

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH

Newsletter

The Borough of Wrightsville shall commit its resources to serve the community by enforcing the laws of the State of Pennsylvania and the Ordinances of the Borough of Wrightsville by preserving tranquility, promoting a safe environment for its residents, protecting life and property, maintaining the infrastructure of the Borough, demonstrating fiscal responsibility and by upholding order for the safe and expeditious flow of traffic.

From the Desk of the Borough Secretary...

Wrightsville is a town rich in history, comprised of a diverse population and full of possibility. It has a proud past and a promising future.

The anticipated revitalization of the community builds upon the firm foundation of our past by embracing the history that is alive in almost every aspect of this Borough and molds it with a holistic modernization.

As individuals, our actions reflect upon the community as a whole. What better way to show community pride than to volunteer?

In the small town of Wrightsville, there exists numerous volunteer possibilities such as the Wrightsville Fire Company and Fire Police, the Rotary Club of Eastern York County, Historic Wrightsville, Inc., the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, numerous churches and several more opportunities. One entity that many people overlook when trying to find volunteer possibilities is the Borough of Wrightsville. Yes, you can absolutely volunteer for the Borough!

Volunteering for the Borough of Wrightsville can encompass park clean up, road line painting, filing, advocacy, board/committee membership, etc. Want to help but do not have a lot of extra time? Short term volunteerism

is absolutely possible! Or would you prefer to commit to something on more of a long term basis? Total possibility, as well! There is always something to do in the Borough!

Please consider what you can give to the community in 2015. We would love to work with you!

Many blessings to the community this holiday season!

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Borough 252-2768 Ext 12 & 13	Municipal Authority 252-2768 Ext 11
Fire Department 252-4770	Sewer Plant 252-3276
Police Department 252-2500	Streets Department 252-4559
Police Non-Emergency 840-2971	Water Plant 252-3711

MUNICIPAL BUILDING HOURS OF OPERATION

9:00AM - 2:00PM Monday - Friday

If you are unable to visit the administrative office during the hours of operation, please call to request an appointment for a time that best accommodates your schedule.

Wrightsville Borough operations will be CLOSED on the following holidays:

<u>Christmas Day</u> December 25, 2014	<u>New Year's Day</u> January 1, 2015
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Feeling Blue is a ten-week campaign to help residents in Adams and York counties learn about depression.



Kick-off: November 3, 2014

Visit the Feeling Blue website each week to learn about a new topic, and discover tips to help you to someone you know feel better.

Visit www.feeling-blue.com for more information, resources and tips.

601 Water Street, Wrightsville, PA 17368 ~ 717-252-2768 ~ www.wrightsvilleborough.com

MAYOR'S CORNER

A few random things of interest:

- ~ If you enjoy walking, biking or just being outdoors, I highly recommend exploring the Northwest Trail in Lancaster County. Lynda and I have walked most of the 14 ½ mile trail between Columbia and the York Haven Dam over the course of several Sunday afternoons. For a map and additional information, go to:
<http://www.susquehannaheritage.org/portals/0/documents/maps%20and%20guides/NWTrailBrochure.pdf>. Cross country skis would work, too!
- ~ If you were paying attention to the town fire whistles over the summer you might have gotten the impression that the Wrightsville Fire Department is very busy. You would be correct. The last time I asked, earlier this fall, the WFD was well on the way to running north of 700 calls this year. Chief Livelsberger and his department are known throughout York and Lancaster counties for being able to provide talented people and rescue equipment in a jiffy. However, that is not necessarily the cause of all of the recent fire whistle activity. Earlier this year, York County 911 installed new dispatching software. A glitch in this software caused multiple pages per incident- and also a good deal of irritation amongst the community and fire department personnel. As of the beginning of November, it appears that the county has finally been able to resolve the problem. We all look forward to the next software update.
- ~ Next year, Habitat for Humanity is planning to construct a new home in Wrightsville Borough for a deserving family. The home will be built on an empty lot located at the corner of South Front and Willow Streets. As of this writing, Habitat is in the process of selecting the new homeowners. Construction is scheduled for summer 2015.
- ~ Borough officials and personnel continue to grapple with the increasing requirements of the EPA's MS4 regulations. If you are not familiar with MS4, it stands for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (Google it). To oversimplify, MS4 imposes a very high degree of regulation on the water from borough streets, parking lots, buildings and any other surface that does not absorb the rain that falls upon it. Although this is not new, it is new to most people. MS4 has the tendency to cause the people dealing with it to grumble quite a bit- and every once in a while they may also utter a few bad words. This is becoming increasingly costly. The Borough continues to work on keeping up to date on compliance as it is far less expensive to be in compliance than it is to first be fined for non-compliance and then still need to spend money to comply.
- ~ Plans for Riverfront Park continue to move right along. Recently, Safe Harbor was able to resolve a regulatory issue that was the final hurdle to being able to apply for private and PA State funding for construction.



