

Wrightsville Borough Newsletter

SNOW EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Know the Borough's snow emergency routes.

Pursuant to Ordinance NO. 2010-3:

SECTION 6: The following Borough streets are hereby designated as Snow Emergency Routes:

South Snow Emergency 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.
- 200 block of Chestnut Street, parking is permitted on South side. All other requirements of this Ordinance apply.

North Snow Emergency Route;

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

SECTION 7: Depositing Snow onto Borough Streets

No person shall throw, shovel, cast or otherwise place, pile, deposit or dump snow or ice removed from sidewalks, walkways, driveways, or any other locations onto any street or alley in the Borough.

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

Should read "South Side"

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

<p>Wrightsville Recreation Commission</p> <p><u>Winterfest Stand</u> Eastern York Middle School December 1, 2012</p> <p><u>Girls' Softball Sign-ups</u> Ages 7U/10U/12U/14U January 2013</p> <p><u>Pancake Breakfast with Masons</u> Masonic Lodge February 2013</p> <p><u>Spring Baseball Sign-ups</u> Ages T-Ball/8-10/11-13 March 2013</p>	<p>Historic Wrightsville</p> <p><u>Christmas Open House</u> December 9, 2013 1PM-4PM</p> <p><u>Membership Drive</u> January - April 2013</p> <p><u>Sub Sale</u> February 2013</p> <p><u>Olde Town Night</u> March 16, 2013</p> <p>Call the museum at 252-1169, check local newspapers or visit www.historicwrightsvillepa.org for details.</p>
<p>Join Cub Scouting in Wrightsville! Boys in 1st through 5th grades are eligible to sign up. Dens meet Thursday evenings at 6:30PM at Grace United Methodist Church. Call 242-5126 for information.</p>	<p>Eastern York Middle School</p>  <p>December 1, 2012</p>
<p>A message from Kreutz Creek Valley Library Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Friends of the Kreutz Creek Valley Library are currently conducting their annual Fall Fundraising Campaign. This is the Friends' major fundraiser to raise local support monies for the library. The Friends must raise 33% of the library's operating cost and your support is needed! Visit the library to pick up a paper copy of the fundraising letter or visit www.ksvlfriends.org to download and print a copy to send in with your donation. Our library is an important part of the community and needs your support. For every \$25 increment of your donation, you will receive one chance to win a new Kindle Fire HD that has been donated to the Friends for this purpose. Donations must be at the library no later than December 28, 2012. Drawing for the Kindle will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 7PM at the library. • The Friends' next BIG fundraiser will be a Book Sale and Bake Sale at FLINCHBAUGH'S FARM MARKET in mid-March 2013. • The Friends are accepting gently-used books – hard and paperback, fiction and nonfiction; DVDs, children's books, audio books and music CDs. Through your donation of gently used items, we are able to purchase new items for the library for our community's use! Please note that we cannot accept old reference books, text books, condensed books and video or cassette tapes. If these items are dusty/dirty or were stored in a damp place, we will not be able to sell them. • Watch for more information at the library and around the community! 	



**Eastern York
School District
WINTER CONCERTS**

Middle School
December 11, 2012
6:30PM

High School
December 12, 2012
7PM

Wrightsville Elementary
December 18, 2012
6:30PM

The Cemetery Association is looking for the following:

1. Additional board members to serve on the board of directors. (unpaid position) call 717-252-1856 after 7PM during the week only
2. A new secretary (paid position) and treasurer (depending upon work load, may be a paid position)
3. Part time cemetery superintendant (paid position)
4. Data entry clerk
5. A new location within the Borough of Wrightsville to store cemetery files.

Visit www.wrightsvilleborough.com/calendar.html for more information.

If you are interested in any of the above positions, please send your resume to:
The Wrightsville Cemetery Association
407 Orange St
Wrightsville, PA 17368

**Wrightsville Borough Weeks
at the 29th edition of
Christmas Magic – A Festival of Lights
At Rocky Ridge County Park
November 23rd – December 14th
December 26th – 31st**

Visit the Community Calendar at www.wrightsvilleborough.com for a link to download a Buy One Get One Free Admission printable coupon.

**For more information and trail updates, call (717) 840-7440
Or visit www.yorkcountyparks.org**

Message from the Mayor:

What is a Disaster Emergency Declaration?

Over the last three years I have signed more than a few "Disaster Emergency Declarations" for our Borough. Thankfully, we are still here and in the end, things have worked out. The snowstorms of 2010 necessitated "emergencies" as did tropical storms Lee, Irene and Sandy.

The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code enables municipalities to declare a "disaster emergency" when conditions are likely that could pose a threat of injury, damage or suffering to persons or property. This also activates the municipality's Emergency Management Coordinator who then coordinates the activities of emergency preparedness, response and recovery. Having declared an "emergency", the municipality is then able to take measures to protect life and property without some of the time consuming steps normally required by law (i.e., bidding requirements, emergency agreements, CDL restrictions).

Having declared a "disaster emergency" also opens the possibility for recovery of the costs of addressing the event. Should our Governor declare a disaster, we can then apply to PEMA for financial aid. Should the President declare our state a disaster, we can then apply to FEMA for assistance. After the snowstorms of 2010, we did apply for financial reimbursement of some expenses and received \$9,684.07 as a result. Additionally, once the Governor declares a state of emergency we can ask for additional assistance. During tropical storms Lee and Irene we requested the assistance of the National Guard. As a result, we had additional people and equipment to respond to emergency needs throughout the Eastern York School District area for several days.

