

Working Together

"it takes all of us together to build a safer community"

2023 Issue
VOLUME 2





Don't

be in the doghouse

“Part of being a good neighbor is understanding the Borough's

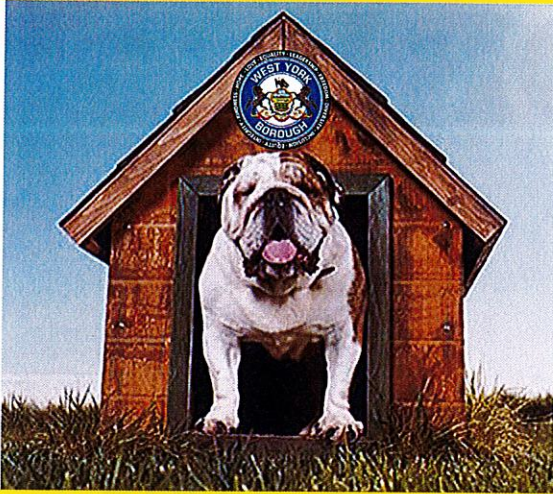
Code of Ordinances”

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Violation Warning Notice

You ARE IN the Doghouse!

WARNING DATE: _____ ITEM _____
ADDRESS _____

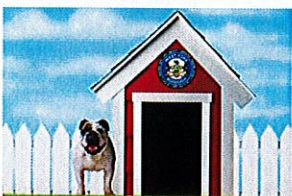
Our Borough

Please remediate before you get a fine!

- 1. High Grass and Weeds
- 2. Improper Disposal of Electronics
- 3. Scattered Trash and Debris
- 4. Parking in Grass
- 5. Fence in Disrepair
- 6. Sidewalk in Disrepair/Blocked
- 7. Improper Appliance Disposal
- 8. Failure to Remove Grass Clippings
- 9. Other _____

Contact West York Borough 717-846-8889

Don't Be In the Dog House! Badge # _____



Violation Warning Notice

ADD Curb Appeal TO Our Borough

Our borough is getting ready for summer, BBQs, back yard fun., house parties and block parties. That means wrapping up spring cleaning and starting summer projects. Planting flowers and sprucing up the house's curb appeal. Make sure you are following our community standards for noise and other nuisance violations.

Our Code Enforcement folks will be out on foot, patrolling in cars and on bikes to ensure our community looks it's best. They will be looking for scattered trash, misplaced trash cans, peeling paint, junk, abandoned cars, and high grass and weeds. Broken windows, dilapidated buildings and fences. They will re-tokenizing good neighbors too.

If you received that warning note and you found yourself in the dog house, get busy to avoid a citation and further fines and costs. It takes all of us to keep our neighborhoods looking their best.

LEARN MORE ABOUT DOGS, the LAW AND YOUR responsibilities

Libre's LAW

Animal Cruelty Act [ACT 10]



LEARN MORE HERE



**Dog License Enforcement
is happening:**



NOW!

Owners of Unlicensed Dogs can receive a fine of up to \$300.00

GET YOUR DOG LICENSE TODAY!

PA Dog Law Enforcement Office : www.licenseyourdogpa.com

GET YOUR LICENCE HERE



2024

Borough Council Meeting Dates

January

8, 22

6PM

February

5, 20

6PM

March

4, 18

6PM

April

2, 15

6PM

May

6, 20

6PM

June

3, 17

6PM

July

1, 15

6PM

August

5, 19

6PM

September

9, 23

6PM

October

7, 21

6PM

November

4, 18

6PM

December

2, 16

6PM

Borough Holidays Observed *

January 1

New Years Day

January 15

Martin Luther King Day

February 19

President's Day

March 29

Good Friday

April 1

Closed Easter

April 23

Primary Day

May 27

Memorial Day

June 19

Junetenth

July 4th

Independence Day

September 2

Labor Day

October 14

Columbus Day

November 5

Election Day

November 11

Veteran's Day

November 28-29

Thanksgiving

December 24-25

Christmas

December 31

New Years Eve

*All offices are closed



WHATS UP!

TOGETHER,

over the last 5 years we have worked tirelessly to improve borough government to be more efficient, responsive, and inclusive. We updated our facilities to be forward looking so we can remain independent for years to come.