As I am running out of space, I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of Wrightsville a Blessed Christmas, Happy Holidays and may the New Year find you in good health and in the company of cherished friends and family.

Best wishes,



PUBLIC SAFETY



FIRE DEPARTMENT

As cold weather approaches, the importance of fire safety practices increases dramatically. There are many ways that residents heat their homes, both safely and ways that aren't typically recommended.

The Importance of Smoke Detectors

Over 1/3 of home fire deaths occur in homes that had non-operating or no smoke detectors at all. Most victims die from the smoke and gasses, not the flames from the fire itself.



Fireplaces and Chimneys

Chimneys are a great addition to the look of a home - but they serve a very important purpose. They are designed to carry dangerous gases from a fireplace or furnace out of the home. Black tar called creosote builds up in the flue and is highly combustible.

When the debris that is built up inside a chimney ignites, it burns at extremely high temperatures and breaks down vital components of the chimney; thus causing extension into the walls of the home and may extend throughout the whole house.

Your chimney should be cleaned out regularly. Especially before each cold season. There are many chimney sweep kits available to help you do this as well as companies that do this type of thing professionally.

Space Heaters

Heating systems in homes account for 14% of all house fires in the United States.

When using these types of heaters, it is important to keep all flammable items a safe distance away from the heater - i.e. drapes, blankets, towels, furniture, etc.

The heaters should also have a shutoff feature. This automatically shuts down the power to the heater if it should tip over.

Kerosene Heaters

Kerosene heaters are particularly dangerous because they are typically freestanding units and have no means of ventilation. An improperly operating kerosene heater can release dangerous levels of carbon monoxide and nitrogen dioxide due to incomplete combustion.

Kerosene heaters should be operated in a well ventilated or open area. Keeping windows cracked will help if you choose to use these heaters as your source of home heating.

Other risks of these types of heating sources include hot surfaces and the risk of explosions.

As with any heating source, keep all items away from an operating kerosene heater.



Fire Safety for the Holidays

Christmas trees account for about 400 house fires a year according to the NFPA. Short circuited tree lighting is the leading cause of the fires started with a Christmas Tree. If purchasing an artificial tree to celebrate, make sure you purchase one with a fire resistant label.

When using a natural tree, the greenest and freshest ones are the best. It is important to water these daily. A six foot Christmas tree will absorb a gallon of water every two days. A watered green tree will be resistant to flames and less likely to rapidly ignite.

When hanging holiday lights, it is important to inspect for any type of cuts or exposed wires. Discard all broken or impaired light sets. Only use UL rated extension cords and never overload cords or electrical outlets.

Always remember to UNPLUG lights when not in use, when sleeping or away from the home.

All of these things will ensure the safety of you and your loved ones during the Holidays!

BOROUGH ORDINANCES

Borough Code of Ordinances to keep in mind this season...

SNOW & ICE ON SIDEWALKS

Chapter 21, Part 3, §301

Within the Borough limits, property owners are required to remove all snow and ice from the sidewalks within 24 hours after the snowfall has ended.

NOISE

Chapter 10, Part 2, §201

Any loud and unnecessary noise created between the hours of 11PM and 7AM is prohibited within the Borough.

Is it a dispute, a violation or a civil matter?

For ideas on how to resolve disputes between two parties, visit <http://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/neighbor-disputes>.

Most disputes between two parties are civil matters and should be addressed through the District Magistrate's office. *Please note that the Borough may not be able to assist you with civil matters.*

If you are concerned that an ordinance violation is occurring, and you would like to file a complaint with the Borough, the first step is to fill out a complaint form. Residential complaint forms are located in the Borough lobby and also on the Borough website: www.wrightsvilleborough.com.

All complaints made to Wrightsville Borough will remain confidential.

