



Mayor's Message for the Year 2018

Mayor Regis J. Synan



I am proud to present to you the accomplishments of your staff and elected officials during 2018. It has been my honor to serve as Mayor of our outstanding community that has provided first-rate services for you and your family without increasing your Municipal taxes. Some of the highlights you will find in the following pages include:

The dedication of our regionally recognized volunteer emergency services, including Murrysville Volunteer Fire Company, White Valley Volunteer Fire Company, Sardis Volunteer Fire Company and Murrysville Medic One

Accomplishments of our adept community-oriented, Pennsylvania accredited Police Department;

Professional management of the Municipality's finances;

The delivery of construction and maintenance projects by our proficient public works personnel;

Skillful design, implementation and management of capital improvements projects by the engineering department;

Competent management of code enforcement activities, new business and housing development and planning projects by our Community Development personnel;

The development and sponsorship of exciting activities by our talented recreation department; and

The special highlights of our outstanding Library.

I would be remiss in not recognizing you, the residents of the community, for your support and the volunteering of your time and commitment to make Murrysville the wonderful place that it is. I look forward to a productive and rewarding 2019.

Mayor Regis Synan

Emergency Services

In 2018 Murrysville passed Ordinance # 995-18, The Volunteer Tax Credit Program. This law permits individuals who volunteer their time and meet certain participation requirements with the Murrysville Emergency Services organizations to apply for an earned income tax credit on their local municipal taxes. This represents a small token of the community's appreciation for these volunteers who commit countless hours to training, fundraising and responding at all hours of the day to service you in your time of need. Please support your local emergency services!

Murrysville Volunteer Fire Company, Brian Synan, Chief

In 2018, the Murrysville Volunteer Fire Company (www.murrysvillefire.com) responded to 427 alarms for a total of 1,000 volunteer hours of serving the community. The leading alarms were automatic fire alarms and vehicle accidents; 304 of the alarms were in the VFC's district, while 123 alarms were assists to other fire departments.

The line officers for 2019 are as follows:

Fire Chief:	Brian Synan
Assistant Chief:	Bill Yant, III
Captain:	Jake Meier
Lieutenant:	Pat O'Mahony
Sergeant:	Nolan Suchora

The executive officers for 2019 are as follows:

President:	Randy Marts
1 st Vice President:	Rich LeMaster
2 nd Vice President:	Carl Pursh
Secretary	Joe Harriger
Treasurer	Rick O'Mahony
Trustee	Pat O' Mahony
Trustee	Jen Ralston
Relief Treasurer:	Russ Cline

The Murrysville VFC is always looking for volunteers age 14 and above, not only to be firefighters, but anyone who could help with fundraising events, maintenance of the equipment and/or facility or any other professional expertise that would help the community. Please contact the fire company at 724-327-1234 or info@murrysvillefire.com.

White Valley Volunteer Fire Company, John Bohinc, Chief

In 2019 The White Valley VFD will be marking its 70th year of service to the community. The firefighters from White Valley responded to 521 alarms in 2018, which is a slight increase from 2017. The highest response volume was for vehicle accidents (140), followed by false automatic alarms (131); actual structure fires (28) was down slightly from 2017. The total number of staff hours White Valley volunteered while responding to the alarms was 3,642 man hours. The average time spent on each alarm was just under an hour at 54 minutes.

During 2018, White Valley had 10 firefighters complete just under 200 hours of training each to complete the PA Certified Essentials of Firefighting course; nine of those continued on with an additional 16 hours of Structural Burn training and two firemen continued on with additional training and received their PA Firefighter I Certification. All of these training hours were completed by the firefighters on their own time away from their families and their jobs.

The line officers for 2019 are as follows:

Chief:	John Bohinc
Assistant Chief:	Rich Rupnik
Assistant Chief:	John Primozic
Captain:	Jon Carfang
Lieutenant:	Eric Friend
Lieutenant:	Dan Mazzoni
Sergeant:	Michael Friend
Sergeant:	Sam Bohinc, Jr.

The executive officers for 2019 are as follows:

President:	Dan Mazzoni
Vice-President:	Tim Lennox
Treasurer:	John Bohinc
Secretary:	Gary Harbaugh

Murrysville Medic One - Darrick Gerano, Chief

In 2018, Medic One completed 26,307 details for the year. The largest number of 911 dispatches were for cardiac emergencies, respiratory emergencies, diabetic emergencies, injuries from falls, motor vehicle accidents, and adult traumas.

We continued to operate a fleet of 16 vehicles and employed an average of 79 people. Our employment roster includes EMTs, Paramedics, Dispatchers, and a fleet mechanic.

Our personnel completed;

- 9,671 man-hours of training
- Participated in the WCDA Public Narcan Program
- Conducted 101 CPR & Stop the Bleed classes to businesses, agencies, and public
- Achieved the AHA Gold Plus Award for 2018, which is the second consecutive year for this recognition
- Recognized by UPMC and AHN for 6 cardiac arrest saves

Our dive team responded to 13 incidents throughout Allegheny, Armstrong, Westmoreland, Fayette, Indiana, and Somerset Counties, performing underwater search and recovery operations for various federal, state and local agencies resulting in evidence or victim recovery. Our dive team also conducted 6,428 man-hours of training.

Our emergency support unit responded to 214 incidents involving commercial/residential structural fires, search details, and wilderness rescues throughout Armstrong, Westmoreland, Indiana, Fayette, and Allegheny Counties.

Our Strike Team had two hurricane responses in 2018; Hurricane Florence (North and South Carolina) and Hurricane Michael (Florida)

Murrysville Medic One and Murrysville Medic One Dive Team can be followed throughout the year on Facebook or our website www.murrysvillemedicone.org

Sardis Volunteer Fire Company, Cody Paiano, Chief

In 2018, the Sardis Volunteer Fire Company responded to 383 emergency incidents, with 26 of them being working structural fires, and 23 vehicle accidents with entrapment.

2019 Line Officers

Fire Chief:	Cody Paiano
Deputy Fire Chief:	Joseph Paiano Jr.
Captain:	Mark Zeigler
Lieutenant:	Kenneth Sebastian
Sergeant:	Anthony Tommasini

The Sardis Volunteer Fire Company is always accepting applications for membership. For more info be sure to check us out on Facebook, or call the fire station at 724-327-3987.

