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# 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:

<u>Thanksgiving</u>

Thurs/Fri November 28 and 29 2024

#### **Christmas**

Tue/Wed December 24 and 25, 2024

#### **New Years Day**

Tue/Wed December 31, 2024 and January 1,2025



# Wrightsville BOROGH TREE Lighting Ceremony

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

# CHIISTMAS Parade

Starts at 5PM

Where: Locust St, Wrightsville, From N. Front to 8th

**Guest Appearance by Santa!** 

Sunday, December 1st

6:00PM

Located at the Constitution Square: Fourth

and Hellam Streets

We hope to see you there!

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



Leaf collection will end on Dec. 6th



#### **ZONING AND BUILDING PERMITS**

All Zoning and Building permit paperwork is processed at the Borough office. Payment for both will also be collected at the Borough. If your project requires both a Zoning and Building Permit you will need to pay for each permit separately. Permit fees do not need to be paid until permit is approved and picked up.

#### **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.

#### NO WORK CAN BE STARTED UNLESS PERMIT IS ISSUED FROM BOROUGH OFFICE!!

#### **Zoning and Building Questions**

Solanco Engineering Associates LLC 103 Fite Way, Suite C Quarryville, PA 17566



717-786-0355

#### **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 <u>www.wrighstvilleborough.com</u> for additional snow emergency information.

# Cold Weather On The Way Here Are Some Safety Tips...

- Wear layers of clothing to stay warm. Gloves and a hat will help prevent losing your body heat.
- Don't forget your pets! Bring them indoors or make sure they have enough shelter to stay warm and that they can get to unfrozen water.
- Protect your pipes. Wrap any outdoor pipes to insulate them.
- If you are using a space heater, place it on a level, hard surface and keep anything flammable at least three feet away (clothing, bedding, curtains, rugs, etc).
- If you use a fireplace, use a glass or metal screen large enough to catch any sparks.
- Turn off space heaters and make sure fireplace embers are out before leaving the room or going to bed.
- Never use a stove or oven to heat your home.
- Check on elderly friends and relatives as they are more susceptible to the cold.



# 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.

SLOW DOWN

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 workers safe!

Historic Wrightsville Incorporated presents the 2024

# Holiday Tea "Traditions"

Saturday, December 14, 2024 seatings at 11:00 and 2:00 Wrightsville Presbyterian Church 205 North Second Street RSVP by December 4

To RSVP call
Historic
Wrightsville
Incorporated
717-252-1169
Tickets \$35





# CHRISTMAS MAGIC 2024 "A FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS"





All admission requires advance ticket purchase online at

ChristmasMagicYork.com

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

#### **DATES AND TIMES**

November 29 - December 30 (closed December 24, 25, and 31) Mon—Thur 6pm to 9pm Fri—Sun 5pm to 9pm

### **ADMISSION RATES**

\$12.00/age 15 and over \$7.00/age 6 to 14 Free/age 5 and under

### **2024 SPECIAL NIGHTS**

Pet Nights\*: 12/2 & 12/9
\*Pets must be friendly and leashed
1/2 Price Adult Tickets: 12/3, 12/4,
12/10, 12/11

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



#### PLANNING VISION FOR WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH'S FUTURE

The long-range plan for the Hellam-Hallam-Wrightsville Region is moving along. Right now, we're focused on the Vision and Mission Statements. Most interesting is the current Vision/Mission for Wrightsville which includes a commitment to its residents to (paraphrasing) "Preserve tranquility, promote a safe environment, demonstrate fiscal responsibility, and to keep traffic moving through the borough expeditiously."

The proposed Vision statement (could change) from the current plan is "The Region will expand on its recreational, agricultural and historic resources, while preserving our rural character, to become a thriving destination in Central Pennsylvania." The destination is the important part, rather than the common references to "a gateway to York County". After all, we don't want people passing *through* Wrightsville expeditiously!

I personally hoped we could work on building an art community here in Wrightsville. If you want to see an example the quality local artists, stop by Virtue Local Art Market at 481 E Market St. in Hallam. The city of York already has a thriving artist community, and, of course, Lancaster is famous for its art district. Why not Wrightsville? We'd get grant money to help the arts flourish here, and we'd be recognized by the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts. We'd start with a centerpiece of art for the new roundabout planned in the timeframe of the new bridge. I would hate for that to be a bronze statue with some guy on a horse. Hey, let's have a contest to get ideas for this very important addition to Wrightsville!