State law enables the declaration of an emergency when a threat exists. It is best to declare an emergency before conditions deteriorate rather than during or after. My experience has been that things start to happen very quickly as the weather deteriorates. All of this also creates the need for documentation which requires a terrific amount of paperwork and time spent.

Having learned a few things during the snowstorms of 2010, I now keep in close communication with Hellam Township and declare emergencies in coordination with them. During the tropical storms of 2011, Wrightsville, Hellam Township and Hallam Borough pooled our emergency management resources very successfully. During Hurricane Sandy these efforts were further expanded to include all six municipalities and one school district in the Eastern York area. This level of emergency cooperation is unprecedented in York County and is largely unheard of in the state of PA. I have been a participant and strong supporter of these efforts and am currently promoting the formalization of a combined Emergency Management Plan for the Eastern York area.

What is the difference between a "snow emergency" and a "disaster emergency"?

A "snow emergency" is a completely different thing than a "disaster emergency". Borough Ordinance 2010-3 created a snow emergency route and parking restrictions along the snow emergency route. The purpose of this is to provide a clear secondary route for emergency vehicles during a snowstorm and to enable efficient, cost effective snow removal as well. An extra added benefit is that parking spaces are typically cleared better than they would otherwise have been. Snow emergencies are typically declared when snow accumulation is expected to exceed 6". Snow emergencies are announced on several radio and TV stations with as much advance notice as possible.

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: 2 W. Market St. Hallam, PA 17406. Please call the Borough office at 717-252-2768 ext 12 or ext 13 to obtain information regarding permitting requirements.

Pursuant to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21, Part 3, §301, Regulations: 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.

EFFECTIVE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Know Your De-Icer

Using a shovel and flat hoe is the cheapest and most environmentally-friendly method to control ice and snow.

<u>De-icer</u>	<u>Pros</u>	<u>Cons</u>
Sodium Chloride (rock salt)	Cheap / Effective	Highly corrosive / Ecologically damaging
Calcium Chloride	Very effective / Environmentally friendly	More expensive than rock salt
Potassium Chloride / Urea	Less corrosive than rock salt	May harm vegetation / More expensive
Magnesium Chloride 	Very effective / Environmentally friendly	More expensive / Only 48% active – application rate is twice that of calcium chloride
Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA)	Environmentally friendly / Non-corrosive	More expensive
Potassium Acetate	Biodegradable	Best used in small areas

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.

Wrightsville Borough

Municipal Authority



PAPERLESS BILLING:

If you would like to receive your water bill electronically, please email Lorri Harmer at lharmer@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

*** A leaky toilet often goes unnoticed. To check for leaks, simply add enough food coloring to your toilet tank to really brighten the water. After 30 minutes, check to see if any of the dye has leaked into the bowl.**

UPCOMING WATER BILL DUE DATES:

- December 5, 2012
- January 4, 2013
- February 8, 2013
- March 7, 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:

- December 13, 2012
- January 10, 2013
- February 14, 2013
- March 14, 2013
- April 11, 2013

- LORRI HARMER – Office Manager & Open Records Officer
- 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.



PAY YOUR W/S/T BILL WITH AUTO PAY!

Visit www.wrightsvilleborough.com to download a printable ACH form. You can mail your completed form plus a voided check to:

601 Water St
Wrightsville, PA 17368

Or drop it off in the drop box conveniently located outside the Borough office.

TIPS TO PREVENT SEWER BACKUP:

DO NOT

- Pour cooking grease or oil down drains
- Flush trash down toilets
- Plant trees or shrubs near sewer lateral
- Hide vent pipes in flower beds
- Connect rain gutters or sump pumps to sewer

RECYCLING



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

- Aluminum food and beverage containers with food debris removed. 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 removed. NO need to remove labels.
- Ferrous (iron/steel/tin) cans with food debris removed. 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.

HOLIDAY RECYCLING TIPS:



Use brown craft grocery bags to wrap gifts and decorate them with your own design.

Rather than cutting down and disposing of a live tree, buy a potted one. You can then improve your property's landscaping by planting your tree after the holidays.

Use your own reusable cloth bags when shopping to reduce the amount of plastic ending up in landfills.

GIVE & GET stuff for FREE!!
Visit: www.freecycle.org!!

If giving an electronic gift, consider buying rechargeable batteries and include a battery charger with your gift as well.

**~The last day for leaf pickup will be
Monday, December 10, 2012**



PHONE NUMBERS AND 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

*"Men exist for the sake of one another.
Teach them then or bear with them."*
Marcus Aurelius Antoninus

**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
www.wrightsvilleborough.com



**Use these safety precautions when
walking to and from your vehicle:**

- ❖ Before leaving your home, store or other establishment, be prepared by having your keys already in hand.
- ❖ Have your cell phone on but do not allow yourself to be distracted and unaware of your surroundings by talking on your cell phone until you are in your vehicle or a building.
- ❖ Immediately lock your doors...**before** starting the vehicle, turning on the radio or putting on your seatbelt.

The 2013 Budget has been approved and is available for viewing at the Borough office during hours of operation.

~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