Department of Administration Jim Morrison, Chief Administrator

The 2018 calendar year was the year of “NEW”. We launched a new website, welcomed six new employees and bought a new fire truck.

New Website

The Municipality of Murrysville’s website recently had a facelift and now has brand new interactive features. Launched in the fall of 2018, it is still located at <http://murrysville.com/>. The site, designed by Civic Plus which specializes in providing an integrated technology platform exclusively for local government, offers a modern, clean design with easy navigation. New features include: *Notify Me/Alert Center – where residents can sign up for municipal alerts via email or text; *Report a Concern – where residents can submit a concern to a direct department; *News Flash – where residents can read evolving

municipal news stories with local impact; and *Calendar – where residents can view all municipal events and meetings and even subscribe to individual calendars and receive alerts when updates have been made.

The Municipality of Murrysville also has a new email address that will be directed to our information desk so residents can email info@murrysville.com with any general questions. The Murrysville Police Department and Murrysville Recreation Department also have new and updated pages. The Murrysville Police and Recreation Department's new websites can be found at <http://murrysvillepolice.com/> and <http://murrysvilleparecreation.com/>.

We look forward to hearing from you!

New Personnel

Sadly, we said good-bye to six employees through 2018. Bob Bell, the former Director of Public Works and Parks and an employee for forty years, retired and moved to South Carolina. He was replaced by Bill Paiano, former Public Works Foreman, a twenty-six year employee with the Public Works and Parks Department. Rory "Gunner" Hogan was promoted to Bill's position as Public Works and Parks Foreman. Gunner was formerly the mechanic. Jason Davis has been hired as the new mechanic. Good luck to all three gentlemen. Bob, thank you for your service.

Josh Dallo, a White Valley resident, has been hired as a laborer to replace retiring Mike Messina. Best wishes Mike!

Officer Corey Fearon was hired to replace Jasen Bethlehem who moved out of the area. Please welcome Officer Fearon as you see him on preventive patrol.

If you visit the municipal building, please stop by and welcome our new administrative assistant Verdale Price, who replaces Penny Fox. Emily Mallise, Engineering Tech, replaced Mark Haugh, a twenty-nine year employee, and Hayley Welsh replaced the retiring Allen Cohen.

I would like to personally thank all those employees who so faithfully served the community and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors. And to the new employees, we have high expectations!

New Fire Truck

The Municipality ordered a new fire engine for the Sardis Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$575,928. This engine will replace a 1996 engine which has lived its useful life. Delivery will be made in the winter of 2019.

New Police Contract

The Municipality and the Police Officers of the Municipality of Murrysville have successfully completed negotiations on a new five-year agreement.

Department of Police, Thomas Seefeld, Chief

Highlights

- MPD received re-accreditation from the PA Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC) on January 11 & 12, 2018. The department attained accreditation status on March 25, 2006.
- Launched the new Murrysville Police website. Please visit us at www.murrysvillepolice.com
- Officers worked in conjunction with the Attorney General's Office, DA's office and DANET on several drug investigations and prosecutions.
- MPD in conjunction with the Attorney General's Office and PSP conducted enforcement detail at Tokyo Massage and Judy's Oriental Massage, Route 22.
- Chief assisted the FRSD with the interviewing process for hiring the Director of Safety and Security, School Police.

- Chief and Officer Auvil are in the process of creating an Emergency Service public relations video in conjunction with fire and EMS staff.
- Officers conducted 47 Heritage Trail UTV patrols.
- MPD joined the Westmoreland North Critical Response Team (SWAT).
- The department continues to provide information of importance to community members. The total number of citizens registered with Nixle/Murrysville is 4,423. The total number of citizens following MPD Facebook is 4,227. The total number of citizens following MPD Twitter is 1,116.

Traffic Initiatives

- Rt. 22 Truck Inspections: MCSAP/Commercial Vehicle Inspectors conducted details on Route 22.
- Aggressive Driving Details: Wave 2 (March 19 – April 29, 2018): 81 traffic stops, 66 traffic citations. Wave 3 (July 9 – August 26, 2018): 72 traffic stops, 56 traffic citations. Wave 1 (October 22 – November 25, 2018): 23 traffic stops, 16 traffic citations.
- Buckle Up PA Details: Detail (May 14 – June 3, 2018): 88 traffic stops, 64 traffic citations. Detail (November 19 – December 2, 2018): 58 traffic stops, 46 traffic citations.
- Traffic Safety Interdiction Details: Traffic details were conducted each month resulting in 88 traffic citations issued, 128 warnings.

Officer Training

- MPD staff recognizes the importance of on-going training and professional development that builds a solid foundation for providing the best possible professional police service to the community. As a result, staff attended a significant amount of training sessions and conferences throughout the year on various subject matters that have enhanced all officers' knowledge and expanded their capabilities.

Community Training

- Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) instructors provided training to schools, churches, businesses and to other community stakeholders. Approximately 2,500 individuals have received training.
- Detective Devlin provided training to Mother of Sorrows School students and staff on Opioid abuse and education.
- Officers participated in several Reality Tour events at the Murrysville Alliance Church to educate parents and children on the dangers and consequences of illegal drug use.

Community Events

- FRSD and the police department provided a community wide CRASE training event at the Franklin Regional Senior High School.
- "Blessing of the Bikes" event at the Murrysville Alliance Church.
- Officers participated in the "Cops on Rooftops" event at Dunkin Donuts to raise donations for Special Olympics.
- Officers participated in the "Law Enforcement Torch Run" on Route 22 to raise donations for the Special Olympics.
- Staff participated in the Toys for Tots Program.
- Officers participated in the Sloan Elementary Hero Luncheon event.

- Officers participated in the police tribute, “Strengthening the Thin Blue Line”, at the Murrysville Alliance Church.
- Detective Devlin participated in the “Road to Hope” Opioid Addiction Forum at the Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church.
- Officers participated in the “Coffee with Cops” event at Panera Restaurant.
- MPD staff held the department’s first “National Night Out” event at the Public Works facility.

Equipment Received

- Department acquired a UTV for Westmoreland Heritage Trail patrols.
- Department acquired a Drone for public relations and investigative purposes.
- Department received three new police vehicles.