We added a municipal parking lot and impound lot which generates revenue. This revenue offsets the cost to purchase our Public Works Complex. It also helps clean up our streets and make parking more readily available for residents.

We kicked off the year with a focus on public safety and grant funding for infrastructure improvements.

- Over \$100,000 in CDBG funds for Hokes Run
- Over \$106,000 in recycling grant funds
- Over \$20,000 in CDBG Funds for a Master Park Plan
- Over 10,000 in Pedestrian and traffic safety grant funding for 2024 and \$145,000 for public safety in 2023

We are also applying for a vast array of state and federal funds for public safety upgrades and park and rec funding.

We refined borough services and added new technology while studying additional improvements and the overall quality of life. The Savvycitizenapp has transformed our ability to notify residents of emergencies, and other community news and notifications such as traffic and parking restrictions.

We have focused on redevelopment and new businesses. We have big changes coming including the continued redevelopment of the Pfaltzgraf complex and South Sumner Street and Market Street. We will see a new climate controlled self storage building by StoreSpace. We also have seen the addition of amazing new business like Fire Life Yoga and La Michoacana Mexican Ice Cream. We look forward to more redevelopment in 2024.

We put a new focus on code enforcement and cleaning up our neighborhoods to make them safer

and more pleasant to live in every day. Including the rehabilitation of blighted properties vacant for decades. The focus on rental safety keeps our neighborhoods safer and reduces the risk of fire and injury. It also helps keep property values for plummeting. We even rolled out positive reinforcement in our Curb Appeal Program which recognizes beautifully kept properties.

The Borough Manager participates in working with several Committees such as the YAMPO Bike and Pedestrian Safety committee and YCSWM Regional Committee. We have also made a commitment to training to better our team. And the services we provide This includes Penndot LDAP trainings to conduct minor traffic studies on our borough streets

We are proud of the relationships we are building too. This year we continued to partner with outside stakeholders to clean up our parks and streets. A huge thanks to York College, West York Area Football, Giant Foods., and the WY VFW. Your volunteerism was appreciated. We also value individuals and organizations, business that donate to our annual events. Your generosity helps make the borough a more energetic and inviting place to live and do business

We look forward to planning and celebrating our country with America250. and the nation's organized birthday party.

Our 2024 budget is a great compromise to end the year. It respects residents by being mindful of tax increases while not cutting public safety or general government services. It is another step in being debt free in 2026 and curing budget deficits.

I look forward to working together to make this borough a place everyone can be proud to call home or start a new business. We can't do this alone we need your help to be a good neighbor and get involved to making West York Borough safer, happier, and healthier.

My door is always open and I am here to help. Have questions? Call me at 717-846-8889 or email me at shawn.mauck@westyorkpa.gov

UPDATE FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER -2023

- Shawn Mauck



KEEPING STORMWATER INLETS CLEAR, CLEAN, AND LITER FREE

The borough will be marking all stormwater inlets to remind residents to keep them clean and free of litter and illegal pollutants. These inlets dump into Pennsylvania's waterways and ultimately doing your part to reduce pollutants help keep the Chesapeake bay. Clean and healthy.

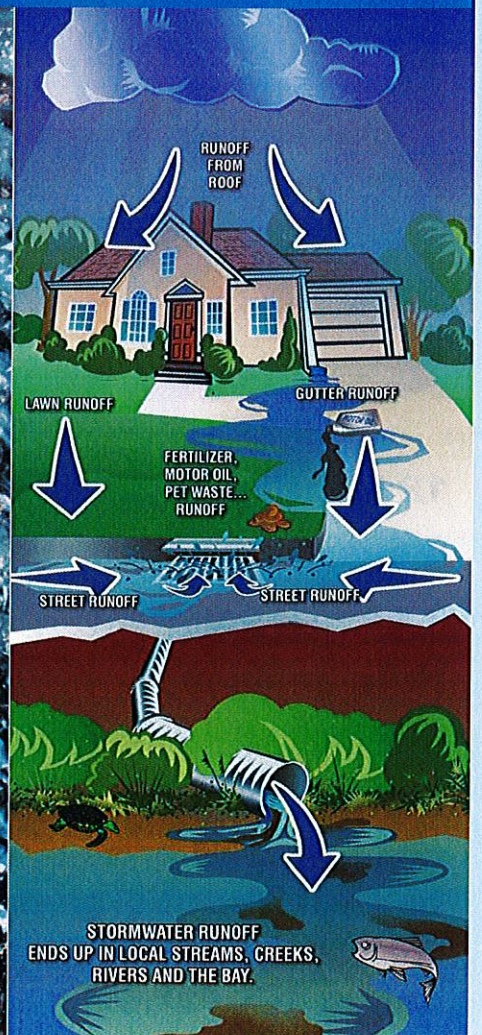
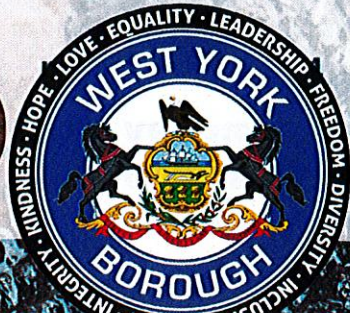
Violators face stiff penalties and fines.



