

Wrightsville Borough Newsletter

Welcome Winter

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



**Wrightsville Borough Municipal
Office will be closed on the following
Holiday Dates:**

Thanksgiving

**Thurs. November 27th and Fri.
November 28th 2025**

Christmas

**Wed. December 24th, Thurs.
December 25th & Fri. December
26th 2025**

New Years Day

**Thurs. January 1st and
Fri. January 2nd 2026**



Wrightsville
BOROUGH
TREE
Lighting
Ceremony

Come gather with your family and friends to
see our beautiful tree and decorations!

CHRISTMAS
Parade

Starts at 5PM

Where: Locust St, Wrightsville, From N. Front to 8th
Guest Appearance by Santa!

Sunday, November 30th

Tree Lighting following the Parade

Located at the Constitution Square: Fourth
and Hellam Streets

We hope to see you there!



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 to provide a safe environment for us all.

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

- If 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 except for 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 can plow back to the curb.
- Portable basketball nets projecting into the roadway are prohibited and can be dangerous during snow 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 8-10 hrs. after the snow stops completely. This 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 \$1,000.00.

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 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.

Our Refuse Worker's Safety is Important!

Please help us keep our Refuse Workers Safe! They face unique injury hazards within their daily work duties. Workers jump on and off trucks, handle heavy loads, and may encounter dangerous materials. They work in all weather conditions as well. The most common cause of refuse worker fatalities continues to involve cars passing trucks too fast.

If you can't see the workers on the back of the truck, they also can't see you. Please slow down when passing one of our trash trucks, it's essential to keeping our worker's safe!



Christmas Magic 2025

A Festival of Lights

Walk-through Holiday Light Show at

Rocky Ridge County Park

All admission requires advance ticket
purchase online at

ChristmasMagicYork.com

For the arrival time of your choice.
Tickets are not available at the door.



Admission Rates

\$12/ age 15 and over

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2025 Special Nights
Veterans and Military Personnel Night
December 7th
Healthcare Workers and First Responders Night
December 14th
Pol. Night
December 1st & 8th - pets must be friendly and leashed
Ensl Like a Kid Again Night
December 2, 3, 9, and 10
\$8 after 8 Nights
December 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 29, and 30

Call (717) 840- 7440 option 2 for more information.



Christmas Tree Pick Ups 2026

**Christmas Trees will be picked up
Monday January 5th, and Monday
January 12th. Place your trees out
where you would place your
trash for pickup.**

HISTORIC WRIGHTSVILLE HOLIDAY TEA

Saturday, December 6
11 AM and 2 PM
\$40 a ticket



Call 717-252-1169
for reservations

Why I Believe Artificial Intelligence Isn't Real PART 2

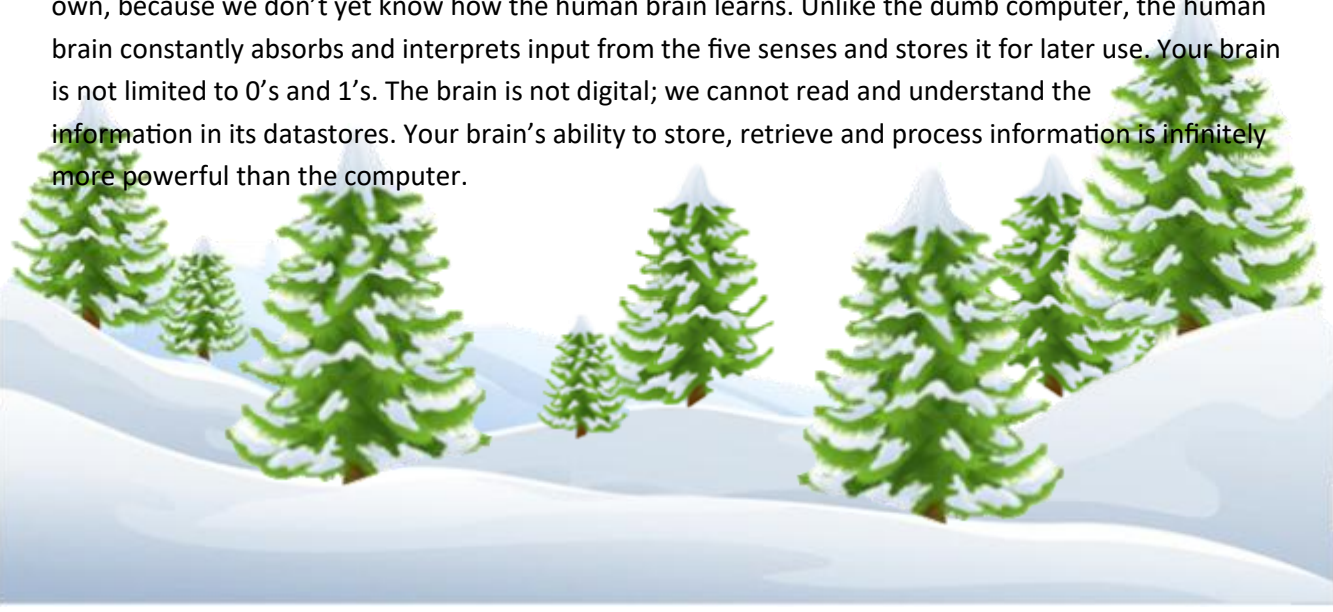
This is part 2 of my 2-part series on artificial intelligence (AI). I'd like to comment on the things we hear via the media that anyone, including doctors or computer programmers or child caregivers could literally be replaced by a robot, or that robots will organize themselves and possibly eliminate the human race.