Murrysville Police - Yearly Report					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Calls for Service	5741	5820	5205	5417	5120
Incidents	5293	5401	4860	5047	4763
Burglaries	21	20	14	15	12
Reportable Crashes	212	204	193	197	174
Non-Reportable Crashes	236	215	152	173	193
Traffic Arrests	1520	1700	1339	1474	843
Traffic - Warnings	469	903	1130	2147	1772
Adult Arrests	312	319	286	284	170
Juvenile Arrests	31	27	27	41	24

Department of Finance and Taxation Diane Heming, Director

The Municipality of Murrysville has continued to provide excellent services to the residents without the need for any type of tax increase. The current millage rate of 12.15 mills has been constant since 2006. Revenues continue to grow at approximately 2.0 to 2.5% annually and hard work by dedicated staff keeps operating expenses in line with these revenues while maintaining the infrastructure, services and upkeep of the parks.

The 2017 financial audit was prepared in accordance with GASB 34 requirements with no material findings.

Fieldwork for the 2018 financial audit will begin in late February 2019.

The assessed value of property within the municipality is established by Westmoreland County. The assessed value for 2018 was \$340,177,410. The value for 2019 is \$341,633,143 which is a one half percent increase over 2018.

The 2018 value of one mill, used to calculate revenue for the operating budget, is approximately \$331,000.

In total, \$600,000 was transferred into the Capital Reserve Fund during 2018. Of this total, \$250,000 was deposited into the Road and Bridge Reserve for future road projects and the remaining \$350,000 was used to fund 2018 road projects planned in the 2018 Capital Improvements Program.

Total real estate tax collections account for 31% of total revenues in all funds.

Local taxes, including earned income, per capita and local services taxes, account for 40% of the total revenues and is used solely for general operations.

While earned income has surpassed real estate tax collections as the largest revenue source for the Municipality and General Fund, the annual increase of total earned income collections has shown a decline during 2017 and 2018. Normally this revenue source increases at a rate of two to four percent per year depending on the type of tax being analyzed. However, 2018 year-end estimates for earned income are reporting a negative increase of 1% and anticipated revenue for 2019 has been based on this trend at 1.70% increase.

Expenses remained virtually consistent with 2017, although there were some line items, such as Police overtime, that fluctuated from the norm. The police department had numerous personnel absences that accounted for the higher than normal overtime costs. Milder winter weather saved the salt and antiskid line item. Greater attention to basic building repairs and timely renovations explain the higher maintenance costs for all buildings.

The 2018 Minimum Municipal Pension Obligation (MMO) for the Non-Uniform Plan was calculated using the 2017 Valuation. This valuation saw changes in various assumptions which had the overall effect of increasing the MMO for this plans.

The 2018 MMO for the Police Pension plan was based on the 2015 Valuation and, therefore, costs remained consistent with 2016 and 2017. However, when the 2017 Valuation was completed, various assumptions were changed which will increase the MMO beginning in 2019 to a cost comparable to the 2018 increase in the Non-Uniform Plan.

Many municipalities in PA struggle with unfunded pension liabilities. Overall, the Municipality does not have this concern. Even though the assumption changes in the 2017 Valuation increased the overall costs for both plans, each plan is still 94% to 95% funded due to good investment decisions, fiscal controls and a Pension Committee that functions extremely well.

The Director of Finance continues to be an active board member of the County-wide Tax collection committee which oversees all earned income tax collections for Westmoreland County.

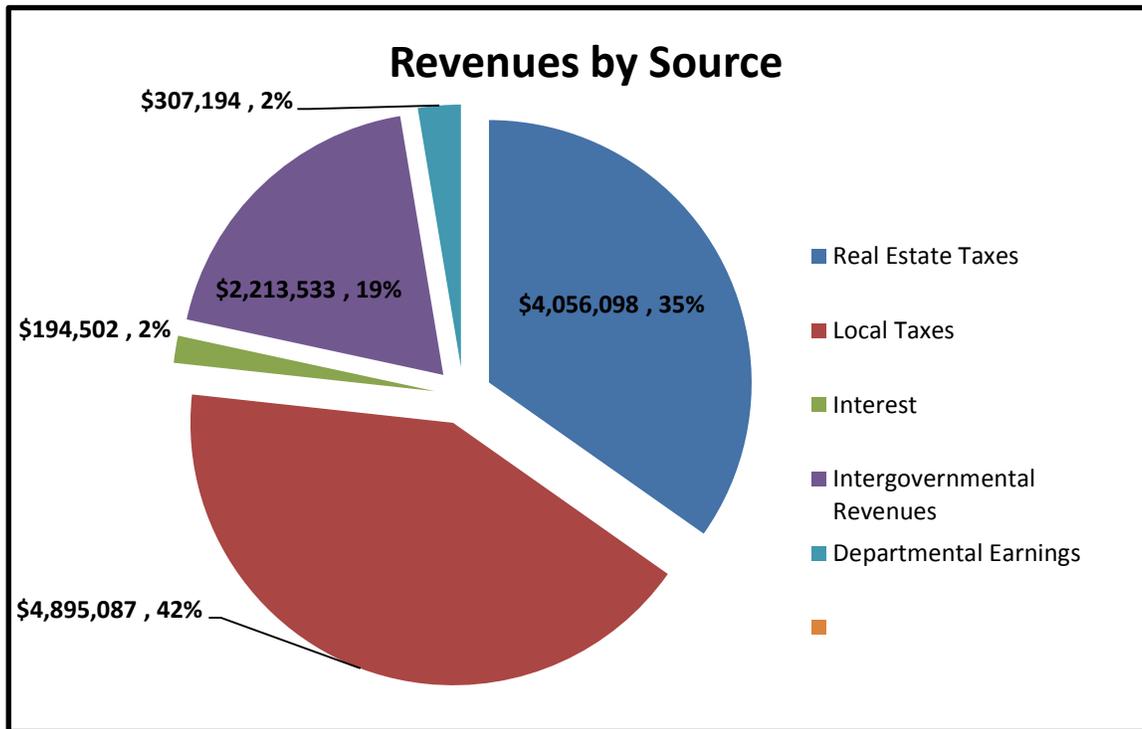
Scanning of all pertinent files continues with all off-site storage eliminated at this time. To date all ordinances, resolutions, policies and procedures, permanent financial data, Recreation, Engineering and Administration files such as contracts have been scanned and new documents are scanned when received as needed.

