financial information or money that seems suspicious, don't send any money or give any of your information. If you feel you are the victim of a scam or involved in a questionable business transaction, please call the Media Police by dialing 911. We are just a phone call away!



# Code Enforcement Reminders

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT** is required for most projects that increase the impervious coverage upon a parcel of land, whether for new development or residential/commercial additions/modifications.

Guidance information for stormwater management requirements can be found under Chapter 251 of the Media Borough, accessed at <http://ecode360.com/6864946>. There are some exemptions/modifications to the requirements of Chapter 251 and they can be found at <http://ecode360.com/6866898> under definitions, impervious surface.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection also provides consumers with guidance in its “Pennsylvania Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual. DEP’s link to that manual is: <http://www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/dsweb/View/Collection-8305>

With the onset of the growing season, many residents take measures to enhance the quality of their lawn. When choosing pest control and/or fertilizing measures for their lawn, residents are urged to consider the fact that any runoff from their lawn makes its way rapidly into the 2 waterways that receive Media Borough storm water discharge: Ridley Creek and Crum Creek. The following link is beneficial in making choices for lawn care applications: [http://www.mediaborough.com/sites/default/files/fileattachments/healthy\\_lawns\\_flier.pdf](http://www.mediaborough.com/sites/default/files/fileattachments/healthy_lawns_flier.pdf)

Also during the warmer seasons, residents may choose to wash their car in the driveway or on the street. As with lawn care agents, the soaps and/or solvents used in car washing make their way into Ridley and Crum creeks, often with very detrimental impact upon the creek ecosystem. Pennsylvania DEP guidance for environmentally sensitive car washing includes washing the car on grass or gravel or ideally taking it to a car wash where the wash water is recycled.

Although the focus of this article is upon the warmer seasons, stormwater management is a year round endeavor. This brochure: [http://www.mediaborough.com/sites/default/files/fileattachments/ms4\\_seasons\\_brochure\\_crc10a.pdf](http://www.mediaborough.com/sites/default/files/fileattachments/ms4_seasons_brochure_crc10a.pdf) provides residents with guidance upon activities that they can undertake year round to improve the water quality in our receiving waterways.

Lastly, in 2015 the Borough acquired a grant to fund a study that will investigate stormwater “hotspots” within the Borough and put forward recommendations for best management practices for these “hotspots”. That report will be issued in mid-2016.

## PERMITS

Media Borough requires residents and/or contractors to submit a building permit for review prior to completing any work at the property. Review and processing time for a permit varies with the complexity of the job. Three to fourteen days are the average turn-a-round times for permit review.

## WHEN IS A PERMIT REQUIRED?

Any time one of these activities occurs a permit must be obtained:

- construct or alter a structure
- construct an addition to an existing structure (this includes decks)
- demolish or move a structure
- make a change in occupancy of a structure
- placement of fencing
- install or alter any equipment which is regulated by the building code

Examples include:

- a) heating equipment
- b) air conditioning
- c) plumbing
- d) electrical service
- e) move a lot line, which affects an existing structure

Specific information related to “when is a building permit required” may be found at <http://www.mediaborough.com/codeenforcement/when-permit-required>.

## SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

Under Section 253-20 of the Media Borough Code, property owners are charged with the responsibility to maintain in good repair the curbs and sidewalks abutting their property. In areas where a Borough street tree has adversely impacted the sidewalk, Media Borough Council has implemented a financial assistance program to facilitate repairs. To participate in this program, please contact Kelly Glackin, Administrative Assistant to the Code Enforcement Department at [kglackin@mediaborough.com](mailto:kglackin@mediaborough.com) or 610-566-5210, Ext. 247 to schedule an appointment for a Borough representative to review your tree-sidewalk situation.

It is important to note that if a property owner wishes to receive financial assistance for a sidewalk repair involving a Borough street tree the Borough must approve the scope of work before any work is performed.

Not only is sidewalk maintenance a code requirement, but it is also a prudent measure to protect the owner against civil litigation arising from a trip and fall on damaged sidewalk and/or curb.

Details of the Borough Code’s requirements for sidewalk maintenance may be found at <http://ecode360.com/6865861>.

Lastly, while there is no fee for such a permit, a building permit must be obtained in order to insure that work complies with the construction standards in Chapter 253.