District Judge 19-3-11
Robert A. Eckenrode
202 Rosedale Dr.
Manchester, PA 17345
717-266-6891

Recently Adopted Ordinances:

<u>ORDINANCE</u>	<u>WHAT DOES IT MEAN?</u>	<u>DATE ADOPTED</u>
2014-3 CBPRB	An intergovernmental cooperation agreement for the implementation of the York County Regional Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan.	October 7, 2014
2014-2 Open Burning	Open Burning is allowed by permit only. Use of a chiminea, outdoor fireplace, fire bowl or similar apparatus does not require a permit.	July 7, 2014
2014-1 Crossing Guards	Outlines Crossing Guard details.	May 19, 2014
2013-6 Tax Levy	Tax Rate for General Purposes = 4.09 Mills Tax Rate for Fire Related Protection Purposes = 0.60 Mills	December 30, 2013
2013-5 Motor Vehicles	Chapter 15 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) of the Wrightsville Borough Code has been rescinded. Please visit www.wrightsvilleborough.com to learn the Borough's new motor vehicle regulations.	October 7, 2013
2013-4 Building Ordinance Repeal	Chapter 4, Part 3 (Building Lines) and Chapter 4, Part 4 (Fences) of the Wrightsville Borough Code has been rescinded.	October 7, 2013
2013-3 Cable Franchise	Comcast's Franchise agreement has been updated and renewed.	October 7, 2013
2013-2 Refuse Fees	The fee for collection of refuse by the Borough of Wrightsville is \$23 per month.	September 16, 2013
Zoning	Please visit www.wrightsvilleborough.com to learn districting and building regulations for properties within the Borough.	September 16, 2013



PUBLIC WORKS

Dear Resident:

Providing safe roads for all Wrightsville residents requires a team effort. We are lucky enough to have a dedicated team comprised of men that are ready, willing and able to work extensive hours and perform highly tedious and strenuous work to combat the cold and dangers of winter. You, the Wrightsville taxpayer and resident, are an integral component to a successful snow and ice control crusade. Your consideration and cooperation are very important to the Borough. Please remember that snow removal operations are being performed in order to provide a safe environment for us all.

Here are some tips that may help you to avoid the headaches of shoveling...

- If at all possible, we encourage you to wait until the plows have completed curb to curb plowing on your street. In the very least, shovel everything in your driveway with the exception of the last six feet of your driveway. We recommend that you finish clearing your driveway entrance **after** the final widening pass has been completed. This will help to prevent our plows from pushing snow back onto your property.
- Try to park all vehicles in driveways and off the street so that our crews are able to plow back to the curb.
- Portable basketball nets projecting into the roadway are prohibited and can be dangerous during snow plowing.
- Place some reflective tape on your mailbox, enabling them to be better seen by those plowing.
- Be mindful of pedestrians following a snowfall. Please be aware that Borough Ordinance requires snow and ice to be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after the snowfall.
- Helpful Hint: The final widening pass is usually completed approximately 8 to 10 hours after the snow stops completely. This, of course, depends on the severity of the storm.
- Be patient and allow those plowing to do their jobs. Safe streets are a primary concern for the Borough during the winter months. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

Know what to do before all those beautiful white flakes cover our streets and take up our parking spaces!

SNOW EMERGENCY FAQS:

Are snow tires or chains required? Yes.

What is the point of restricting parking during a Snow Emergency? Borough plows need sufficient space to push snow so that they can widen the road as much as possible in case of an emergency. Fire, police and ambulance vehicles need to get to their destination as quickly and as safely as possible.

What if I decide not to remove my vehicle from the No Parking zone? Your vehicle will be towed.

Can I shovel the snow onto my street/alley?

No. Doing so may result in the snow being plowed back into your parking space and receiving a fine of not more than \$1,000.

BOROUGH SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

SOUTH ROUTE

- * 100 Block of Orange Street, no parking on North side
- * 200 block of South Second Street, no parking on East side
- * 100 block of South Second Street, no parking on both sides and also no parking in the parking triangle adjacent to bridge entrance
- * 100 block of Chestnut Street, no parking on both sides
- * 200 block of Chestnut Street, no parking on North side

NORTH ROUTE

- * 100 block of North Second Street, no parking on East side
- * Locust Street from Front Street to Cool Springs Road, no parking on South side



Visit www.wrightsvilleborough.com for additional snow emergency information.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

*“I will honor Christmas
in my heart, and try to
keep it all the year.”*



Charles Dickens

SPOILER ALERT!!