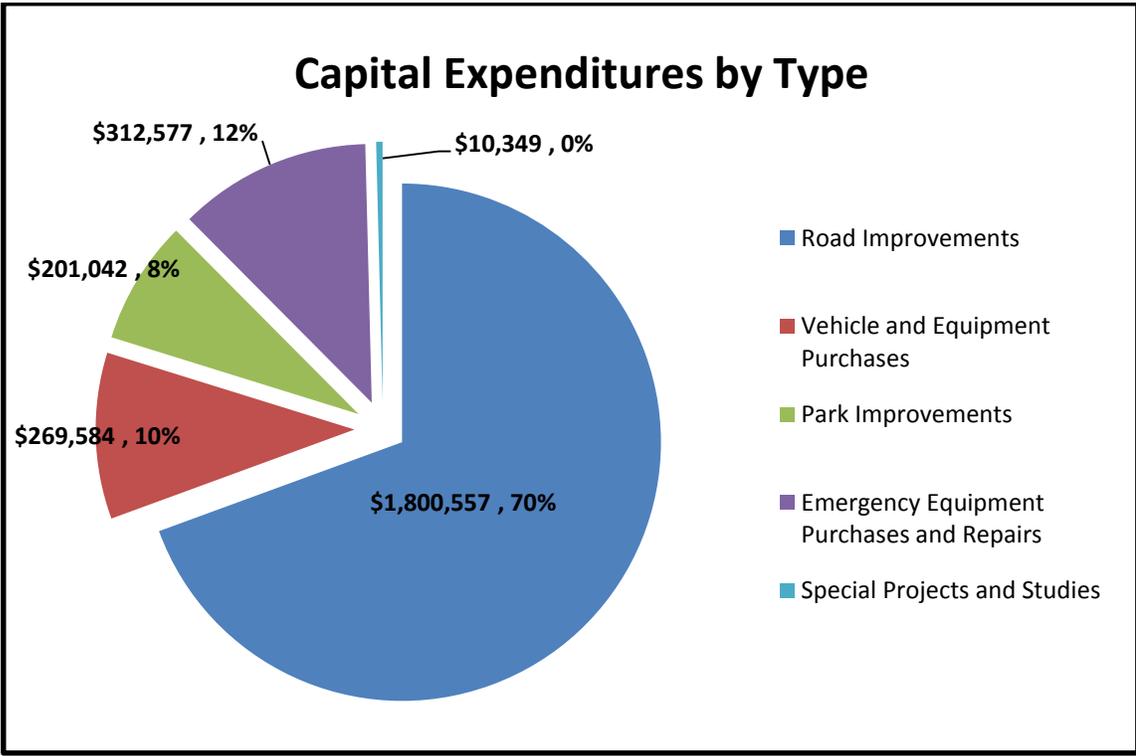
Scanned Planning files are being organized into categories and years so that development files such as building plans, storm water and utilities plans, occupancy permits, and maps will be easily available. In addition, the scanned files are linked to the Geoplan software utilized by the Community Development Department.

The Administration oversaw the installation of new flooring in the Administrative hallways and kitchen area and in the squad room, Sergeant's office and kitchen areas of the Police Department.

The 2019-2023 Capital Improvements Program (\$16,008.800) and the 2019 Operating Budget (\$13,526,926) were both approved with tax millage and service levels staying constant. A five year budget plan was completed for all of the funds and presented along with the 2019 Operating Budget.

Municipality of Murrysville
Revenue Sources for all Funds
and
Capital Expenditures by Type
Estimated at 12-31-18





Department of Public Works and Parks, Bill Paiano, Director

The Public Works and Parks Department is the “Go To” Department for the Municipality. The skills of the employees and the tasks they complete make them truly “hands on” for any physical labor project in the community. If you see them working along the road, maintaining the buildings and grounds, cutting grass in the park or plowing your street, please say hello. It is appreciated.

Projects

Riparian Buffer Project

The crew began the construction of the Riparian Buffer project at the Community Park. Work included the construction of a pavilion, earthwork for the trail and parking area and assisted the volunteers in the planting of over three hundred trees and shrubs.

Vietnam Wall and Concert in the Park

The Public Works Department aided the Recreation Department in the production of both the Vietnam Wall and Concert in the Park. The park was prepped, supplies, such as generators were gathered, and manpower was used at the event for garbage removal, set up and breakdown.

Meadowbrook Road Slide

Severe rains compromised Meadowbrook Road and it slid. The crew excavated and hauled 1600 yards of over burden and re-hauled, placed and compacted 1000 yards of shale. The road was then rebuilt, placing 75 ton of asphalt by hand. The guide rail was re-installed. The project took just under two weeks to complete.

Murrysville Community Park

Excavation work began for the construction of a new destination playground, spray park and rest room facility. Work in earnest will begin in 2019.

Storm Sewer Work

Due to the record rainfall during the past year, there were an extraordinary number of calls pertaining to water run-off problems. Each call was answered and where appropriate work was done to correct the problem.

- Ketchy Court -- Two new inlets and 250' feet of 15" combination pipe
- Ball Park Court -- 200' feet of 6" perforated pipe
- Round Top Road -- 650' feet of 15" combination pipe, 210' feet of 18" solid pipe, and five new inlets
- Staymates Court -- 100' feet of 15" pipe
- Evans Road -- 370' feet of 15" pipe, one new inlet and 150' feet of 15" solid pipe
- Colorado Court -- 150' feet of 6" perforated pipe
- Logan Ferry Road at County line -- 75' feet of 6" perforated pipe
- Sardis Rd -- 75' feet of 6" perforated pipe
- Round Top Road -- the crew paved a 445' apron and curb by hand to facilitate drainage.
- Haymaker Farm Road -- 45 feet of 15" combination pipe

Road Berming

This year's berming cycle was contained mostly to the Sardis area of the Municipality in the month of July. The Department bermed approximately 18 lane miles in 2018.

Vegetation Control/Mowing

Three municipal employees mowed 120 acres a week as well as maintaining garbage removal, pavilions, weeding and mulching of beds. Responsibilities also included jug handles and open areas on State Route 22. The Public Works department has also adopted an island at Trafford and Braun Avenue. Both roadside mowers made multiple rounds on their pre-determined routes. On the second and third passes, operators mowed back to the right-of-way, removing brush for better visibility. This provides safety for motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists and animals. Guiderail trimming was complete, with 90 gallons of pesticide.