Many jobs today are threatened by a different kind of robot that, in my opinion, is not accurately described as artificial intelligence. The robots that assist in the assembly of automobiles, vacuum floors, or pull items in a warehouse and even package the items to ship to customers have been a growing threat to jobs in recent decades. Amazon's attempts to fully automate its warehouses are a good example of jobs displaced by robots.

Corporations are making huge investments in AI, betting on the possibility of replacing even more human dominated jobs with robots. These are jobs that traditionally require additional education and/or experience - which implies the ability to learn, or the ability to function in an unpredictable environment. These examples show how AI can be easily misunderstood (in my opinion).

Computers are basically dumb machines that know only "0" or "1" when it comes to doing something. Seriously, that is all they understand, "0" or "1". Besides this limitation, there is one unbreakable rule about these machines: a computer cannot do anything by itself, it can only do *exactly* what it is programmed to do. Right now, AI programming does not seem ready for prime time because before you get the results, you are warned the results could be incorrect.

No matter what, even the best programmer cannot make the computer learn how to do anything on its own, because we don't yet know how the human brain learns. Unlike the dumb computer, the human brain constantly absorbs and interprets input from the five senses and stores it for later use. Your brain is not limited to 0's and 1's. The brain is not digital; we cannot read and understand the information in its datastores. Your brain's ability to store, retrieve and process information is infinitely more powerful than the computer.



Your brain can access its data warehouses that are probably thousands of terabytes (called petabytes) at speeds much higher than a computer can access its data stores or process its 0's and 1's.

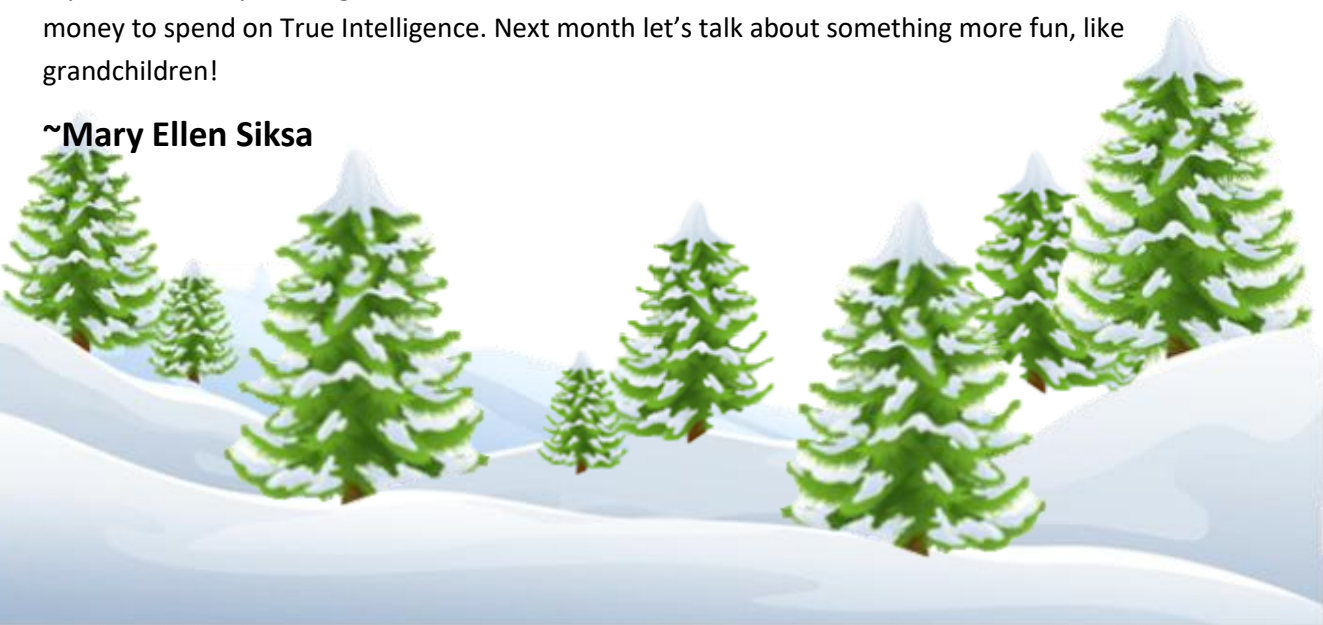
And this is most important: the human brain “thinks”. When necessary, it can recall specific information and form relationships across multiple pieces of information from its data warehouse to create truly new information. A computer would need to do this to compete with humans, but it is not capable. I guess you could say that no human brain, as powerful as it may be, has been able to think up a solution...

