Wrightsville Borough Newsletter

Happy Fall

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION

717-252-2768, ext. 012 or 013

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

717-252-2768. ext. 011

HELLAM TOWNSHIP

POLICE DEPARTMENT

44 Walnut Springs Road

York, PA 17406

717-252-3714

NON-EMERGENCIES

911 EMERGENCIES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

125 S. 2nd Street

717-252-4770-Station

NON-EMERGENCIES

911 EMERGENCIES

STREET DEPARTMENT

717-252-4559

WATER DEPARTMENT

717-252-3711

SEWER DEPARTMENT

717-252-3276

TAX COLLECTOR

717-887-5992

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Solanco Engineering Associates LLC

717-786-0355

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 2, 2025

We welcome all Borough residents to attend the remaining Borough Council Regular Meetings for 2025

¨ Monday, September 8, 2025

¨ Monday, October 6, 2025

¨ Monday, November 3, 2025

¨ Monday, December 1, 2025

All meetings begin at 6:30pm @ 601 Water Street, Wrightsville, PA 17368

Wrightsville Borough Municipal Office will be closed on the following holidays:

Monday, September 1, 2025—Labor Day

Thursday, November 27, 2025—Thanksgiving

Friday, November 28, 2025 - Thanksgiving

Our Safety Guide to *Autumn Driving* This Season

Every Year thousands of people are injured, and hundreds of people are killed due to daylight savings time changes and the change of season.

Autumn means we need to be more careful as drivers.

1. WEATHER

Sudden changes in temperature, rain, snow and fog all make for hazardous driving. Be aware of the weather – know before you go.

2. SUNRISE & SUNSET

Daylight Savings Time means the sun on the morning drive might be right in your eyes. The sun goes down early now, so it gets dark a lot sooner! HEADLIGHTS!

3. CHILDREN & ANIMALS

Children are back to school and animals are busy preparing for winter. Look out for them. Slow down!

4. LEAVES

Leaves on the ground can be slippery and dangerous. Be careful when driving on leaf covered roads, whether it's raining or not. Clear leaves off your car before driving.

Back to School Driving Safety Tips

- Always stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.
- Do not speed.
- Watch out for crossing guards and obey their signals.
- NEVER text or use a cell phone while driving in a school zone.
- Always stop for school busses that are loading or unloading children.

BE AWARE. A child may easily forget to look for cars before attempting to cross the street.

OUTDOOR BURNING

Wrightsville Borough Ordinance 2014-2

An Ordinance prohibiting outdoor burning under certain circumstances; providing for certain exemptions; and provisions for penalties for violations thereof.

BURN WITH SAFETY IN MIND

- Know and comply with the Borough's open burning ordinance
- Check the weather forecast. Never burn when windy.
- NEVER leave the fire unattended and ensure that it is completely out before walking away.
- Keep a source of water nearby.
- Never burn household trash in a fire pit.
- Keep small children and animals away from the fire.

For more information visit our website:
https://wrightsvilleborough.com/permits-and-ordinances/

Or use the direct link below:
https://ecode360.com/33265005

Historic Wrightsville Final Events for 2025

September – Visit us at the PawPaw Festival – Date to be announced.

October 16th & 17th GHOST TOUR. Rain Dates are October 24th & 25th

November 9th – 2PM Veterans Day Program

November 21st – 6PM Annual Membership Banquet

November 30th – Community Tree Lighting

December 6th - Holiday Tea-SAVE THE DATE!

Historic Wrightsville is always looking for volunteers for our various event and fundraisers. Please contact the museum or send us a Facebook message if you would like to help us in the future.

Why I Believe Artificial Intelligence Isn't Real

So first, it's called ARTIFICIAL intelligence, which clearly means it's not real. Maybe that doesn't convince you, so let me explain my opinion further. First, I'm no stranger to computers. As a retired IBM Distinguished Engineer, I hold patents in advanced object-oriented programming as well as solutions for several other complex computing problems. For the last 4 decades, I have built personal computers and programmed everything from PCs to mainframes. Globally recognized as a legacy transformation expert, I had the pleasure of working with fortune 100 companies like Toyota to develop a plan to modernize their systems.