Asphalt Work

Two major jobs were completed on Kemerer and Thompson Road. Minor patching was completed throughout the Municipality to maintain the structural integrity of various roads.

Contracted Work and Equipment Acquisition

The Department replaced a fifteen year old CAT 430 Backhoe and a utility trailer during the past year. Backstops and fencing were replaced at Bear Hollow Fields 1 and 2. The tennis courts at Bear Hollow Park were repaired and re-painted. The roofs on Pavilion 1 and 2 at Sardis Park were replaced.

Parks Maintenance/Improvements

- **Sardis Park**
 - Installed two new sliding boards and two new roundabouts
 - Installed safety surface around all swings
 - New roof on both pavilions
 - Kiosks were installed as an Eagle Scout project
- **Chambers Park**
 - Pickleball court lines were painted on the tennis courts

- **Duff/Bikeway**
 - Rebuilt the pavilion due to storm damage
 - Re-graded and placed limestone dust on the Funk Bikeway
- **Pedora Park**
 - Installed a new roof on the pavilion
- **Bear Hollow Park**

Installed new wooden decking in Dugout #2
- **MCP**
 - Installed a new surface in the batter cage area, hanged and removed netting (seasonal)
 - Installed four memorial benches
 - Regraded and compacted the bocce courts
- **PV Park**
 - Mowing was performed on certain tracts of land in 2018, as per the schedule set forth by the Parks Commission
- **Staymates Cabin**
 - Installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- **Rails to Trails/Roberts Property**
 - Installed a pipe to carry water past the Bicentennial Bikeway
 - Installed a solar panel and charging system for the police UTV
 - Built and erected a bike sculpture for the entrance of Robert's trail head

Maintenance

The Public Works responsibility extends to maintenance of all buildings and grounds owned and operated by the Municipality. Some the work done by the Department in 2018 by in-house forces includes:

- Switched over parking lot light heads to LED fixtures in the Administrative/Police and Public Works buildings
- Hallways, lunch room and offices were painted at Administrative building
- Lighting and landscaping was completed at "Welcome" sign
- Installed hand dryers in the pavilions at Leftwich, Wetlands and the Community Center
- Replaced all hardware on Municipal swing sets
- Installed LED lighting at the Community Center
- Plumbing repairs in many of the buildings and parks
- Installed an emergency generator line from the electric-sub panel to the front desk at the Municipal Building
- Paint walls at Public Works office

Training

Training is an integral part of our commitment to safety of our employees and the public. Classes attended by the Public Works crew in 2018 included:

- CDL Flagger Awareness
- "Stop the Bleed" First Aid Class
- Flagger Certification

Website

The Public Works page on the new website is kept up-to-date, giving the public first-hand knowledge of our department and projects that we are working on. There are many helpful links to various utilities for easy access by the public, and a

picture/slideshow to watch. A monthly planner is on our page as well, giving the residents an idea of the upcoming projects for the Public Works Department. Please visit us at www.murrysville.com/340/Public-Wrks

Department of Engineering, Scott Hilty, Director

The 2018 paving contract was awarded to the Tresco Paving Corporation in the amount of \$1,656,635.36. This year's project included the following streets: Apple Hill Drive, Ball Park Court, Bartlett Court, Bella Vista Court, Buckingham Court, Buena Vista Drive, Burnett Drive, Colonial Drive, Colorado Court, Dakota Street, Delaware Street, Ketchy Court, Lexington Court, Lexington Court, Logan Ferry Road, Pinecrest Road, Round Top Road, Sardis Road, Staymates Court, Tarr Hollow Road and North Hills Road Extension. The repairs on the roads consisted of pavement replacement, milling of old asphalt and adjustment of the existing inlets. This project encompassed approximately 10.5 miles of municipal roads and approximately 12,500 tons of asphalt.

The following other Capital Improvement Projects were completed in 2018:

DPW-5-17 Morosini Farm Court Improvement Project

The Municipality of Murrysville applied for and received a low volume road grant to make storm water and roadway improvements to Morosini Farm Court. Murrysville removed the existing road surface and replaced it with a modified surface consisting of millings, 2A limestone and base material. In order to accomplish this, the existing road surface was milled to a nominal depth of 6-inches. Prior to the milling operations, any existing cross pipes were removed and replaced with new 15 inch plastic pipe. In addition to the cross pipes, four through-the-bank pipes were installed to improve drainage on the steeper upper portion of Morosini Farm Court. The project was completed in early December.

DPW-2-17 Lyons Run Road Slide Repair

In February of this year, heavy rains caused Lyons Run to wash out an area on Lyons Run Road just up from Trafford Road. The project consisted of installing an 80-foot retaining wall, R-7 rip-rap, guiderail and reconstruction of Lyons Run Road. Prior to starting the repair, the Municipality had to obtain all necessary permits and allocate funding from the 2018 budget to perform the work. The project was completed in November and Lyons Run Road was reopened in early December.

Operations

The Engineering Department has issued one hundred seventy-five (175) Road Occupancy Permits and responded to approximately sixteen hundred (1,600) PA One Calls in 2018. A total of fifteen (15) subdivision plans, one (1) conditional use plan and four (4) site plans were reviewed in 2018.

Murrysville NPDES MS4 Individual Permit coverage is set to expire on May 31, 2019. MS4 stands for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System and Murrysville is required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to obtain a permit for this system. The permit requires Murrysville to maintain records of its entire storm system, including inlets, pipes, storm water detention basins, ditches and swales. The NPDES renewal application must be submitted at least 180 days prior to the expiration date of the exiting permit coverage. The engineering department prepared and submitted the renewal application to PADEP on November 29, 2018. As part of the renewal, Murrysville developed a Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP). The plan shows how the Municipality will reduce the storm water discharges of nutrients and sediment to surface waters in the Commonwealth.

