

# BOROUGH OF MOUNT WOLF

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Dear Residents:

It is time for the Fall issue of our Borough Newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading this publication and find it interesting. We would also enjoy hearing from you with comments good or bad about your town and any ideas you have to make Mt. Wolf a better place to live.

## NAME OUR NEWSLETTER

We are currently looking for a name for our newsletter. If you have a suggestion, feel free to write it down and give it to any Councilperson or drop it in the mail slot at the Borough building. A select panel of judges will choose a winner and they will be recognized in the next issue of the newsletter.

## FROM YOUR FIRE COMPANY - Chief Donald Sheffer

With the winter months coming on, we at Eagle Fire Company would like to remind you to check that heating device (wood stove, kerosene heater, electric space heater) to make certain it is clean and safe to operate. You should also think about having your chimney cleaned before the first time you use your wood stove. We are currently working with the Borough officials discussing the need for some type of fire code for the Borough. We are gathering information from other fire companies and municipalities and will continue to work on this in the future.

We at the fire company strongly recommend smoke detectors as a means of fire prevention. They can be purchased almost anywhere and are a small price to pay for a possible life saver.

At a recent Emergency Management meeting, we discussed the need to have an active list posted at the fire station of ambulatory residents of the Borough. In the event of an emergency, it would be so much more effective if we knew which residents could not be moved except by ambulance. If you know of any individuals residing in the Borough who this would involve, please contact myself or any member of the fire company.

Finally, we would like to thank the residents of Mt. Wolf who have answered our call for assistance, financially through our letter campaign, which started in early September and late August. We are strictly volunteer and depend a great deal on your support. If you have not already done so, we ask for your consideration and support. Thank you.

HOUSE NUMBERING - Ordinance 77-3

Did you know that Ordinance 77-3 requires any building used as a dwelling, business or industry in the Borough, to display a street number address? The required house or building number must be displayed on the front portion of the house or building. Numbers must be at least three inches in height and must be of a color and material as to be visible from the street. Numbers shall be maintained in complete and legible form. The Ordinance further states that anyone in violation of this Ordinance is subject to a \$10.00 fine plus court costs and each month the violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.

Most people don't realize the difficulty that ambulance, fire and police personnel have trying to locate an emergency call at homes where there are no house numbers. Please be advised that Borough officials will be enforcing this Ordinance and those not in compliance will be notified by letter.

REMINDER

In the last newsletter (July, 1987) notice was given concerning the weeds and foliage Ordinance. Owners and occupiers are responsible for the cutting and removing of weeds in excess of nine inches (which includes along the curb line), and foliage must be kept clear of the entire width of any and all streets, alleys and sidewalks to a height of 7 feet over sidewalks and 13 feet over streets and alleys. Recently 31 violation letters were sent out to residents not in compliance with these Ordinances. If you have left your property so that you are in violation, please direct your attention to this as soon as possible.

HIGHLIGHT ON ORDINANCES

Ordinance 176 - As the weather turns colder and it won't be long before we see that white stuff covering the ground, Ordinance 176 was adopted so that safe passage ways would be available for the school children and for people walking in the Borough. The Ordinance states you must remove snow and ice from your sidewalks within 24 hours after the end of the snow fall. Keep in mind it is the Borough's snow removal policy to plow the snow from curb to curb in order to be prepared for additional snowfall. Sometimes this means snow is thrown onto the sidewalks. You may wish to consider waiting until the Borough plows have been down your street so you will only have to shovel one time.

Ordinance 85-6 - This Ordinance states there will be no burning in the Borough without a permit. Permits may be obtained by contacting the Borough Secretary at a cost of \$5.00. You are allowed two permits per year. Please keep this in mind for the safety and health of everyone.