Wrightsville Borough will be hosting a community event in celebration of Arbor Day and Earth Day in April of 2015!



OPEN HOUSE & WINTER CARNIVAL

December 7, 2014
(Rain date 12/14)

Historic Wrightsville Museum
309 Locust Street
1PM - 4PM

Although admission is free, a donation of canned goods for the Wrightsville Food Pantry is requested.

‘Wintertime in Wrightsville’ display inside with carnival games and activities outside!!

Historic Wrightsville, Inc.
309 Locust Street
252-1169

www.historicwrightsvillepa.org

EY Middle School
WINTERFEST
December 6, 2014
3PM



If you would like to have your upcoming community event listed in the Borough’s winter newsletter, please contact Natasha Brady by emailing assistant@wrightsvilleborough.com.



CHRISTMAS TEA

December 13, 2014

\$15/person

Hosted by: Kreutz Creek
Valley Library Center

Contact the library at 252-4080 for more information.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

November 30, 2014 at 6PM

Constitution Square:

Fourth and Hellam Streets

Sponsored by: Historic Wrightsville, Inc & Rotary Club of Eastern York County

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH’S CHRISTMAS MAGIC WEEKS

11/28/14 - 12/11/14 & 12/26/14 - 12/31/14

Visit the Borough office to get your

Buy One, Get One Free coupon!

EYSD WINTER CONCERTS

Canadochly - December 8, 2014 at 6:30PM

Wrightsville - December 9, 2014 at 6:30PM

EY High School - December 10, 2014 at 7PM

Kreutz Creek - December 11, 2014 at 6:30 PM

EY Middle School - December 16, 2014 at 6:30 PM



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCILPERSON

NAME: Kathy Abel

WARD: 3

TERM: 2012-2016

Hello, I am Kathy Abel, your Councilwoman for the Third Ward. I am married to Ron Abel, who was born and raised here in Wrightsville. I moved here with my son, Matt Russ, in 1992.

I work at the Wrightsville Elementary School. My husband is retired and my son is a fireman in Manchester. I also have a daughter-in-law, Tiffani, who is a doctor and a beautiful granddaughter, Mickenzie.

During the summer, I am the director for the WCRC Summer Program. It is a great program for children in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Some of the many hobbies I like to do are: gardening, bike riding, cooking and reading. I especially like hanging out with my friends. Now that I have a grandchild, I love spending time with her.

I have been trying my best to do what is right for our town. Some things are beyond my control but everyone on Council has the best interests for each and every one of you in this town.

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH BUSINESS OWNER

How would someone describe your business?

A small mom/pop store.

What is one thing about your business that would surprise people?

We have fresh meats.

What motivated you to start your business?

It was a dream of mine.

What has been the most challenging part of running your business?

Making everybody happy.

What is the most enjoyable part of running your business?

The people/customers.

What do you like best about Wrightsville Borough?

I like to give back. Every April for my anniversary, I give out free hot dogs and prizes. Everybody enjoys that. I like to help everyone.

BUSINESS NAME: Sue's Market

YOUR NAME: Susan A. Myers

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

214 Hellam Street
Wrightsville, PA 17368

BUSINESS WEBSITE:

www.suesfoodmarket.com

OPENED SINCE: 2008

BUSINESS HOURS:

Winter - 8AM-8PM
Summer - 8AM-9PM

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF

BUSINESS: Small grocery store and meat department. We do a lot of fundraisers - subs/sandwiches.

FUN STUFF

A VERY MERRY WORD SEARCH

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-  Baking
-  Candles
-  Candy
-  Carolers
-  Cookies
-  Eggnog
-  Elves
-  Family
-  Gifts
-  Gingerbread
-  Icicles
-  Joy
-  Laughter
-  Lights
-  Milk
-  Mistletoe
-  Nativity
-  Nutcrackers
-  Reindeer
-  Snow

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS / OBSERVANCES

DECEMBER:

- 17th- Hanukkah (first day)
- 24th- Hanukkah (last day)
- 24th- Christmas Eve
- 25th- Christmas Day
- 26th- Kwanzaa (until January 1st)
- 31st- New Year's Eve



JANUARY:

- 1st- New Year's Day
- 19th- Martin Luther King Day

FEBRUARY:

- 2nd- Groundhog Day
- 14th- Valentine's Day
- 16th- President's Day (Washington's Birthday)

DID YOU KNOW?