The application for a building permit may be accessed at [http://www.mediaborough.com/sites/default/files/fileattachments/building\\_permit\\_application\\_0.pdf](http://www.mediaborough.com/sites/default/files/fileattachments/building_permit_application_0.pdf)



# Recycling News



**\*\*\*For more on recycling in Media:\*\*\***

**<http://www.mediaborough.com/publicworks/recycling-and-waste>**

## **A New Recycling Goal for Media: Can Recycling = Trash?**

**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.** We have all heard this mantra, but what does it mean? In a nutshell, it means living sustainably: by reducing our consumption and waste, we preserve the natural resources we enjoy now—raw material, energy, plant and animal species—for our children, grandchildren and generations beyond and leave for them a cleaner, less polluted world.

In the U.S. we generate 251.3 million tons of garbage per year; our waste has tripled over the last 60 years. Americans discard four-fifths of a ton of trash per person, per year. Where does all of this trash end up? In Delaware County, trash is incinerated at the Delaware Valley Resource Recovery facility (Covanta Delaware Valley, L.P.) in Chester, at a tipping fee of \$33/ton—paid for by our taxes.

With a little forethought, we could reuse or recycle more than 70% of the waste that goes to the incinerator, which includes valuable materials such as glass, metal, and paper as well as compostable food scraps. Studies have shown that most households and businesses could double the recycling they now put out for collection.

When Media Borough provided 22-gallon recycling bins, my family usually filled ours each week. Six years ago, the borough switched to 32-gallon bins. We were surprised to find that we filled the larger bin as easily as the smaller. Without thinking, we increased our recycling by 36%. How much could we recycle if we did think about it a little? We bought a second bin, and we were soon easily filling at least half of that one as well. So many of the everyday items we use are recyclable: cereal, cracker and pizza boxes; jam jars, dog food cans and toy packaging; junk mail and just about everything else that comes in the mail. It really adds up. And the state of Pennsylvania reimburses our borough, by the ton, for the recycling we collect.

Media residents are conscientious about the environment. Seven out of ten households recycle, and that is an excellent rate. Commercial recycling in the borough has been mixed; some owners take pride in their recycling efforts, but too many regard recycling as an extra, unnecessary expense. We can all do better.

What if we began to take it as the norm that amount of our recycling equals the amount of our trash?

A friend recently cleaned out her attic. Instead of hauling it all out for the trash she separated it: Good Will/Media Free Store (5 garbage bags), Abitibi Paper Retriever (10 boxes), recycling (4 bins) and trash (1 scant garbage bag). She was shocked at how little was truly waste. Her recycling was far greater than her trash.

# Recycling News

## Residential Recycling Schedule:

Media Borough recycles weekly. The west side of the Borough (everyone west of Jackson Street) is collected on Tuesdays. The east side of the Borough (everyone east of Jackson Street) is collected on Thursdays. If collection falls on New Year's Day, Independence Day or Christmas, the recycling will be collected the following day. All recyclables go in the bright green 32 gallon-sized Media Borough recycling container.

## Extra Green Recycling Bins Available

If you are recycling more than 32 gallons worth of recycling each week, or if you do not have a recycling bin, stop by the Media Borough Offices, second floor, Media Borough Hall 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. to pick one up. The bins cost \$5.00 (free for new residents). In honor of Earth Day and to further encourage recycling, one recycling bin per residence will be available free of charge from April 22 to May 27 at the borough offices with proof of residency.

## What to Recycle:

Media has single stream recycling. All the different recycled materials are collected mixed together in the bin and later sorted at the ReCommunity Recycling facility.

## Recycled materials include:

**Glass:** Bottles, jars, food and beverage containers (clear, green and brown)—rinse thoroughly; remove lids and neck bands

**Metals:** Aluminum and metal food and beverage cans, loose metal jar lids, steel bottle caps, foil—rinsed

**Plastics:** All rigid plastic containers with triangle symbols #1 through #7—rinsed (no plastic bags)

**Paper:** newspaper, magazines, catalogs, brochures, regular & junk mail, greeting cards, paperback books, old telephone books, paper bags, food boxes, office paper, file folders

Shredded paper may be placed in a clear plastic bag and set out next to your recycling bin

**Cardboard:** corrugated & non-corrugated (including pizza boxes and milk cartons), paper towel rolls, dry food cartons, cardboard beverage carriers, paperboard boxes—please flatten all boxes.

