

STREET SWEEPING

Street cleaning is around the corner! Keep an eye out for NO PARKING signs on your street on the days of street sweeping. Residents are respectfully asked to refrain from sweeping gravel/stones into piles as it makes it more difficult to be picked up by the street sweeper.

IT'S SPRING TIME!

Get ready to SPRING AHEAD!
Daylight savings time begins on March 10, 2013.

EARTH DAY - April 22, 2013

DID YOU KNOW?
March was named for the Roman God "Mars".



Wrightsville Borough operations will be closed on the following holidays:

Good Friday – Friday, March 29, 2013

(PLEASE NOTE: Trash service will be operating on Good Friday)

Memorial Day – Monday, May 27, 2013

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police Department:
252-2500

Police Emergency:
911

Police Non-Emergency:
840-2971

Fire Department:
252-4770

Borough:
252-2768
Ext 12 & 13

Municipal Authority:
252-2768 Ext 11

Streets Department:
252-4559

Sewer Plant:
252-3276

Water Plant:
252-3711

MUNICIPAL BUILDING HOURS OF OPERATION:

9:00AM – 2:00PM Monday through 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Rent-A-Kid

The Rent-A-Kid program, sponsored by the York County Area Agency on Aging (YCAAA), is a unique, intergenerational program bringing senior citizens and teenagers together. York County senior citizens, 60 years of age or older, who need help with household chores, odd jobs and yard work are matched with a teenager in their area who can assist. The recommended payment is \$5.00 per hour, but is negotiable depending upon the job.

Call (717)771-9103 or (800)632-9073 for information on Rent-A-Kid participants in your area.

Kreutz Creek Valley Library Center NEWSLETTER

<http://www.kcvlfriends.org/newsletter.pdf>

Join Cub Scouting in Wrightsville!

Boys in 1st through 5th grades are eligible to sign up. Dens meet Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM at Grace United Methodist Church.

Call 242-5126 for information.

WRIGHTSVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION

Car Wash
Masonic Lodge, Wrightsville
April 2013

It's not too late for baseball/softball sign-ups.
Contact Kelli Livelsberger 324-9050
or Nate Nickel 989-3391

HISTORIC WRIGHTSVILLE

Membership Drive

January – April 2013

Olde Town Night

March 16, 2013
7 PM

Locust Street Methodist Church
*Don Lehman "Civil War Comes to
Wrightsville"*

Scott Mingus Sr.

April 2, 2013
7 PM

Locust Street Methodist Church
*"Flames Beyond Gettysburg: The
Confederate March to the Susquehanna
River"*

Heritage Day

May 25, 2013
8 AM – 4 PM

Constitution Square:
Fourth & Hellam Streets

Call the museum at 252-1169, check
local newspapers or visit
www.historicwrightsvillepa.org for
details.

Mark Your Calendars for the 2013 YORK COUNTY SENIOR GAMES



June 17 through June 22, 2013

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

In early 2011, the governing body realized that there was a significant problem with neglected properties in the Borough. In an attempt to better address the increasing issue, Borough Council adopted an ordinance creating the Wrightsville Borough Property Maintenance Code and the position of Property Maintenance Official in May of 2011.

The most common violations are rubbish accumulations, high weeds/grass, green swimming pools, un-registered/unlicensed vehicles and the failure to maintain proper utility services such as water, sewer, electricity and heat.

Upon strong recommendation of the Borough's legal counsel, a policy was adopted directing the process in which complaints are received and handled. Complaints are to be documented on an official form available at the Borough office as well as online and then forwarded to the Borough office. In an effort to reduce the amount of frivolous complaints, only complaints received on an official Borough form and signed by the person submitting the form will be considered. The purpose of this policy is to reduce superficial complaints, to create thorough documentation and to protect the Borough and residents from "hearsay". All complaints must be signed because hearsay is not admissible in a court of law, nor is it a proper legal basis for enforcement. Borough policy clearly states that all signed complaints are to be kept strictly confidential.

The process of addressing a property code violation can be lengthy and more often than not, takes quite a bit of time; however, positive outcomes are the ending result. Property owners in violation of the WBPMC receive a written Notice of Violation. The NOV outlines the violation, the process and the potential remedy as well as the allowance of a reasonable period of time in which to correct the violation. Contact information is provided should a property owner require assistance. In some instances, a second notice may be needed. If the second attempt fails and the problem has not been corrected, charges may be filed against the property owner in District Court. The prosecution process is not accomplished overnight and also requires additional time; however, the District Magistrate generally has the ability to persuade the guests in his court room to correct their violations. As this process can require several months of work on the part of the Borough, it is very common for the Borough to receive numerous complaints about a specific property while this process is playing out.

There are the occasions in which a resolution cannot be found. This most often this occurs because a property has been abandoned due to foreclosure and a responsible property owner cannot be located. If the situation involves a building that is creating a danger, the Borough may opt to condemn the building. This condemnation process allows the Borough to secure the property against human entry and occupancy, thereby reducing some of the dangers. Unfortunately, condemnation does not provide a means to pay for the costs of cutting grass and maintaining buildings.