Department of Community Development, Hayley Welsh, Community Planner

Development Activities

Residential Development

During 2018, the Municipality of Murrysville continued to be a contributor to the growth of the western portions of Westmoreland County. The population of the community is now over 22,000 residents. The Municipality issued 42 building

permits for new single-family homes and mixed assembly, business, institutional, and mercantile uses during 2018. Residential growth in Murrysville over the past two years has primarily come from younger adults (25 to 34 years old) and older generations (65+ years old). These values reflect the desirability of Murrysville as a Pittsburgh suburb in which to both settle down to raise a family and settle down to enjoy the older retirement years, despite overall statistical trends displaying both of these generations emigrating to urban cores.

Commercial Development

In 2018, Murrysville continued to attract new commercial developments and ventures, especially along the Route 22 corridor, along Old William Penn Highway, and in established shopping centers within the community. Twelve new business occupancy permits were issued in 2018. The Blue Spruce Shoppes and Maple Commons continue to attract both casual and high-end businesses, while small professional offices continue to take up residence along the quaint yet bustling Old William Penn Highway corridor and larger retailers continue to be drawn to the visibility factor of opening business along Route 22. The continual uptick in business development within the community has not only consistently provided both residents and passersby with an array of consumer choices, but has steadily established Murrysville’s status as an ever-growing suburban hub. As always, stringent development codes have secured the high-quality functioning and aesthetics of these new storefronts and developments. Potential for infill development, promising greenfield development potential, and storefront availability in new retail developments have given both developers and regional business managers the great opportunity to expand their businesses and cater to the amenities needs of Murrysville residents.

Recent and Ongoing Commercial Development Projects

Creative Bus Sales	Muthappan Building	GetGo
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New to Murrysville in 2018

Tender Care Pediatric Dentistry	BeBalanced	TOONA Supply
Hygge	State Farm	Scooni’s
First Watch	Contemporary Concepts Too	Alwright Co.
Trans Tailor Shop	Fit for Boxing	

Planning Projects

Traffic Impact Study, Capital Projects Plan, and Traffic Feasibility Study

Implementation of the Traffic Impact Fee Plan and Capital Improvement Plan began in 2016 with the development of a Transportation Capital Improvements Plan and Traffic Impact Fees that are assessed to developers to assist in its implementation. In 2016, as well, the recommendations of this Plan were incorporated into the five-year Municipal Capital Improvements Plan, with a selected major project being the construction of a new bridge from Logan Ferry Road to Sardis Road. In 2017, proposals were solicited from engineering and transportation firms to complete a feasibility study for this project. In 2018, the Municipality contracted the Markosky Engineering Group, Inc. and Traffic Planning and Design, Inc. to conduct the study. Over the course of 2018, representatives from both firms worked in partnership to devise multiple traffic alternatives for this congested area within the community. As these firms were developing their traffic alternatives, they routinely met with and corresponded frequently with municipal staff, the Planning Commission, and the Traffic Impact Fee Committee to discuss their data and subsequent findings. By the end of 2018, the firms settled on seven final alternatives for potential reconstruction of the Sardis Road, Logan Ferry Road, and Franklintowne Court intersections. In 2019, it is expected that the Municipality will review and discuss these alternatives to plan for future reconstruction of this area of Murrysville.

Small Cell Development Regulation

The Municipality is currently seeking to introduce, negotiate, and pass an ordinance that will regulate small cell development in the community. For context, the telecom industry is seeking legislation that would streamline the approval process for placing multiple small cell towers along public rights-of-way in anticipation of the upcoming 5G wireless network. While it is indeed a beneficial practice to provide residents with improved wireless access within their local communities, local

government oversight on these towers, called DAS (distributed antenna systems), needs to be enhanced through local regulation. DAS are the antennas that go on telephone poles and look like “coffee cans.” It has been recently determined that DAS cell providers are no longer permitted to be classified as “common carrier” utilities, and therefore no longer qualify as a public utility. This could affect how the Municipality decides to treat and propose a regulatory ordinance for them as they would no longer have the zoning protections of a public utility and would affect the telecom industry’s right to use of the rights-of-way.

Hence, goals for regulation and ordinance creation in Murrysville would encompass the following themes: (1) regulating the location of DAS by discovering the balance between feasibility of collocation and new pole construction; (2) setting forth a regulated municipal fee schedule, including the implementation of access fees, license fees, and construction fees for placement of DAS in rights-of way; (3) setting physical regulations of DAS systems, including pole height, rights-of-way interference, design qualities, siting, construction, installation, and maintenance; and (4) protecting municipal legal liability against accident fault in rights-of-way.

Aging in Place in Murrysville

The Municipality is currently seeking to draft, introduce, and negotiate an ordinance that will ultimately develop a specialized overlay zoning district that will aid in the *aging in place* of the continuously-increasing older population of Murrysville. In urban and community planning, aging in place refers to local planning policy shifts that not only help to establish unique zoning districts which promote mixed-use planned unit developments that cater to the aging community, but help to drastically minimize the economic, social, and health challenges that this community often faces.

Development of an aging in place ordinance establishing a specialized overlay zone will focus on the themes of allowing a variety of attractive, more affordable housing options and mixed-used residential and retail developments, allowing for flexibility in design standards that will allow for greater density, accessibility, and walkability, and for placing regulations on developers to include critical greenspace and outdoor amenities within their designs that help to support physical, mental, and social health of aging communities. These types of developments may become imperative for ensuring the vitality of Murrysville’s aging population as both population and community fabrics will shift over time.

Murrysville Code Enforcement

The Department of Community Development remained active in code enforcement by actively responding to residential violations, either reported by residents or observed in the field during daily drives. The Municipality employs two full-time code officials, one mainly working in building inspections and one mainly working as a residential code enforcement officer, who both offer prompt and professional responses to code enforcement issues and concerns within the Municipality. In cases where compliance is not achieved due to inability to locate a property owner or obtain a response in a timely manner, property violations are addressed.

Additionally, the Department of Community Development is continually seeking to streamline and modernize its code enforcement functions through a variety of new procedures and technology. Besides the newly-adopted Property Maintenance Code and rental registration program from 2017, staff continues to routinely update its mapping by using parcel data from Westmoreland County. Furthermore, staff is frequently trained on maximizing in-house usage of GIS (Geographic Information Systems) mapping and GeoPlan, a municipal software program that logs and organizes data as well as creates data reports for a diverse array of both planning and code enforcement needs.

Recreation Department, Carly Greene, Director

Special events, park projects and youth programs are provided annually to the community by the Recreation Department. With the development and launch of our new municipal website, planning for a new playground and splash pad, and hosting of the Traveling Vietnam Wall, the department calendar was full of events and projects throughout the year.