After I graduated from Pitt in computer science, which complemented my degree in pure mathematics, I was offered a job developing artificial intelligence in 1988 – yes, 37 years ago. Why has it taken almost 40 years for the rest of the world to hear about AI? Much like the promise of quantum computing today, Artificial Intelligence was an idea that was waiting for technology to catch up. Have you ever seen huge, windowless warehouse buildings appearing everywhere? Those are called data centers. To implement AI, you must have massive amounts of information stored in super huge, super-fast data storage systems, and processing power beyond imagination. Look up "Nuclear Power in the US" in Wikipedia. In 2027-2028 Three Mile Island will reopen solely to power Microsoft's data centers, which are responsible for powering the tech giant's cloud computing and artificial intelligence programs.

Technology is expected to soon catch up with the required level of power in computing for AI. But today you will still notice the disclaimer when reading AI search results, "AI sometimes makes mistakes." That's because a computer is only as smart as the programmers who write the applications it runs. And an artificial intelligence application only works accurately if the data it reads is correct.

-Mary Ellen Siksa

AUTUMN IS HERE

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Word list:

- ACORN
- AUTUMN
- CRISP
- FALL
- HARVEST
- JACKET
- LEAVES
- NUT
- RAKE
- SWEATER

Fall Season
Crossword

Word Bank

Apples
Acorn
Autumn
Chestnuts
Chilly
Cider
Cobweb
Fall
Football
Gourd
Halloween
Harvest
Hay Bale
Hayride
Leaves
Maize
November
Nuts
October
Pumpkin
Quilt
Rake
Scarecrow
September
Sleet
Thanksgiving

Across:

5. Decorative squash used in the fall
8. They fall from the trees during fall
10. Another name for corn
11. Blanket made with patchwork
12. Seat at a square dance (two words)
13. The 11th month of the year
16. They're roasted on an open fire
20. Drink made from pressed apples
21. The 4th Thursday in November
22. Oak tree's fruit
24. Popular autumn sport

Down:

1. October 31st
2. The 9th month of the year
3. Honey Crisp fruit enjoyed in fall
4. Fun fall tractor activity around the farm
6. Leaf gathering yard tool
7. "A bit cold"
9. Another word for the fall season
12. The gathering of fall crops
14. What squirrels often gather to prepare for winter
15. Jack-o-Lantern gourd
16. Made by spiders
17. Semi-frozen rain
18. Used to keep birds, usually crows, off crops
19. The season that follows summer
23. The 10th month of the year

2025 MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 4, 2025
7am to 8pm

Borough Voting Locations
Municipal Building – 601 Water St.
Wrightsville Presbyterian Church – 205 N 2nd St.
Wrightsville Assembly of God – 365 Orange St.

For more information visit – Vote.PA.gov

VOTE

Your Vote Counts: You Now Have More Choices in Candidates!

Now that Wrightsville's *wards* have been changed to *precincts,* there is only ONE change you need to know.

There are NO changes to WHERE you vote. You still vote in the same place as you've always voted.

Precinct 1: Wrightsville Borough Offices, 601 Water Street, Wrightsville, PA 17368
Precinct 2: Wrightsville Presbyterian Church, 205 N 2nd St, Wrightsville, PA 17368
Precinct 3: Wrightsville Assembly of God, 365 Orange St, Wrightsville, PA 17368

There are NO changes to WHEN you vote. The Municipal Primary and General Elections will continue to follow the same election schedules as the county, state, and federal elections. The next election is November 4, 2025.

Before, there were 6 Boro Council members, two from each ward. Each one served a 4- year term. Every 2 years, one of the members in your ward was up for election.

Now there will be 7 Boro Council members, each serving 4-year terms. Every 2 years, either 3 or 4 members will be up for election. You can vote for 3 or 4 out of any candidate on the ballot, not just those in your precinct.