FRESH WATER INLET



MS4
Municipal
Separate
Storm
Sewer
System



Help A Firefighter

You can be instrumental in adding paid firefighters to our department through a small monthly or annual donation.

Make a Donation...

NOW

You

Can!

Monthly

Annually

12 Monthly payments	\$9.11
4 quarterly payments	\$36.44
1 annual payment	\$109.32
Hero payment	\$500.00

Contact 717-846-8889 to make a commitment or send check or money order to West York Borough 1381 West Poplar St. c/o fire department or make donations online at westyorkpa.gov





Winterfest

AND BOROUGH TREE LIGHTING

“FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE”

DEC. 9TH 5-7:30 PM

Our *Handi-capable* Parking



Since the fall of 2021, you can get a specialized handi-cap spot. After going through our process to verify your PennDOT approved placard and paying the one-time fee we will place your sign and issue our placard to you to ensure your space is available for you! Call 717-846-8889 for details.



Please take our brief survey sparrow generated West York Borough/ Republic Services Refuse Survey.

We will be gathering data as we build our 2024 public bid for refuse services. We appreciate the feedback we get from the public. We are already in discussions with Republic as to what new services are available and are beneficial to borough residents based on national trends.



 Spay & Neuter Clinic: Book Now

Donate

A close-up photograph of a cat's face, showing its large, expressive green eyes and pink nose. The cat is looking directly at the camera with a calm expression.

Shelter Admissions

Managed Shelter Admission Policy

Did you know?

West York Borough has an animal Control Officer who can assist with lost pets and animal concerns. Shelley Metzler is dedicated to help and does not charge West York Borough residents a fee.

Contact Shelley at shelley.metzler@westyorkpa.gov or 717-880-2957

Wildlife concerns should be directed to the state game commission. Contact at 1-833-742-9453



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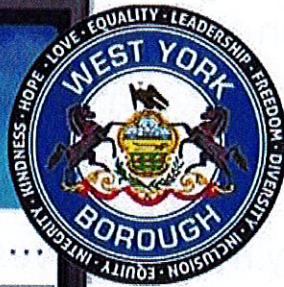
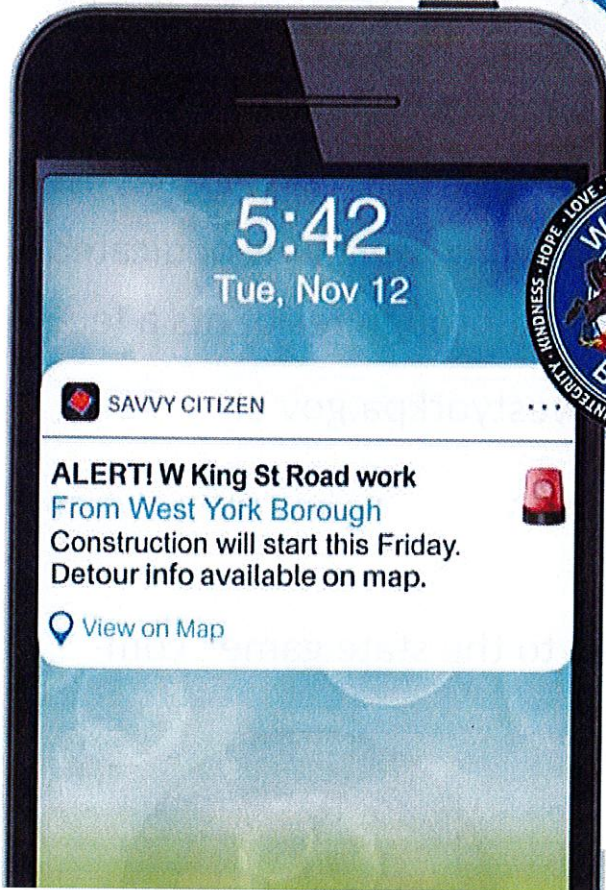