Special Events

The Westmoreland County March for Parks, the Spring Egg Hunt, the Farmers' Market, Concert in the Park, the Traveling Vietnam Wall, the Rotary's Chili Oktoberfest, and Night of Lights filled our calendar of events.

The March for Parks walkers raised funds for the Westmoreland County Parks and the Westmoreland Heritage Trail. The Murrysville to Export section of the trail is expected to be completed this year. The next March for Parks event will be Saturday, March 30 at the Murrysville Community Center. Save the date!

Our Egg Hunts for kids and dogs were held at Murrysville Community Park. Three hundred eager children were pre-registered and enjoyed refreshments provided by our loyal sponsors and activities provided by numerous community businesses and organizations. Our dog egg hunt was well-attended at the Dog Park, with each dog taking home treat bags after hunting for their eggs! Next year's egg hunts will be on Friday, April 12 and will be *pre-registration only* so please visit <https://www.murrysville.com/195/Spring-Egg-Hunt> to register.

In its fifth season, the Farmers' Market hosted approximately 30 vendors offering local produce, organic produce, plants and flowers, kettle corn, wood-fired pizza, wine, beer, spirits, and delicious baked goods. Offered in conjunction with the Murrysville Volunteer Fire Company (MVFC), the Market ran Thursdays 3:00-7:00 p.m. June through September at the MVFC Field on Sardis Road. The Farmhouse Kids' Club for children ages 3-12, sponsored again by First Commonwealth Bank, operated for 13 weeks. Of 657 registered members, 134 children were new participants this season. Three hundred and twenty-one members visited the Farmhouse Kids' Club 704 times this summer. Being free to join, members participated in weekly activities such as produce sampling, scavenger hunts, flower planting, meeting live animals and more. By completing each week's activity, members "earned" a wooden coin worth \$2.00 that could be spent with any of the Market vendors. In its fourth season, the coin program at the Farmhouse Kids' Club was again well-received by both the families and vendors, as it teaches money-management and healthy eating habits, and generated \$1,370.00 in revenue to our vendors! The Market will open for a sixth season in 2019, June to September.

Murrysville Community Park hosted the 2nd annual Concert in the Park and we were fortunate again to have beautiful weather and attendance of more than 3,000! Four live bands, headlined by BonJourney, the 3WS Sports Challenge, food trucks, corn hole, wine and beer and, of course, fireworks filled the day with activities for all. Thank you to all who attended and especially our sponsors who make the event possible. August 10 our Concert will be back at MCP!

Thousands of guests visited Murrysville Community Park during the American Veterans Traveling Tribute Vietnam Wall exhibit. Vietnam Veterans provided personal stories and tours for our local school students, while guests experienced displays of Vietnam memorabilia, POW/MIA statistics, Agent Orange resources and Service Dogs for Veterans. More than 100 volunteers worked to ensure an interactive experience for all who visited. Thank you is not enough to everyone who contributed to this important event.

Guests sampled and voted on more than 30 hot and mild chili prepared by amateur cooks and local restaurants at the 10th annual ChiliOktoberfest, held in conjunction with the Murrysville-Export Rotary. Rivertowne beverages, hot dogs, the Old Friends Music Band, kids' activities and more were enjoyed by hundreds of hungry guests. Cash prizes were awarded to 1st and 2nd place in each category. This annual event, which supports Rotary community programs, will be held again in October; don't miss it!

The holiday season began December 7 with Night of Lights at Town Square and 1st United Methodist Church. Santa, his elves and gingerbread men visited with all of the good boys and girls. Inside, the gingerbread house contest had 29 entries and more votes than ever, which benefitted the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The Murrysville Historical Society and St Nicholas decorated the church annex with historical toys; guests listened to stories by the Murrysville Children's Library and saw puppet shows by The Master's Puppets. Thank you to our volunteers, local businesses and organizations that made this fun event possible.

The local business community and many individuals are continually supportive of our Department's events and programs by providing sponsorships to ensure their longevity and cost-effectiveness for participants. Thank you just isn't enough!

Field Use and Maintenance

Park sports fields continue to be in high demand for organized sports organizations and general community use. FAMFA, FRAA, MASA, Boys and Girls Lacrosse, numerous community sports teams and individual enthusiasts alike utilize every sports field available during the months of April-November. Fees collected for field use help to offset annual maintenance costs.

Recreation Programs

Summer Recreation Programs remain popular, garnering more than 400 registrations for nine youth programs. Programs included: STEAM Adventure Camp, Learn to Draw, Pioneer Camp, Fencing, Ready-Set-Run 5K camp and Safety City. Sixty children registered for the Playground Program and visited more than 300 times to five different parks over seven weeks.

Thirty six children spent their summer training for a 5K at Murrysville Community Park during Ready, Set, Run 5K camp. Over seven weeks they jogged, sprinted and ran, gaining the knowledge and strength needed to complete a 5K, which was held in August. Everyone should be very proud of this awesome achievement!

Kids also enjoyed Pioneer Camp and STEAM camp, meeting historical figures and learning about science while having FUN! More summer programs will be available in 2019 so check the website and the Recreation Department program guide, which will be published in late spring, for more information and registration details.

Be an MVP!

A variety of park and community volunteer opportunities are available, but volunteering is at an all-time low. Without valuable volunteers, many of our community service organizations will not be able to continue. Our park trails are maintained by volunteers. What will they look like if no one is maintaining them any longer? The Murrysville Volunteer Program works to raise community awareness of the needs for volunteering, streamline existing volunteer efforts to increase volunteer participation, serve as a conduit for residents who are interested in volunteering, enhance relationships between local service organizations and the Municipality, and increase knowledge of Municipal operations and volunteer opportunities. More information can be found by visiting the municipal website at <https://www.murrysville.com/348/Volunteer-Program>, by searching Murrysville Volunteer Program on Facebook, or by calling 724-327-2100 ext. 115. Just an hour can make a difference!

Park Projects

Work began in Murrysville Community Park towards completing a DCNR grant project to create a riparian buffer along Steele's Run. The completed project will include a new pavilion, walkway, bench seating, and hundreds of trees and bushes. Also, excavation began for the new destination playground and splash pad, with installation planned for spring of 2019.