What does this mean? This year you, you will vote for FOUR Borough Council candidates. You now vote for EVERY council member up for election, giving you more power over the future of Wrightsville!

Do you have any questions? Need assistance? Need a mail-in or absentee ballot? Need any additional information on voting? You can contact

York County Elections and Voter Registration
28 E Market St # B003, York, PA 17401
(717) 771-9604

Yard Waste Disposal

Wrightsville Borough Yard Waste Collection ENDS Monday November 3rd

Are you wondering what you should do with your yard waste as we are in full swing in the season of raking leaves? Let me give you some tips.

Most municipalities offer yard waste pick-up at your curb which makes yard waste disposal very easy. Contact your municipality or waste hauler directly to find out what services are available to you. If yard waste services are not available to you, no worries. There are other options to help you.

If you simply have leaves and grass, you can use a mulching mower to mulch them. Your back will thank you and the clippings on the lawn will help prevent weeds from germinating. Another option for disposal of grass and leaves is to place them in your garden beds and around trees and shrubs to prevent weed growth. Composting your clippings and leaves is another great way to make use of them. If you are unsure how to do this, do an internet search for "composting". You will find instructions for different composting methods and a list of materials needed.

If those options aren't your cup of tea, you can dispose of vegetation and small branches with your regular garbage or bring your yard waste to the York County Resource Recovery Center (YCRRC). Be sure to visit www.ycswa.com/services/waste-disposal/ for specifics on what can and cannot be accepted at the YCRRC. There are some items that we cannot accept, however our website will direct you to a business that can help you if the YCRRC cannot accommodate your needs.

From Leaves and Tree Trimmings to Weeds and Stumps, You Will Find a Quick Answer to How to Manage Your Yard Waste By Visiting Our Website

www.ycswa.com/services/waste-disposal/yard-waste/

YCSWA

Facilitating Responsible Waste Management

2025 WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf collection will begin the first week of November and run through the first week of December.

When heavy rain and storms are expected, please refrain from putting leaves out, as leaves can be washed into roadways, creating slick and dangerous conditions. Leaves can also clog the storm drain catch basins and cause road flooding. Do not place sticks and branches in your leaf piles as a leaf vacuum is not designed to pick up anything other than leaves.

Because the vehicle and equipment used for leaf collection can be hard to maneuver around cars and other objects, piles of leaves placed too close to, or under vehicles, will not be picked up. Additionally, leaf piles on curves and bends may not be picked up because curves and corners cause sight distance issues for drivers.

Please place your leaves in the same location as your refuse containers. Special pickups may be granted by the Borough by placing a call to the Streets Department Office @ 717-252-4559. Please confirm the pickup location is acceptable prior to putting leaves out.

Message from Stormwater Authority & Municipal Authority

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE DOES NOT ACCEPT CASH. ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE WITH A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.
THANK YOU.

BILLING ANNOUNCEMENT

THE STORMWATER FEE IS NOW INCLUDED WITH THE MONTHLY WATER, SEWER, AND REFUSE BILL

- The charge is based on the ERU (Equivalent Residential Unit) yearly fee which will be divided into monthly installments.
- Customers with empty parcels, parking lots, or cemeteries will be sent a separate annual bill for the full amount.
- Customers with a past due stormwater bill will be turned into collections
- By making these changes it will be more cost effective and efficient.

WATER BILL DUE DATES

- September 17
- October 8
- November 5
- December 3

All billing inquiries, or questions, please contact the Municipal Authority Office at 717-252-2768, extension 011 or 012

SEE YOU NEXT SEASON

~BOROUGH OFFICIALS~

Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3
Michael Gromling Councilman	**Sara Barrett** Councilwoman	**Alicia Ferrari** Councilwoman
Brian Lyle Vice President	**Eric J. White** Councilman	**Joseph Giandalia** President

Tayne Slenker

Mayor

WRIGHSTVILLE BOROUGH
MUNICIPAL OFFICE
HOURS OF OPERATIONS
MONDAY-FRIDAY
9AM-4:30PM

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The governing body of Wrightsville Borough wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable Fall!