Media Borough Route

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Distance 1.8 Miles

Steps to a Healthier You
Media Borough Offices
The “mansion” house dates to the late nineteenth century. The central portion of the building was added in the 1950s as a nursing home. Borough offices moved into the building in 1996 at which time the community center was added.

Minshall House
On March 11, 1681, Thomas Minshall, a Quaker from Cheshire, England, purchased 625 acres of land from William Penn to be laid out in Pennsylvania. The land extended from Providence Road eastward to Crum Creek. In 1699, Minshall donated the property across Providence Road to the Providence Friends Meeting. In 1975, the house was deeded to the citizens of the Borough of Media. When there was a possibility that it might be torn down, the teachers and students at Media Elementary School marched to its defense. The house was saved and brought back to life and was restored and designated as a historical site and museum. At over 250 years old, it is believed to be the oldest house in Media.

Media Theater
Built in 1927 by Samuel Dembow as Media’s third and largest movie theatre, the theatre opened in August 1927 with a screening of “The Jazz Singer” starring Al Jolson – the first motion picture with sound. The theatre served as a movie palace for nearly 75 years displaying the magic of motion picture to generations of Media residents. Today, it operates as a stage theater producing 5 musicals a year with its own theater company.

Media Elementary School & Barrall Community Park
Constructed in 1914 as the Media High School, this was formerly the site of the county poor farm and the famous Shortlidge Academy for Boys. The former athletic field is a community park named for John K. Barrall, long time principal of the school.

Media–Upper Providence Library
The library debuted a brand new facility in 2016 after outgrowing its previous building on the same site. The library is a nonprofit organization providing materials and services for the public’s educational, recreational and vocational needs.

Delaware County Courthouse & Government Center
The Borough of Media was incorporated by a special Act of Assembly on March 11, 1850. The Media Courthouse, constructed in the neoclassical style, was completed in 1851 with additions in 1871 and 1889. In 1913, the stone structure replaced the original. William Jennings Bryan once orated from the front steps.