Become a Savvy Citizen!



Want to know what's going on in the West York Borough?

Our new Savvy Citizen app will keep you better informed of important borough news and happenings in our community.



- Sign-up for **Apple** and **Android** users is simple and free. Become more savvy and receive useful borough updates, community news, and event reminders by downloading today.
- Download the App now!



or visit SavvyCitizenApp.com for more info and download links

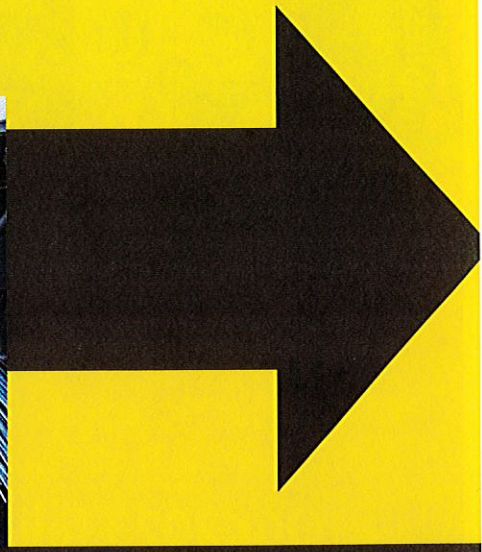
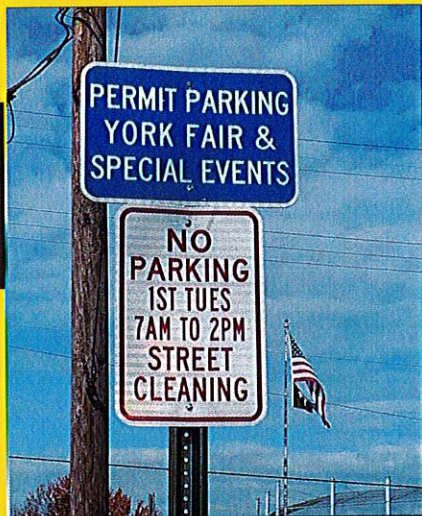
West York Borough is now using Savvy Citizen to communicate with residents. West York Borough has recently subscribed to Savvy Citizen, a notification system which allows municipalities to easily and effectively communicate with their residents via push notifications, text messages or e-mails. Savvy Citizen is more than a notification system as it allows West York Borough to keep up to date on community events, helpful information, road closures, alerts and much more. Available on Android, iPhone/iPad and desktop, residents of West York Borough can choose to receive notifications with push alerts on their smart phone, or they can browse in-app for a full listing of their notifications, alerts and community events. Those without smartphones can sign up via www.savvycitizenapp.com/signup and select to have text notifications or e-mails sent to them. Whether it is a road closure, a change in trash or recycling pick up due to a holiday, a fun local event or significant municipal meeting, Savvy Citizen has a complete scheduling system that allows municipalities to communicate with residents of West York Borough. Download it for free today at savvycitizenapp.com !

Coming to your neighborhood

Our new street sweeping program runs from May-October and on the days posted.

Side streets Thurs. or Fri. Main streets Tues.-Weds.