If you are being affected by a situation that is creating a significant health, safety or blight problem you are encouraged to work with the Borough by reporting it in a manner consistent with Borough policy. We would then ask your patience while a resolution is worked out. The WBPMC was created to benefit the residents and property owners of the Borough by ensuring a healthy environment, enjoyable surroundings and the preservation of property values.



PERMITS

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 municipal permit.

Why do I need a permit?

By obtaining a municipal permit, you will protect the outcome and investment value of your construction project and be able to guard against a lawsuit or injury. Building 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.



PROOF OF INSURANCE

Proof of insurance is required on all projects in the form of a **Certificate of Liability** listing **Wrightsville Borough** as the **certificate holder**. If a contractor is doing the work, their liability insurance information is required. If a contractor is not employed, the homeowner must provide a copy of their homeowners insurance in the form as a certificate of liability. This is typically called an ACORD file.

What is a Certificate of Liability?

A Certificate of Liability verifies to the Certificate Holder what insurance policy and coverage is in place at the time the certificate is issued. Therefore, a certificate is provided as evidence of insurance and to assure capability of providing the required financial protection in the event of a loss.

FORMS, APPLICATIONS & PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

For your convenience, the following forms (and more) are available in the lobby of the Municipal Building and on our website: www.wrightsvilleborough.com

- ❖ Municipal Permit Application
- ❖ Storm Water Management Permit Application
- ❖ Transient Business
- ❖ Residential Complaint
- ❖ Seller's License
- ❖ Recreation & Entertainment Permit
- ❖ Handicap or Disabled Parking Permit
- ❖ Ordinances
- ❖ Emergency Evacuation
- ❖ Right-To-Know Request
- ❖ Newsletters

***** IMPORTANT *****

If your construction project falls under the Uniform Construction Code requirements, you will need to obtain a permit from the Borough office AND a permit from Code Administrators located at: 116 Hellam St. Suite 1, Wrightsville, PA 17368. Please call the Borough office at 717-252-2768 ext 12 or ext 13 to obtain information regarding permitting requirements.

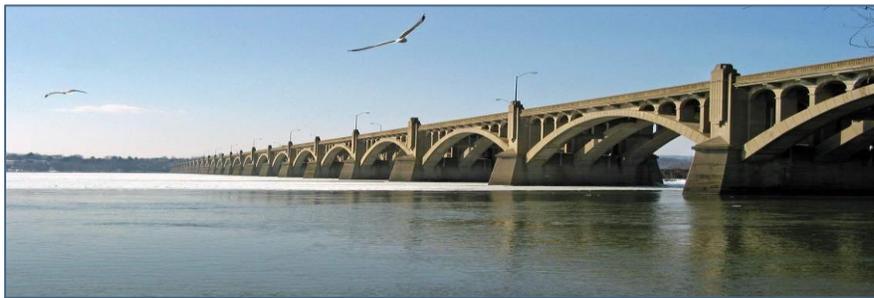
Pursuant to the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code, Chapter 3, Section 302.4, Regulations: All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 6 inches. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

EFFECTIVE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

~CHECK OUT THESE LINKS~

WWW.CBF.ORG	WWW.EPA.GOV
WWW.STORMWATERPA.ORG	WWW.CLEANWATERACTION.ORG
WWW.NATURE.ORG	WWW.SRBC.NET

Help keep our waterways clean and healthy!



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.

Minimize the use of pesticides by using this DIY recipe:

Compost Tea Fertilizer

- Mix a small amount of compost in the bottom of a bucket and fill with water.
- Stirring occasionally, let the mixture sit for several days.
- Use as plant food.

If you decide to embark upon a do-it-yourself project rather than hire a contractor, take the time to educate yourself on the type of permit(s) that may be required. Residents and business owners should use Best Management Practices (BMP'S) to prevent or treat the water that flows from your property and into the Borough storm drains.

Wrightsville Borough

Municipal Authority



PAPERLESS BILLING:

If you would like to receive your water bill electronically, please email Lorri Harmer at lharmoer@wrightsvilleborough.com 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.

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

YOU HAVE A LEAKY TOILET IF...

- The toilet makes sounds even when it is not being used.
- You have to jiggle the handle to get it to stop running.
- You have to hold the handle down to completely empty the tank.

UPCOMING WATER BILL DUE DATES:

March 6, 2013

April 3, 2013

May 8, 2013

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD

MEMBERS:

- PHILLIP LANDIS – Chairman
- GARY ISHMAN – Vice Chairman
- FRED SMELTZER – Secretary/Treasurer
- JOE GIANDALIA
- KEN STONER
- RON ABEL
- LARRY JOE

UPCOMING MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MEETING DATES:

March 14, 2013

April 11, 2013

May 9, 2013

June 13, 2013

- LORRI HARMER – Office Manager
- KEITH BRENNER – Finance Officer
- BRIAN LYLE – General Manager
- TODD NACE – Sewer Plant Operator

Water Department – 252-3711

Sewer Department – 252-3276

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. Please use 717-252-2768 extension 11 when calling with questions regarding billing.