When it appears as though a computer is learning, it is actually programmed to read a lot of data that already exists in digital format, organize it and processes it based on rules it was given by the programmer. I think this is where AI appears to be something to fear, but the computer is simply processing 0's and 1's with its usual limitations. The “new” generative AI is still artificial - nothing more than new and sophisticated ways to process massive amounts of existing data and associate it according to rules that are programmed into it. The results are more impressive than the earlier AI, but it is still processing 0's and 1's.

Will there be a day when computers aren't limited by 0's and 1's? It's in the works. But it took computers more than 60 years to get to the level where they simulate a low level of intelligence because of the vast complexity and sheer volumes of programming to get there from 0's and 1's. How long will it take before computers are truly intelligent enough to replace humans? Without the need for data warehouses and nuclear reactors to produce the power needed to emulate the human brain? I'm just sayin'...

If you are already *thinking* about how to solve these limitations, think faster because investors have money to spend on True Intelligence. Next month let's talk about something more fun, like grandchildren!

~Mary Ellen Siksa



Name : _____ Date : _____

Winter

WORD SEARCH

S A N S W E A T E R F G Z R F S D O E F Q P N B
N F M Q W I N T E R S U S G L R S S E S N O W I
O M I X V B I M F L M P F L O P O A C U F C H D
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SNOWFLAKES
SNOWMAN
MITTENS
SCARF
BOOTS