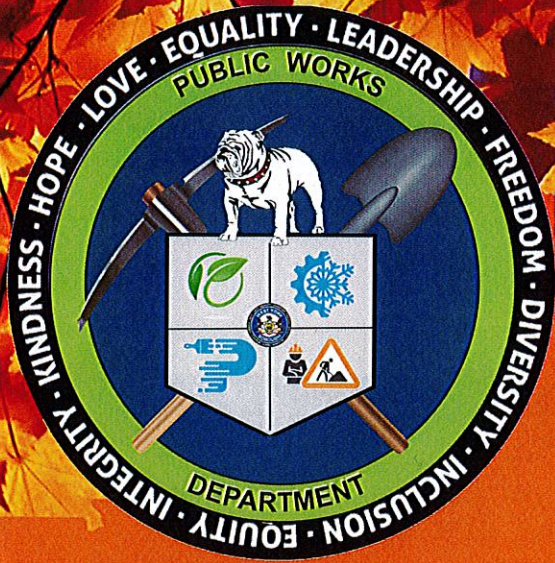
Call 717-846-8889 for more details



Improving Pedestrian Safety

Painting, lines, spaces, curbs and parks... *this summer*



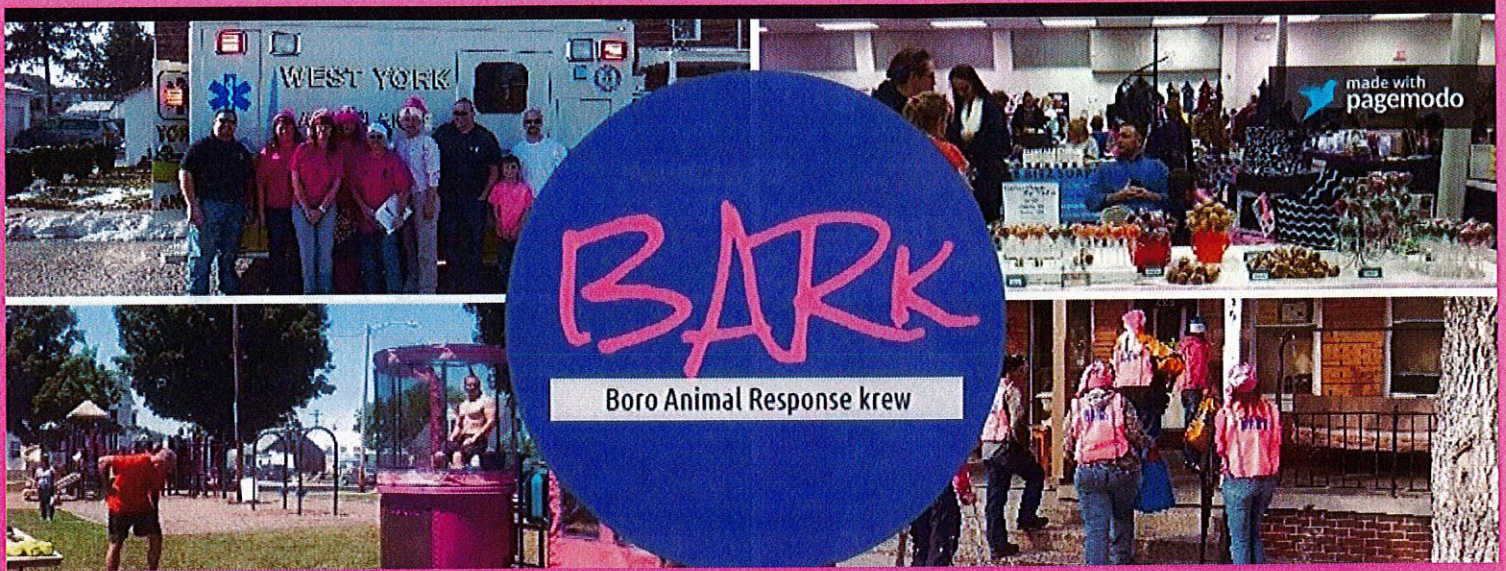


Fall Leaf Pickup

Our 2023 fall leaf pickup schedule begins Wednesday November 7th and will be conducted daily Monday through Friday through the first week of December unless there is snow on the ground.