History shows that the familiar candy cane shape dates back to 1670. The Cologne Cathedral choirmaster in Germany bent pure white sugar-sticks into canes to represent a shepherd's staff. The candy canes were handed out to children during nativity services. Red stripes were later added in the 1900's.

“We elves try to stick to the four main food groups: candy, candy canes, candy corns and syrup.”

~ Buddy the Elf



PERMITS

ZONING & BUILDING PERMITS

All Zoning and Building Permit paperwork is handled at the Borough Office. Payment for both will also be collected at the Borough. If your project requires both a Zoning and a Building Permit, you will need to pay for your permits with 2 separate checks or money orders. Please make zoning permit checks payable to Wrightsville Borough and UCC permit checks payable to Code Administrators, Inc

Do I need a permit?

It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to erect, construct, enlarge, alter, move, improve, remove, convert or demolish any building/structure without a permit.

Why do I need a permit?

By obtaining a permit, you will protect the outcome and investment value of your construction project and be able to guard against a lawsuit or injury. Permits are very beneficial to you and our community. By working with the Borough, you will benefit from their knowledge of building codes to ensure your construction project is built right, will be safe, and will last.

Project Planning Contacts

Zoning Questions

Sande Cunningham, Zoning Officer
zoning@wrightsvilleborough.com
717-252-2768 x14

Office Hours - Mondays from 5:00pm-6:30pm

Building Questions

Code Administrators, Inc.
116 Hellam St., Wrightsville
k_valldes@codeadministrators.com
717-755-9120

Permit applications and other useful forms are located in the Borough lobby and also on the Borough website:
www.wrightsvilleborough.com.

Permit fees do not need to be paid until permit is approved and picked up.

Park Pavilion Reservation:

- FREE
- Include # of tables needed when submitting reservation
- Borough Streets Department will set up tables prior to event

Yard Sale Permit:

- FREE for first 3 in a calendar year (\$25 each after that)
- Apply for a permit 1 week before your yard sale to ensure there is plenty of time
- Permit must be on hand during yard sale

Transient Business Permit:

- \$50 Fee (Good for 1 month)
- All 10 checklist items must be completed on permit application
- Permit approval does not happen the same day

Entertainment Permit:

- \$50 Fee
- Will you require any street closures? Be sure to submit a street closure request with your permit application.
- Approval needed by Mayor and Borough Secretary

Effective Stormwater Management

ADOPT-A-STORM DRAIN

It is very important that we work together to keep our storm drains working at 100% capacity at all times. Leaves, grass clippings, trash, branches, etc. can cause blockage which may result in dangerous street flooding if a storm hits.

Please report any damaged or blocked storm drain inlets right away by calling the Streets Department at 252-4559.

Check out these informational links:

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| www.cbf.org | www.epa.gov |
| www.stormwaterpa.org | www.cleanwateraction.org |
| www.nature.org | www.srbc.net |

DID YOU KNOW?

The Susquehanna River doesn't just deliver half the fresh water in the Chesapeake Bay. It also delivers about 40 percent of the nitrogen pollution, 20 percent of the phosphorus pollution and a heavy load of the sediment pollution.

Let's work together to improve these disappointing statistics!



Message from Toby!

Greetings! My name is Toby, a Bog Turtle on a mission to keep Wrightsville residents aware of the dangers of pollution and informed about MS4.

I used to have a great little pad area in the still canal waters until I was forced to leave due to the loss of natural habitat and pollution in the water. My family is on the endangered watch list and we would like to keep the bloodline intact; however, we are fighting a battle against our extinction.



Below is a short list of ways you can help my family stay safe this winter. And remember to keep an eye out for me around town and in future newsletters!

Oh... and of course - Happy Holidays!

CLEAN WATER TIPS

Winterize your vehicle.

It takes only a small amount of motor oil to pollute thousands of gallons of water. Frequently check that your car is not leaking any fluids and remember to dispose of drained fluids properly - many service stations collect and recycle used motor oil.

Use caution while washing your vehicle.

Following a snowfall, your car is likely to accumulate some unwanted road grime. Before you are tempted to break out the hose and bucket, assess your surroundings. Do not allow soapy wash into storm drains.

Avoid harmful deicers.