Aseptic packaging/Tetrapak (juice boxes, etc.)--rinsed

**PLEASE DO NOT RECYCLE:** • Plastic bags, plastic food wrap, other plastics not listed above, any plastic without a triangle & number • Paint, pesticides, motor oil, antifreeze & cleansers and their containers • Hazardous waste • VHS/VCR tapes • Straws • Plastic flatware (including “compostable” flatware) • Sheets of stickers or address labels • Waxed paper & cardboard • Packing material without a numbered triangle symbol • Scrap metal • Styrofoam food containers • Disposable diapers • Soiled paper towels or tissue paper • Organic material or food waste • Textiles, fabric, or clothing • Ceramics, chinaware porcelain or Pyrex dishware • Toys • Liquids • Mirrors • Window glass • Light bulbs • Batteries • Syringes/Needles • Computers, electronic equipment, phones • Hard cover books • Hangers • Any household item (such as toasters, cooking pots or pans, etc.)

## Spring Alert from Health Officer



- Please continue to remove all standing water from your property to help reduce mosquito breeding. Empty water from all trash containers, flowerpots, baby pools, pool covers to prevent standing, stagnant water. Residents who own pools or ponds are reminded to keep the water clean and filtration systems working properly.
- To prevent wildlife/rodents from moving into your yard, please remove piles of brush, branches and yard waste and secure areas where animals burrow and cause damage. (Under sheds, porches and garages). Remember bird seed, dog food and dog waste are attractions for wildlife and rodents. If placing food out for birds do not overfeed, make sure your feeders are in good condition, and store all food in secure containers.
- Pennsylvania law requires that all dogs three months and older be licensed by Jan. 1 each year. Owners who fail to license their dogs could face a fine of up to \$300 for each unlicensed dog.

### Zika Virus Information

Zika virus is mainly transmitted by *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes—which are also responsible for spreading diseases such as dengue fever and chikungunya. Zika poses the greatest risk to people who have traveled to areas where outbreaks have occurred.

Zika was first discovered in Uganda in 1947, and subsequently in humans in 1952. Since then, it has been documented in 46 countries, mainly in the tropical regions. Infection by the Zika virus can only be confirmed with laboratory testing of bodily fluids.

Since Zika and other mosquito borne viruses are transmitted by mosquitos, the best way to protect yourself is by preventing mosquito bites:

- Protect yourselves from bites by installing window screens (bed nets in tropics), use insect repellents, and wearing light-colored and long sleeve clothes.
- Remove mosquito breeding sites by removing stagnant water around the house and in your community. If you have outdoor space, maintain it by keeping the grass and weeds short.

Pregnant women and/or those who wish to become pregnant should delay their traveling to affected countries. Consult with your physician before travel.

Symptoms of the Zika virus are similar to those of other mosquito-transmitted diseases, such as fever, joint pains, and headache. Symptoms are generally mild and resolve within a week, although time between virus exposure and the appearance of symptoms is uncertain.

Possible complications of the Zika virus include GBS, Guillain-Barre syndrome, a neurological disorder that can cause paralysis and microcephaly, a condition in which babies are born with small heads and underdeveloped brains.

# News From the Media Business Authority

Check out our online calendar for other events throughout the year at [visitmediapa.com](http://visitmediapa.com).



## -9<sup>th</sup> Annual Dining Under the Stars

Every Wednesday Evening, May 4<sup>th</sup> thru September 28<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. –11:00 p.m.

## -Media Farmer's Market

Every Thursday, May thru November 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.  
([mediafarmersmarket.com](http://mediafarmersmarket.com))



## -16<sup>th</sup> Annual State Street Blues Stroll featuring Shemekia Copeland @ The Media Theatre

Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.—1:00 a.m.

## -37<sup>th</sup> Annual 5 Mile Race

Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 7pm (call 610-704-7436 for info.)

## -Bastille Day



Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 6 'till 10:30pm

## -9<sup>th</sup> Annual Media Downtown Car Show

Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, Rain-date: Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.



Please check out our Web Site at '[visitmediapa.com](http://visitmediapa.com)' for all the details on these and other great events happening in and around Media throughout the upcoming season when you click on our online calendar. There you will also find a direct link to our Facebook Page and all the information for pre-pay discount Tix for our whole Music Series! Can't wait to see you here on State Street in Media, Everybody's Hometown!