LEAF COLLECTION

Borough leaf collection will be held in early November. Watch for the notice to be posted in the Post Office for exact dates. Only leaves will be collected, no garbage is permitted due to the leaves being given to local farmers.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Because of the continuing increase in the expenses of running a small municipality, we are always looking for ways to cut expenses in order to hold taxes down. Especially at this time with the sewer expansion and the school district renovations, the last thing we need is an increase in taxes. We are looking for your suggestions, using the enclosed graph, of areas where we might cut expenses. In particular, we would be interested to know if you would agree with the following:

Due to continued increase in tipping fees at the landfill and the rising cost of refuse collections, would you favor:

1. Once a week garbage collection year round as opposed to the current set up of twice weekly during the summer months?
2. One or no big trash collections as opposed to the three a year we have currently?

Please let us know your comments before December 1, 1987, by contacting any member of Council or by dropping your comments in the mail slot at the Borough building, 345 Chestnut Street.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

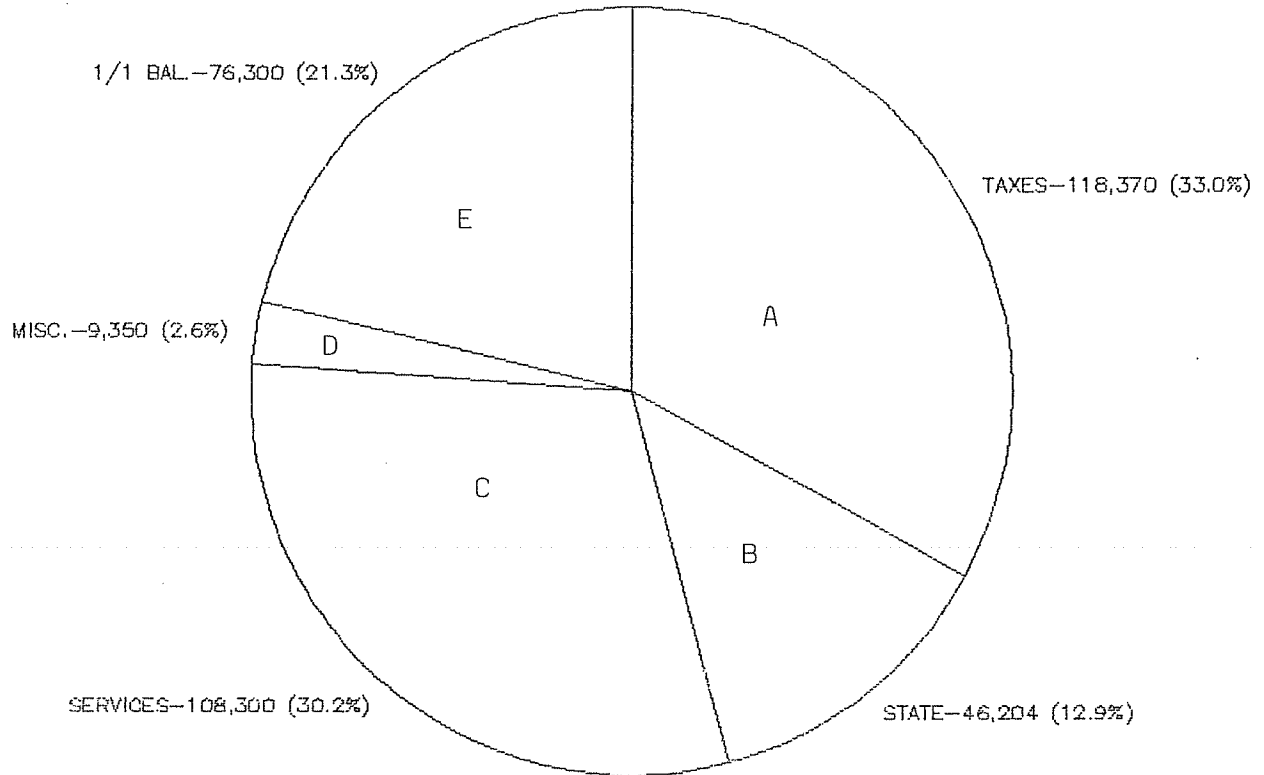
The Northeastern Jaycees have asked us to invite you to participate in their 22nd annual Halloween parade to be held Sunday, October 18th starting at 3:00 PM with a rain date of Monday, October 19th at 7:00 PM. The route within the Borough is the same as last year, entering on Maple Street and continuing to 5th Street, disbanding at the park. Sharing the Grand Marshall duties this year will be pitcher for the Baltimore Orioles, Ken Dickson along with the Baltimore Oriole Bird. The Jaycees have asked us to remind residents that no parking will be in effect on Maple Street from the Borough line to 5th Street and on 5th Street from Maple to Center. They also ask residents to assist with lighting along the route if the rain date is needed.