Applying salt to your driveway in the winter is similar to dumping a bucket of salt onto your lawn in the summer. One way or another, the salt is going to find its way into the soil. Consider using a more environmentally-friendly deicing product.





RECYCLING

Recycle your Christmas tree this season with a little creativity in mind. Check out these fun crafts!

EDGE YOUR GARDEN BEDS

What you will need:

- Christmas tree
 - Saw
 - Rustic-styled garden
1. Saw the trunk of your tree into two-inch thick round pieces.
 2. Bury the bottom half of the cut pieces into the soil.

HOMEMADE COASTERS

What you will need:

- Christmas tree
 - Saw
 - Sandpaper
1. Saw the trunk of your tree into one-inch thick round pieces.
 2. Sand the top and bottom of each piece until smooth.

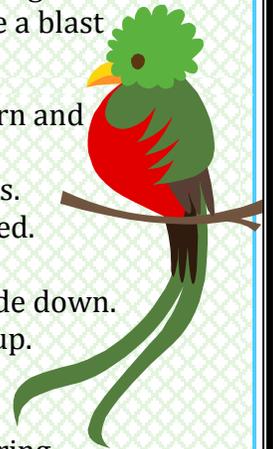
GIFT IT TO THE BIRDS

Allow yourself a few extra months to admire your tree while also helping the birds during the cold winter months. As you can imagine, backyard birds are quite grateful for a little extra food as the ground freezes and a place to protect themselves from harsh winter weather. Your kids are sure to have a blast redecorating your Christmas tree!

What you will need:

- Christmas tree or any pine tree already in your yard
- String
- Popcorn
- Cranberries
- Sewing needle
- 1"-2" Slices of stale bread (no mold) with holes cut in the center of each slice to create ring
- Peanut butter
- Birdseed
- Chopped nuts
- Aluminum foil

1. Create garland by sewing string through popcorn and cranberries.
2. Fill a small dish with birdseed and chopped nuts.
3. Mix seeds and nuts so they are evenly distributed.
4. Spread peanut butter on one side of bread ring.
5. Press ring into seed/nut bowl, peanut butter side down.
6. Lay ring on a sheet of aluminum foil, seed side up.
7. Place bread rings in the refrigerator
8. Chill overnight.
9. Tie a piece of string through the center of each ring.
10. Create a loop at the end of each string.
11. Remove all decorations from your Christmas tree.
12. Move the tree (stand and all) out to your yard.
13. Redecorate the tree with your popcorn/cranberry garland and birdseed rings!!



Recycle City

Check out Recycle City! There are lots to do here! People and places to visit and plenty of ways to explore how the city's residents recycle, reduce, and reuse waste.

To play, visit:

<http://epa.gov/recyclecity>

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DROP-OFF SITE

York County Solid Waste Authority – All York County residents and businesses may participate.

Facility:

*Transfer Site
(717) 845-1066*

Where:

*Flour Mill Rd.
York, PA 17406*

When:

*3rd Saturday of every month
between 9 AM – 1 PM*



We would like to correct the information that was given to us in error. Please disregard ALL past newsletters that list electronic drop-off information listing any location other than that listed above.

WATER/SEWER/REFUSE

Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority



CONTACT INFORMATION

General Questions

252-2768 Ext 11

W/S/R Emergency

252-2768 Ext 18

Billing Questions

252-2768 Ext 11

To better serve our residents, we are asking that emergency numbers for the Authority only be used in the event of a water or sewer emergency.

Sewer/Refuse Department

252-3276

Water Department

252-3711

BOARD MEMBERS

Phillip Landis – Chairman

Gary Ishman – Vice Chairman

Fred Smeltzer – Secretary/Treasurer

Joe Giandalia

Ron Abel

Ken Stoner

Meeting Dates

September 11, 2014

October 9, 2014

November 13, 2014

Lorri Harmer

Office Manager

lharmer@wrightsvilleborough.com

Keith Brenner

Finance Officer

Brian Lyle

General Manager

PAPERLESS BILLING

If you would like to receive your water bill electronically, please email Lorri Harmer with the

email address with which you would like to receive your water bill. Please include your account number and service address in this email as well.

BILL DUE DATES

- December 10, 2014
- January 7, 2014
- February 4, 2014
- March 4, 2014

SWIFT REACH INFORMATION

In our efforts to provide more reliable communication with residents and businesses, we have implemented Swift Reach Networks, Inc. as our Emergency Notification System. Swift 911 in its simplest form is a system that makes phone calls to specific people or areas in the event of an emergency or for sharing important information. All calls you receive will have the Caller ID of "Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority".