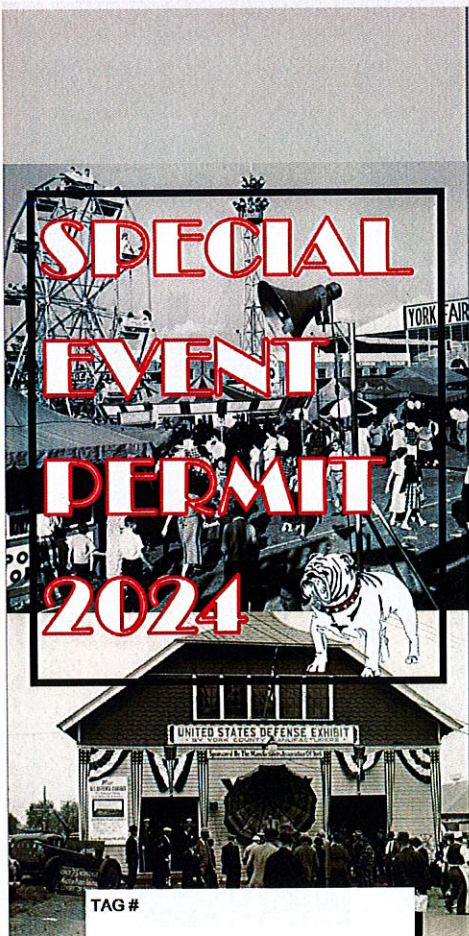
Please rake leaves into piles at the public street curb line.

Questions call 717-846-8889



Learn about our new tenant BARk. They are all about our borough pets. Need help with your pets.? Learn more about BARks needy pet drive and pet food distribution.

Contact Shelley at: smetzler0725@comcast.net



Fair Parking 2024 PERMITS

\$5

**Available
Now**



MANDATORY Recycling

Boroughwide

The borough was elevated to a mandatory recycling community when the 2020 census was completed due to the borough population growing over 5000.

The Borough has received over \$106,000 dollars to offset it's recycling program and to provide a new leaf vacuum for the public works department. This gives us the ability to replace the last 60s era equipment with modern efficient equipment to better service to you.

ALUMINUM



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CARDBOARD

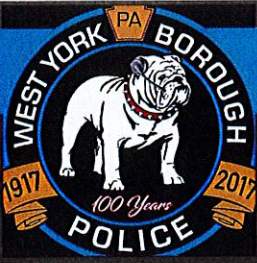


GLASS



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A Word from the Chief

Welcome to the 2023 edition of the West York Borough Newsletter. Recently, in partnership with York College, the police department conducted a community survey to determine the concerns of Borough residents from a police standpoint. This survey was well received

One of the biggest concerns related to juveniles in the Borough, and as I mentioned last year, through grant funding we created a juvenile engagement unit in which one of our officers is assigned to work exclusively with our youth to mentor them and hold them accountable.

We continued to prioritize the major concerns of our residents, and I am pleased to tell you that this year we were able to create two new units to address your concerns

First, we have established a traffic safety officer who is responsible for conducting full-time traffic enforcement on our roads and streets. This officer utilizes a variety of enforcement tools everyday to ensure that the motoring public is safe, and that violators of the motor vehicle code are stopped and, in many cases, cited. The modification of driver behavior and prevention of aggressive driving are of utmost importance. This officer also enforces parking regulations, assists our parking enforcement team (Highway Department & Borough Manager) and investigates accidents. Many of our traffic details are grant funded due to our commitment to traffic safety.

Second, we have created a nuisance abatement squad and assigned an officer to it. This officer patrols the neighborhoods, primarily on foot, dealing with quality-of-life issues such as abandoned vehicles, property maintenance codes, and other issues that lead to blight and deterioration of our community. This officer also works closely with our Fire Inspectors ensuring that rental properties are being maintained in a safe manner for the residents.

We are also proud to announce a new arrival into the department and Borough for 2023, and that is our new, four-legged officer, K-9 Beau. Beau is a close to one-year-old bloodhound and has been trained to track individuals, especially lost & missing children. Beau is assigned to the York Child Abduction Response Team (continued)

and was obtained through donations by community groups and area businesses. He will meet his Pennsylvania State Police certification standards this November (2023). Our Mayor, as well as the BARK Organization were integral in helping us obtain K-9 Beau.

Our patrol force and our investigator continue to handle on average twenty (20) calls for service a day. Many don't realize that our minimum shift manning brings two (2) officers on duty per shift. Many of the calls that we handle are domestic related disturbances, as well as calls for assaults. Additionally, we have seen an increase in burglaries occurring in the Borough, especially to some of our businesses. I am happy to report that we are making arrests in most of those cases. We have also tasked officers to focus on illegal possession of weapons and drugs coming into West York and have made several high-profile arrests. We also continue to maintain a 100% closure rate in cases involving gun violence for the year. We have prioritized training for our officers, having: advanced homicide investigation, active shooter / school shooter training, and de-escalation training, been made available to them this year. We must constantly focus on ensuring that our officers are prepared to handle all situations in which they are called to.