TRICK OR TREAT

Again this year, our Borough is holding the annual trick-or-treat night on Friday, October 30th from 6 PM - 8 PM. Any resident wishing to give out treats should leave their porch light lit, and we also ask consideration of the trick-or-treaters in only going to those houses with lit porches. All Borough children, pre-schoolers through elementary ages, are invited to participate. As in the past, Borough officials will be assisting the Police Department that evening in helping to patrol the streets. HAVE A SAFE HALLOWEEN!

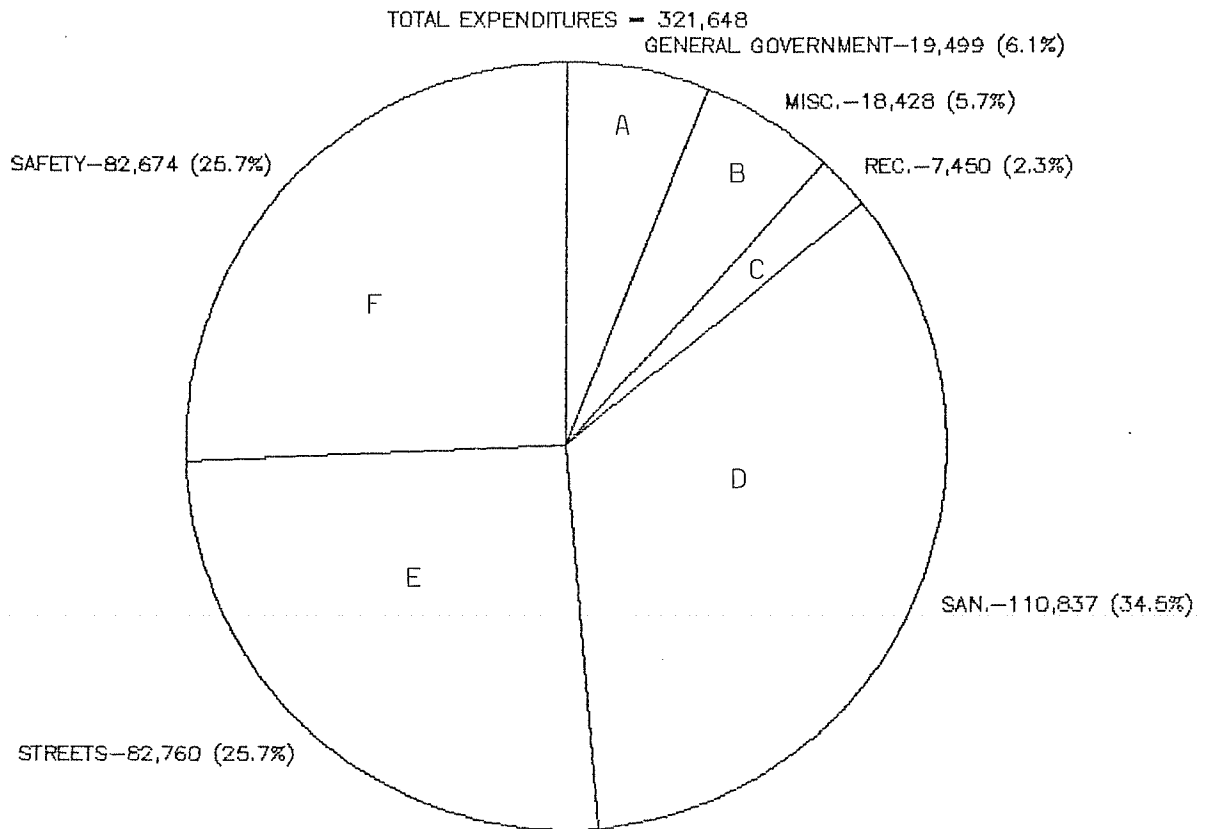
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1987 BUDGET — REVENUE — ALL FUNDS