Sign up online at:

www.wrightsvilleborough.com/swiftreach.htm



DID YOU KNOW?

Using a low-flow showerhead can save 15 gallons of water during a 10-minute shower.

LARGE ITEM TICKETS

If you have a large item you would like to dispose of, you must purchase a Large Item Ticket from the Borough office. Item and pricing lists are available online and in the lobby of the Borough office. Large item pickup day is every Friday.

Payment must be in the form of a check or money order payable to WBMA.

MONEY-SAVING TIPS

Kitchen

- Use the dishwasher
- Install a faucet aerator
- Keep drinking water in the refrigerator
- Don't use the disposal

Bathroom

- Switch to a low-flow showerhead
- Check for and fix any leak immediately
- Switch to a low-flow toilet

Laundry Room

- Upgrade to a high-efficient washer & dryer
- Wear clothes more than once...unless they're smelly of course!



TAXES

NAME: Edward Keller
ADDRESS: 226 Locust Street
PHONE #: 252-2382
FAX #: 252-2883
DAYS AVAILABLE:
 Monday thru Friday - 10AM-4PM
 Saturday - 9AM-11AM

What if I do not receive my bill?

Contact the tax collector if you haven't received a bill after the 25th of February or July - depending on the type of tax.

When do I get my tax bill?

<u>February 15th</u>	<u>July 15th</u>
County Real Estate	School Real Estate
Borough Real Estate	School Per Capita
Borough Per Capita	

PLEASE NOTE
No checks may be accepted after December 15th. School tax installment dates are listed on your bill.

What is the best way to contact the tax collector?

Telephone. No calls after 8PM
 Monday thru Friday, any Sunday or on holidays.

How can I pay my taxes?

Cash? YES
 Check? YES
 Money Order? YES
 Credit Card? NO

How long do I have to get my taxes paid?

Discount amount - Within 60 days of the tax bill due date.
 Face amount - Between 61-120 days after the tax bill due date.
 Penalty amount - Between 121 days after the tax bill due date and December 31st of the current year.

What happens if I do not pay my taxes?

In January of the following year, unpaid Real Estate taxes are turned over to York County Tax Claim Bureau. Unpaid Per Capita taxes are then turned over to York Adams Tax Claim Bureau.

Can I be exempt from paying Per Capita taxes?

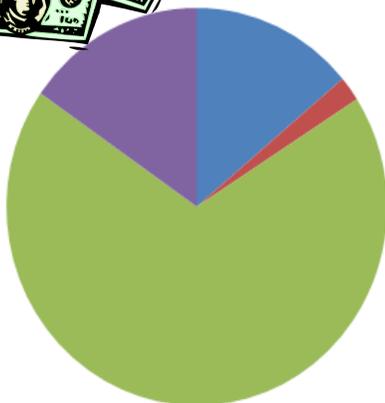
You may be eligible for exemption from School Per Capita tax if any of the following pertain to you:

- ✓ If you are over 65 years of age.
- ✓ If you and your spouse have a total gross income of less than \$10,000.00.
- ✓ You (as a single person) have a gross income of less than \$5,000.00.

There is no eligibility for Borough Per Capita tax exemption.

END OF YEAR WRAP-UP...

Where do your tax dollars go?



4.09 Municipal
 0.6 Fire-Municipal
 20.28 School
 4.52 County

COMMUNITY HELP

For those in need of help this holiday season and for those wanting to help, please call either of these numbers below!

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

By appointment, please call:
717-252-4429

The Food Bank needs nutritious, non-perishable foods such as:

- ◆ Meals in a can (stew, chili, soup)
- ◆ Tuna and canned meats
- ◆ Peanut butter
- ◆ Canned foods with pop-top lids
- ◆ Low-sugar cereals
- ◆ 100% fruit juices in single serving boxes
- ◆ Canned fruit packed in juice
- ◆ Canned vegetables (low salt)
- ◆ Holiday related foods
- ◆ Baby foods

Victory Campus
404 Hellam Street
Wrightsville, PA 17368

COMMUNITY CLOTHING BANK

By appointment, please call:
717-252-2609

Any Eastern York School District family is welcome!!