Shop online for Media merchandise

[www.visitmediapa.com/shop](http://www.visitmediapa.com/shop)



## Library Happenings

### Library Prom Celebrates the Great Gatsby



On Saturday April 30, from 7-10pm, the MUPFL Prom celebrates the Great Gatsby, with dancing, dinner and drinks at the Media Community Center. Dress up or come as you are. Tickets are \$75 per person, and can be purchased online at [mediauplibrary.org](http://mediauplibrary.org). Event proceeds support the Library Building project.

The Library now offers weekly story times, monthly puppet shows and a variety of innovative programs for ages 0-18, led by our energetic new Youth Services Librarian, Vicki Sheeler. Families are welcome anytime to explore our array of Wee Build blocks. For more information, contact Ms. Vicki at [mecsd@delcolibraries.org](mailto:mecsd@delcolibraries.org)



MUPFL recently introduced HOOPLA, which offers free streaming or downloads of movies, music, television shows, ebooks and audiobooks with an adult Delaware County Library card. All content is immediately available, with no fines or overdues. For details, visit [hoopladigital.com](http://hoopladigital.com) or call us.

MUPFL staff provide hands-on free technology workshops, with a new topic each month. Bring your device or the Library will provide iPads, tablets or laptops for the class. Visit our website to register. To suggest a topic, contact Director Barb Hauck-Mah at [medirector@delcolibraries.org](mailto:medirector@delcolibraries.org).

#### Contact us:

For questions and suggestions, please contact Library Director Barb Hauck-Mah at [medirector@delcolibraries.org](mailto:medirector@delcolibraries.org) , 610-566-1918 or on our Facebook and Twitter pages.



## Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities are available on the following:

Board of Health  
Library Board  
Media Business Authority

Qualified candidates should send a letter of interest and resume to: Jeffrey A. Smith, Borough Manager  
Borough of Media  
301 N. Jackson Street  
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Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska and is now observed throughout the nation and the world.

The Borough of Media celebrated Arbor Day by planting a Japanese Lilac tree on the 300 block of West State Street.

The Borough of Media urges all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

## Bulk Trash Pickup

Media collects bulk items the **last Wednesday of the month**. Each residential unit shall be entitled to one (1) free heavy trash pickup per calendar year. Additional heavy trash pickups are subject to a fee of \$30 per pickup. Any appliance containing Freon shall be subject to an additional fee of \$15. **You must contact the Borough at least 48 hours before the pick up day to be placed on the list.**

## Spring/Summer Holiday

### Trash Schedule

There will be no trash collection on the following dates:

Monday, May 30

Tuesday, June 14

Monday, July 4

Monday, September 5

## Elected Officials

**MAYOR:** Robert A. McMahon

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:** Brian C. Hall

**COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT:** Paul Robinson

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Kevin Boyer

Sayre Dixon

Amy Johnson

Lisa Johnson

Peter Williamson

**TREASURER:** Brian Taussig-Lux

**TAX COLLECTOR:** Robert Dimond

Missing from photo: Lisa Johnson



## Media Borough Meeting Schedule

**Council Workshop**—1st Thursday—7:30 p.m.

**Council Meeting**—3rd Thursday—8:00 p.m.

**ICC Appeals Board**-4th Wednesday-3:30 p.m. (as needed)

**Board of Health**—1st Tuesday, Quarterly—7:00 p.m.

**Historical Architectural Review Board**-1st Monday (as needed)

**Media Business Authority** –2nd Tuesday-6:00 p.m.

**Planning Commission**-1st Tuesday-7:30 p.m.

**Recreation Board**-1st Tuesday-7:30 p.m.

**Shade Tree Commission**-1st Thursday-5:30 p.m.

**Zoning Hearing Board**-4th Thursday-7:00 p.m. (as needed)

**Environmental Advisory Council**-2nd Thursday-7:00p.m.

**Community Development Committee**-4th Tuesday—4:00 p.m.

**Finance Committee**-Tuesday prior to 3rd Tuesday-5:00 p.m.

**Public Safety Committee**-Last Monday, each quarter-6:00 p.m.

**Public Works Committee** –Last Monday, each quarter-5:30 p.m.

**Properties Committee**-Last Monday, each quarter-5:00 p.m.



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