ICESKATE
SNOW
WINTER
FROZEN
SWEATER



DECEMBER
COAT
JACKET
SKIING
ICE



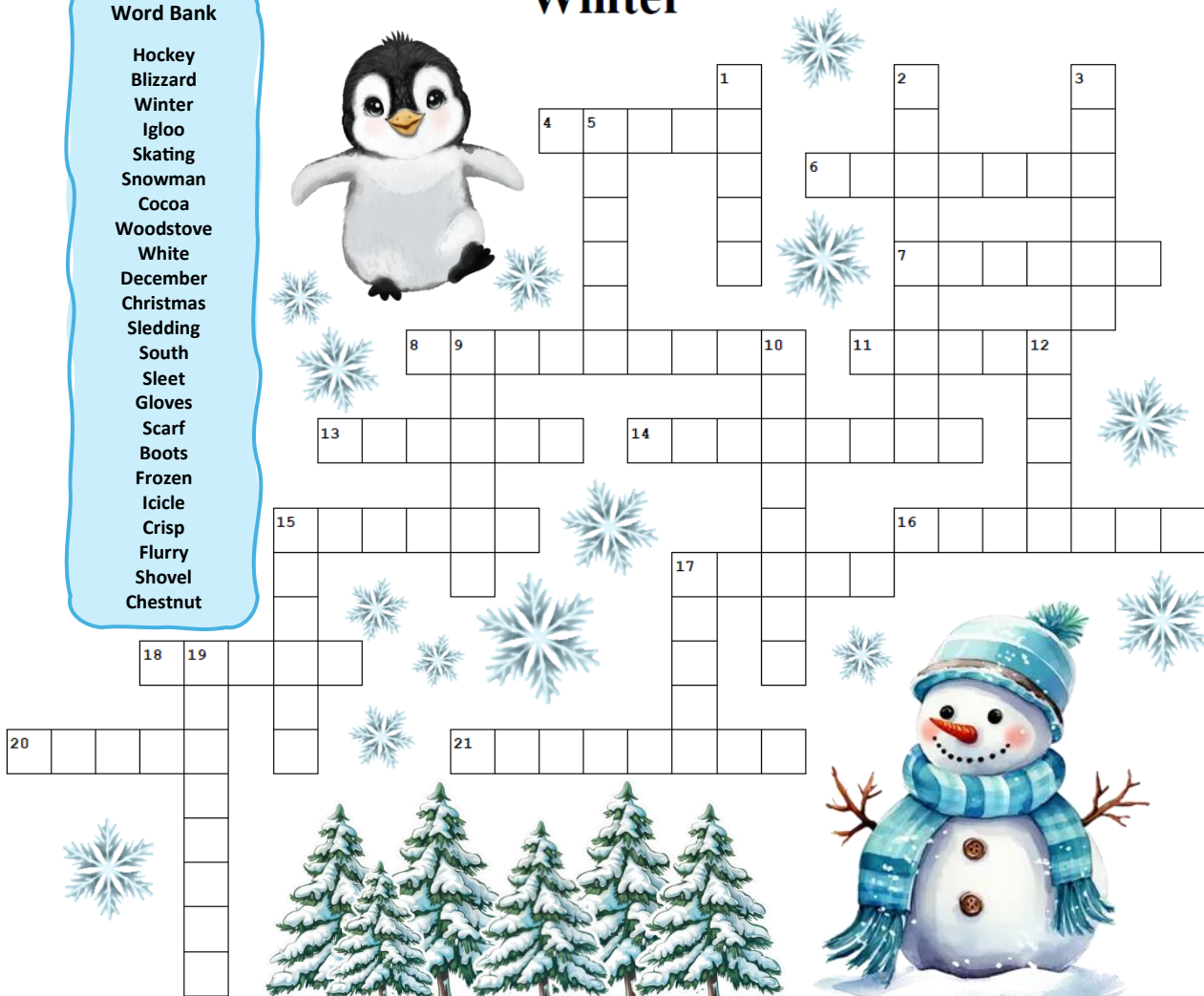
SNOWBALL
HOT CHOCOLATE
COLD
SLED
CHRISTMAS



Winter

Word Bank

Hockey
Blizzard
Winter
Igloo
Skating
Snowman
Cocoa
Woodstove
White
December
Christmas
Sledding
South
Sleet
Gloves
Scarf
Boots
Frozen
Icicle
Crisp
Flurry
Shovel
Chestnut



Across

4. House made of ice
6. Made from snow with a carrot nose
7. Used to scoop and clear snow
8. Holiday of giving in December
11. Worn on your feet in snow to keep them warm
13. Hanging piece of ice
14. Christmas Month
15. Something turned into ice due to extreme cold is...
16. Gliding on ice
17. Fresh chill air
18. Keeps your neck warm
20. The color of snow
21. Snowstorm

Down

1. Direction birds fly for winter
2. House Warmer
3. The coldest season
5. Keeps your hands warm
9. Ice sport played with a puck
10. Fun ride down a snowy hill
12. Frozen rain
15. A sudden and brief burst of snow
17. Hot sweet drink
19. Roasted on an open fire

How To Reach Your Wrightsville Borough Council Members



- **Joseph Giandalia:** Council President
 - jgiandalia@wrightsvilleborough.com
- **Brian Lyle:** Council Vice President
 - blyle@wrightsvilleborough.com
- **Eric J. White:** Councilman
 - ejwhite@wrightsvilleborough.com
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 - aferrari@wrightsvilleborough.com
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 - tslenker@wrightsvilleborough.com

Effective Stormwater Management



Adopt-A-Storm Drain

It is very important that we work together to keep our storm drains always working at 100% capacity. 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 Water Department at 717-252-3711

The Effects of Pollution

Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and people.

- **Sediment** can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow. Sediment also can destroy aquatic habitats.
- **Excess nutrients** can cause algae blooms when algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.
- **Bacteria and other pathogens** can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary.
- **Debris**- plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts that are washed into water bodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles and birds.
- **Household hazardous wastes** like insecticides, pesticides, paint solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life.

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

- December 10, 2025
- January 7, 2026
- February 11, 2026
- March 11, 2026



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~

**Michael
Gromling**

Councilman

Brian Lyle

Vice President

Sara Barrett

Councilwoman

Eric J. White

Councilman

Alicia Ferrari

Councilwoman

**Joseph
Giandalia**

President

Tayne Slenker

Mayor



WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH

MUNICIPAL OFFICE

HOURS OF OPERATIONS

MONDAY-FRIDAY

9AM-4:30PM

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Wrightsville, PA 17368

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