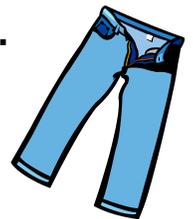
Sizes for all ages!

One time per month, per family.

Hours of operation:

Tuesday mornings 9AM - 12PM
Thursday afternoons 4PM - 7PM

Newly donated apparel is always welcome.



Life Campus
314 Locus Street
Wrightsville, PA 17368





PHONE NUMBERS & LINKS TO KEEP HANDY

Columbia Gas 1-888-460-4332	Comcast 1-800-XFINITY (1-800-934-6489)	Eastern York School District 252-1555
Historic Wrightsville 252-1169	Hellam Township 434-1300	Lower Windsor Township 244-6813
NewPA 1-866-GO-NEWPA (1-866-466-3971)	PA Dog Licenses Online www.padoglicense.com	PA Fish & Boat Commission 705-7800 www.fish.state.pa.us
PA Game Commission 787-4250	PA Historic Sites www.worldweb.com	PA Senate www.pasen.gov
PennDOT 787-2838	Pleasant Acres Nursing & Rehabilitation Center 840-7100	PPL 1-800-DIAL-PPL (1-800-342-5775)
Rabbit Transit 846-RIDE (846-7433)	Rotary Club of Eastern York County 854-7842	Verizon 1-800-VERIZON (1-800-837-4966)
Visit PA www.visitpa.com	York County 911 (Non-Emergency) 840-2971	York County Archives 840-7222
York County Area Agency on Aging 771-9610	York County Court Administrators Office 771-9234	York County Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA) 771-9754
York County Divorce Masters 771-9333	York County Domestic Relations 771-9605	York County Drug & Alcohol Commission 771-9222
York County Health Choices Management Unit 771-9900	York County Human Services 771-9347	York County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program 771-9618
York County Parks & Recreation 840-7440	York County Prison 840-7580	York County Probation (Adult) 771-9602
York County Probation (Juvenile) 771-9567	York County Prothonotary 771-9611	York County Recorder of Deeds 771-9295
York County Register of Wills 771-9607	York County Solid Waste Authority 845-1066	York County SPCA 764-6109
York County Veterans Affairs 771-9218	York County Elections / Voter Registration Office 771-9604	York County Youth Development Center 840-7570

See You NEXT Season!!

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ANTICIPATED RIVERFRONT REVITALIZATION PLAN

Without a doubt, my favorite area in Wrightsville is down near the river in Riverfront Park. Standing near the shoreline and seeing the river stretch endlessly in either direction, always makes me feel very small in comparison to God's creation, but I'm strangely content with that. And as an engineer, the sight of the imposing bridge cutting straight across the river and the remnants of the tidewater canal are always fascinating to me. I love the ideals of strength and workmanship and ingenuity that are present in those structures. And I enjoy the feeling of community that I get when I see others enjoying the park with me. Whether it's a lone fisherman (I can never stop myself from asking "anything biting today?") or the fellow walking his dog or a businessperson having a bite to eat during their lunch break, the park is a place where neighbors can connect and enjoy friendship as well as nature.

So I'm thrilled to be part of the revitalization of Riverfront Park, working to take the master plan that was developed in 2011 and help make it a reality. That master plan calls for restoration of the canal as well as enhanced opportunities for enjoying nature with walking paths, docks, and scenic lookouts. Lots of native vegetation and trees are planned to be restored as well. New playgrounds, basketball courts, lawn volleyball and horseshoe pits are proposed so that residents of all ages have opportunities for recreation. There are also places for fellowship and gatherings - pavilions for family reunions or birthday parties and an amphitheater for concerts or church services. There is also a design currently underway to redevelop Front Street into a pedestrian friendly and visually attractive entrance to the park.

All of this proposed work is anticipated to be paid for through grant funding and donations from local businesses and individuals. We'll also need volunteers to help do work like planting trees, mulching paths, trimming trees and shrubs, painting, scheduling programs, etc. Keep your eyes and ears tuned to the Borough's website and this newsletter for additional news and opportunities to help. This truly will have to be a community effort to bring these plans to fruition, but I think it will be something that we can all look back on and be extremely proud that we helped build together. I'm hopeful that not only will the community help build the park, but that the park will help build the community as well.

Benjamin S. Craddock, PE, President



Riverfront Park Master Plan - Pre-Final
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