TOTAL AVAIL FOR APPROPRIATION = 358,524



- A. 33.0% - Taxes - Property, Per Capita, Occupational Privilege, York County Earned Income Tax, Transfer Tax. Total property taxes in the Borough total approximately \$42,000, or 12% of total income to the Borough.
- B. 12.9% - State - Utilities, Liquid Fuels, Foreign Casualty, Foreign Fire Insurance, Block Grant
- C. 30.2% - Services - Fees from refuse collection and sewer collection.
- D. 2.6% - Miscellaneous - Building permits, fines, etc.
- E. 21.3% - Balance on 1/1/87

## 1987 BUDGET — EXPENDITURES — ALL FUNDS



- A. 6.1% - Includes administrative expenses - salaries, office supplies, telephone, advertising, legal fees, engineering, etc.
- B. 5.7% - Property Liability Ins., FICA, Workmans Comp., Employee Benefits
- C. 2.3% - Recreation - Includes park maintenance, repairs, electric, supplies, etc.
- D. 34.5% - Sanitation - Refuse collection and sewer.
- E. 25.7% - Streets - Includes salaries, tools, equipment, engineering, fuel and street lighting.
- F. 25.7% - Public Safety - Includes crossing guard, police coverage, fire company and emergency management.

SEWER PLANT EXPANSION

You will be noticing some construction activity at the existing sewer plant in the near future. The Northeastern York County Sewer Authority has taken over the duties of the Manchester-Mt. Wolf Sewer Authority and the expansion and upgrading of the plant will soon begin. What will this mean to you? As a resident of the Borough, your sewer billings will change and your annual fee will be increased to \$200, payable quarterly at \$50.00. Bills will be sent out December 1st, March 1st, June 1st and September 1st and will be payable to the Northeastern York County Sewer Authority. This increase, of course, was necessary to pay for the upgrading and expansion of the current plant.

The increase in capacity of the sewer plant will hopefully mean more construction in the Northeastern School District, especially in Manchester Borough and areas of East Manchester Township.

The Northeastern York County Sewer Authority is comprised of the following persons:

Art Hendrix - Chairman (Mt. Wolf)  
 Dean Kroft - Vice-Chairman (Manchester Borough)  
 Ture Larson - Secretary (Mt. Wolf)  
 James Coble - Treasurer (East Manchester Township)  
 Gene Snell, Jr. - Assistant Treasurer (Manchester Borough)  
 Lloyd Gingerich - Assistant Secretary (East Manchester Township)

This Authority currently meets twice a month, the second Wednesday at Manchester Borough Office and the 4th Monday at the East Manchester Township office. All meetings begin at 7 PM.

As a Mt. Wolf Borough resident, your sewer service will not change. Mt. Wolf Borough's \$200 annual charge is the same as Manchester Borough's charge, which is the least anyone will pay. Other areas will be paying a larger yearly fee depending upon where they are located.

Why do we have to build and upgrade our current sewer plant at this time? Because if we left it go any longer, the Department of Environmental Resources would begin fining the Authority up to \$1,000 per month for not being able to meet certain requirements placed on them by DER. These fines would ultimately come from your pockets. Another reason is that at this time, DER allows very few additional hookups in our area because of the condition of the plant, which means no or very little construction in the area can take place. The new plant will allow our areas to grow both in commercial buildings and residential buildings. If you have any questions in regard to this project, contact any member of the Sewer Authority listed above.