Department Information

Information regarding Murrysville Recreation Department Programs and Events can be found by visiting <http://murrysvilleparecreation.com/>, in the Penn-Franklin Newspaper in our bi-annual supplement, or on Facebook at Murrysville Recreation Department. We can also be reached by phone during normal working hours at 724-327-2100 ext. 131 or ext. 115.

Murrysville Community Library, Sandra Gartland, Librarian

2018 was indeed a year of celebration and change at Murrysville Community Library (MCL), as we observed our ninety-sixth year of service to the community! Throughout the year, we hosted many special events. I am pleased to share some of those events with you.

Special Highlights from 2018

January: MCL received a \$5,000 donation from Standard Bank Charitable Foundation for its sponsorship of the Children's Summer Reading Club. Local business support is vital to the sustainability of the Library.

February: Dr. Sally Lipsky presented a workshop titled, "Labels & Menus: Making Sense of Healthy Eating." Dr. Lipsky facilitates monthly meetings at the Library discussing plant-based nutrition, its benefits, and meal preparation/recipes to support this lifestyle. These meetings take place on the last Wednesday of each month; other dates are scheduled as needed. Check out our website, www.murrysvillelibrary.org, for more details.

March: The Library hosted the Youth Chess Tournament, which drew an all-time high number of 44 participants from the Murrysville and Export areas! While the youth competed, parents were able to enjoy their own chess activities and light refreshments provided by MCL.

April: With the support of the Westmoreland Library Network, the Library hosted a series of four mini-music appreciation classes taught by Morrie Brand, Director of the Westmoreland Symphony's Academy of Music and Music Director of the Westmoreland Youth Symphony Orchestra Program. Additionally, MCL was pleased to host a program on Ballet FUNDamentals, presented by the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater.

May: During a typical month, the Library hosts the following events: AAUW presentations, Babies 'n' Books, book clubs, Chair Yoga, Dog Reading Pals, Library Knitters, Plant-Based Nutrition Support Group, Pre-School Storytime, Socrates Café, and Toddler Time.

June: Summer Reading Club kicked off with the theme of "Libraries Rock!" Throughout the summer, a total of 940 children participated in a variety of 69 different programs. Among the many programs were: "Noisy Nature" with the Carnegie Museum of Natural History; "Six-legged Aliens" with Nature-ology; "Geodes Rock!" with geologist Jeff Smith; Storytime STEM-pack: *Giraffes Can't Dance*; and "Planetarium" with Nick Barsic.

July: Participants in the STEM book discussion groups from the Murrysville, Norwin, and Greensburg Libraries combined to visit the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics. As well, with a grant from the Kakos Foundation and help from the Murrysville Garden Club, the Library presented programs on plants, pollination, and honey bees.

August: Inspired by the "Libraries Rock!" theme, Library Adult Programming presented a new series, Wednesday Night Café. This popular program showcased local musicians throughout the summer.

September: The MCL Board of Trustees and MCL Foundation hosted a joint meeting for the public, which was headlined by Franklin Regional High School student, Shelby Cooper. Miss Cooper presented on a student-led project to establish a library in Kenya and provide books for it.

October: In addition to the Library's regular programming, this month MCL also hosted several special programs: "Break the Silence," presented by the Blackburn Center for Victim Advocacy; "Celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*," hosted by MCL Librarian Maria Cuccaro; Meet the Author, facilitated by author Chris Rodell who led a community discussion on his book, *Arnold Palmer: Homespun Stories of the King*; and the history of the Lafayette Trail was presented by French historian Julien Icher at the monthly AAUW meeting.

November: MCL said "good-bye" to our Director of 7+ years, Jamie Faló. Library staff, volunteers, and many community members wished her a fond farewell at a cookie reception held in her honor during business hours. The Library participated in the online "Give Big Pittsburgh" campaign and, through the generosity of many donors, raised over \$3,400.00. The Library hosted a new program, Game Day, open to all community members, which had 23 participants during its first run.

December: The Library welcomed over 500 visitors at the Fifth Annual Jingles ‘n’ Gingerbread holiday open house, featuring Franklin Regional musical groups, local musical and dance talent, and international customs and food tasting.

Multi-year project: Since 2014, Murrysville Community Library, led by former Library Director Jamie Faló and Board Trustee Chuck Greenberg, has been working closely with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Math & Science Collaborative to develop preK-3 STEM learning in libraries with Storytime STEM-packs™ products. MCL was the lead library for AIU MSC’s formative development of Storytime STEM-packs under the National Science Foundation, The Pittsburgh Foundation, and PPG grants. The project is now prepared to expand across the state with a pending request for major 2019-21 NSF funding. The larger goal is to take Storytime STEM-packs national.

As its mission, Murrysville Community Library strives to inspire ideas, enrich lives, and create lifelong opportunities for learning, literacy and enjoyment. In support of our mission, the Library is open 58.5 hours each week, including three evenings and Saturdays.

2018 Statistics

- 133,614 items circulated, including e-books, magazines, audio books, music CDs, and DVDs
- 70,114 Library visits
- 10,273 Library card holders
- 13,619 Individuals attended Library programs
- 3,878 Patrons accessed public computers
- 2,450 Volunteer hours contributed
- 4,406 Free Wi-Fi sessions
- 673 New Library cards issued

The Library receives its funding from a variety of sources, including the Municipality of Murrysville, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Westmoreland County Commissioners, and the Murrysville Community Library Foundation. Local corporate sponsors include Applebee’s, Bondi Printing, Kacin Companies, the Penn-Franklin News, Price Financial, Inc., S&T Bank, Smile Dentistry, and Wes Kindelberger Insurance Agency. Additional funding comes from civic organizations, grants, and very generous individuals and families. We are very thankful to all who make it possible for the Library to provide resources and services that enhance the quality of life for all residents of the community.

Please continue to visit the Library, attend programs, and check out library materials. Together, we are building an amazing future for the Murrysville community. Our monthly board meetings are open to the public, and all are encouraged to attend to learn more about the Library and our vision for the future.

If you have not been to the Library lately, please stop in! Receive your free Library card and take advantage of all the free services available to you. For more information, visit the Library’s website at www.murrysvillelibrary.org or call us at 724-327-1102. We look forward to serving you in 2019!