RECYCLING



The following can be commingled and placed in your curbside recycle bin:

- Aluminum food and beverage containers with food debris removed. There is no need to remove labels.
- Glass food and beverage containers with lids and food debris removed. Clear/brown/green labels do not need to be removed.
- Natural and pigmented plastic narrow-neck containers with symbols 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 (milk bottles, water bottles, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles, bleach bottles, etc.) Lids and food debris need to be removed but there is no need to remove labels.
- Ferrous (iron/steel/tin) cans with food debris removed. There is no need to remove labels.
- Newsprint – black and white or pigmented. DO NOT put in plastic bags!
- Construction paper, craft paper, cereal boxes, shoe boxes or similar.
- Printer paper, computer paper, copy paper.
- Junk mail, magazines, catalogs and phone books.
- Small corrugated cardboard that fits into the residential curbside recycling bin.

Electronic Drop Off Sites:

York City – All York County residents and businesses may participate.

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

York Township – All York County residents and businesses may participate.

Memorial Stadium (Access from Vander Ave.)
York, PA 17403
(717) 849-2235

Yard Waste Transfer Site
Flour Mill Rd.
York, PA 17406
(717) 845-1066

190 Oak Rd.
Dallastown, PA 17313
(717) 741-3861

When: 1st Saturday of every month between the hours of 10 AM – 2 PM

When: 3rd Saturday of every month between the hours of 9 AM – 1 PM

When: May 18, August 17 and November 16 between the hours of 7 AM – 11:30 AM

LARGE ITEM TICKETS

If you have a large item you would like to put out with the trash, 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. Payment must be in the form of a check or money order payable to WBMA. Large item pickup day is every Friday.

PLEASE NOTE: LARGE ITEM TICKET COUPONS PRINTED IN PAST NEWSLETTERS ARE NO LONGER VALID. THIS PRACTICE WAS DISCONTINUED APPROXIMATELY 3 YEARS AGO DUE TO MISUSE.

DID YOU KNOW?



→ A full bath tub uses 70 gallons of water.

→ A 5 minute shower only uses 10-25 gallons.

2013 ELECTION INFORMATION

Pennsylvania Primary Elections

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013

The last day to REGISTER TO VOTE before the Primary Election is April 22, 2013

Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost.

- John Quincy Adams

WHERE TO REGISTER

York County Office of Elections/Voter Registration
 28 East Market Street
 York, PA 17401.
 717-771-9604



Wrightsville Borough Voting Locations

1 st Ward	Municipal Building	601 Water St.
2 nd Ward	Wrightsville Presbyterian Church	205 N. Second St.
3 rd Ward	Eastern York School District Admin Building - Elementary	S. Third St.

If you have any questions regarding voting, please contact the York County Office of Elections/Voter registration at 717-771-9604.

PHONE NUMBERS & LINKS TO KEEP HANDY

Columbia Gas	1-888-460-4332
Comcast	1-800-XFINITY (1-800-934-6489)
Direct TV	1-800-370-3587
Eastern York Rotary Club	854-7842
Historic Wrightsville	252-1169
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 (7433)
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 Administrator's 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

It is not more bigness that should be our goal. We must attempt, rather, to bring people back to...the warmth of community, to the worth of individual effort and responsibility...and of individuals working together as a community, to better their lives and their children's future.

Robert F. Kennedy

**WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH
MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

601 Water Street
PO Box 187
Wrightsville, PA 1738
Phone: 717-252-2768
Ext 11- Municipal Authority
Ext 12 & 13 - Borough
Fax: 717-252-0725
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~BOROUGH OFFICIALS~

Mayor Neil Habecker

Council President Janelle Hobbs
1st Ward

Council Vice-President Greg Scritchfield
1st Ward

Councilman Ed Sipes
2nd Ward

Councilwoman Crystal Bolton
2nd Ward

Councilman Alan Nelson
3rd Ward

Councilwoman Kathy Abel
3rd Ward

PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS

Thefts from autos are a crime of opportunity that can be prevented. Typically, thieves will not bother to break into an auto if valuables are not left out in plain sight.

Some easy tips to avoid auto theft include:

- *Remove the faceplate on your radio - If you are able to unfasten the faceplate on your stereo, and take it with you, please do so. Keep your cd's, mp3 players and other electronic devices in the glove department or console and *out of sight*.
- *Shopping bags are tempting - Do not lure thieves by leaving newly purchased items in shopping bags visible to passersby.
- *Your trunk is a good tool to hide valuables.
- *Lock your car - When you are not in the car, keep it locked *at all times*.
- *Mount your GPS - If you are not able to securely and permanently mount your GPS system, then take it with you or hide it in the console, trunk or glove department.



No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow. ~Proverb~