#### PLANNING VISION FOR WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH'S FUTURE

I nominate South Alley to be the first place zoned for this purpose, "The South Alley Arts District of Wrightsville". Of course, I picked that location because I hope one day to have my own artists consignment shop here in Wrightsville. We'd have "Pop-up" events to get ourselves established, and area residents would stroll by to see what's new. They could stay a while and sit at a café table with a cup of the very best coffee and a most interesting pastry. Of course, South Alley might need some road improvements, but I'm sure Eliseo could handle that!

But the rest of the community voted for a historical, recreational and agricultural focus. That approach is probably more "fiscally responsible". The most difficult aspect of working on the long-range plan is staying focused on the current task and not getting ahead of ourselves. For example, as we work on the vision, it's a vision of the future in 10 years, it is not a solution – it does not say how we get there. That's a couple tasks from now! Our consultant is doing a fantastic job, and I expect we'll have a plan we can implement. I will be most honored to volunteer to work on the transition from the long-range plan to the implementation strategy!

~Mary Ellen Siksa





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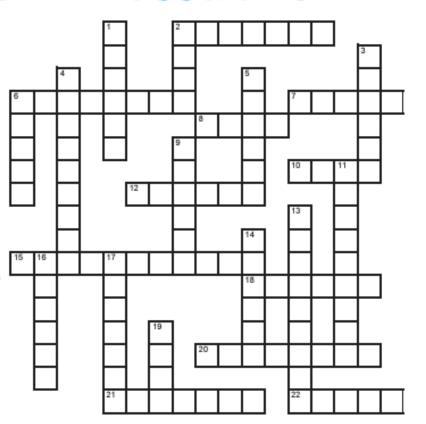
### Winter Crossword

#### Across

- Knitted top.
- 6. Snowstorm with winds.
- 7. Month that winter ends in.
- 8. When the air moves.
- 10. A sudden blast of wind.
- Shake from the cold.
- Tells you how cold it is outside.
- 18. Rather cold.
- 20. Month that winter starts in.
- He might have a carrot for a nose.
- 22. Keeps you neck warm.

#### Down

- 1. Turned into ice.
- 2. It goes downhill fast.
- A short coat.
- 4. What bears do in the winter.
- 5. Opposite of summer.
- Shoes for snowy days.
- Frozen trickle of water.
- Ice crystal.
- 13. December 25th.
- 14. Area around the North Pole.
- Used to warm a room.
- 17. Winter hand warmers.
- Temperature (in Celsius) at which water freezes.





Arctic, Blizzard, Boots, Chilly, Christmas, December, Frozen, Gust, Heater, Hibernate, Icicle, Jacket, March, Mittens, Scarf, Shiver, Sled, Snowflake, Snowman, Sweater, Thermometer, Wind, Winter, Zero

# How To Reach Your Wrightsville Borough Council Members



- Joseph Giandalia: Council President
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  - o tslenker@wrightsvilleborough.com

# Happy Retirement to Brian!



Back in September, we celebrated Brian Lyle's retirement from his position as the General Manager at the Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority. He served 42 years with us and did a phenomenal job all around. The employees learned a wealth of knowledge, and skills, while Brian was here and while we are sad to see him go, we wish him the best of luck in this next stage of life. Thank you, Brian, for all that you have done for the Municipal Authority, and we hope you enjoy your retirement!

### Effective Stormwater Management



#### **Adopt-A-Storm Drain**

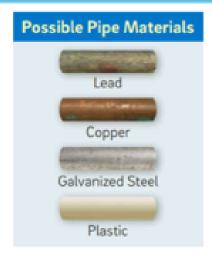
It is very important that we work together to keep our storm drains always working at 100% capacity. Leaves, grass clippings, trash, branches, etc. can cause blockage which may result in dangerous street flooding if a storm hits. Please report any damaged, or blocked, storm drain inlets right away by 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 bird.
- Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life.

## WBMA Needs Your Help!



The Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority needs your help identifying your service line materials. We are asking that you log on to our Wrightsville Borough website and click on the **Water Service Line Survey** tab at the bottom left hand of the main page. Or follow this link:

https://wrightsvilleborough.com/wrightsville-boroughmunicipal-authority-service-line-survey/

Complete the information listed on the survey and hit submit! We appreciate your help in identifying your water line pipe materials!

#### 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 4, 2024
- January 8, 2025
- February 12, 2025
- March 12, 2025



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 Sara Barrett

Alicia Ferrari

Councilman

Councilwoman

Councilwoman

**Brian Lyle** 

Eric J. White

Joseph Giandalia

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Councilman

President

**Tayne Slenker** 

Mayor



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