In July, our Detective Lieutenant was honored with an award by the York County DA's Office for outstanding service, our Chief was recognized for Small Agency Leadership, a Senior Patrolman set an all time world record in powerlifting sports, our Juvenile Engagement Officer was recognized for fostering growth among area youth, and two of our patrolman who are part of the York County QRT (SWAT) Team received promotions and recognition within team ranks. Additionally, the Chief was asked to oversee law enforcement program management for the York Coalition on Homelessness. I continue to be proud of this department, where we will always focus on our residents, the Constitution, and the law to guide us in the protection and guardianship of the Borough. Please know that every day, we are fighting for you, and feel blessed by your support.

Chief Matthew J. Millsaps

2024

Fiscal Budget Outlook

Total Revenue: \$5,185,289.09

Real Estate Tax: \$2,590,205.00

Local Tax: \$703,080.00

State Shared Revenue: \$282,347.00

Rent of Buildings: \$10,500.00

Business Permits: \$63,236.00

Non-business Permits: \$11,875.00

Budget Expenditures:

Police \$2,000,980.00,

Fire \$442,100.00,

Public Works \$452,700.00,

General Government Service
\$777,609.00

Planning and zoning \$14,700.00

Street lighting \$100,000.00

Refuse \$689,800.00

Parks \$6,900.00

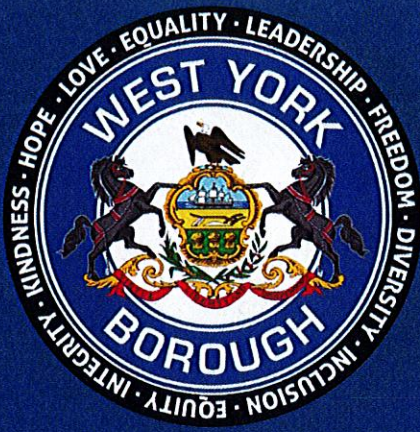
Total Budget: \$5,185,289.09

Working with the borough manager the borough council has approved a preliminary budget for 2024.

This compromise ends a stalemate that would have reduced police coverage. This compromise also reduces the need for a larger tax hike while revising our fee and fine structure for 2024.

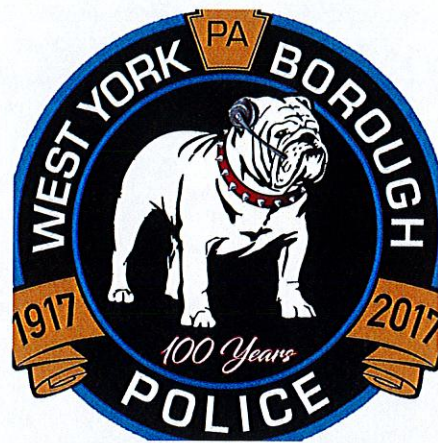
This budget keeps up with inflation and does not cut public safety or services to the public





Contact information

Borough Administrative Office	717-846-8889
Borough Manager's Office	717-542-7591
Police Calls	911
Fire Calls	911
Nuisance Abatement /Pedestrian Safety	717-846-8889
Animal Enforcement	911
Refuse Billing Questions	717-846-8889
York Adams Tax Bureau	717-845-1584
York County Treasurer's Office	717-771-9603
Sewer and Water Billing (York Water Co.)	717-845-3601
Commonwealth Code Inspection Inc.	717-846-2004
Borough Code Enforcement	717-846-8889
Borough Zoning Officer	717-542-7591
Republic Services	800-210-9675
Borough Website	westyorkpa.gov
WYPD Website	wypd.org
York County Website	yorkcountypa.gov



Working together *to keep you safe*



- Welcome our 3 new officers, we hired 2 fulltime officers and a parttime officer
- Kick off of summer foot and bike patrols
- Partnered with York City to engage our youth and prevent crime
- A focus on community policing and engaging the public for better relationships
- Investments in new vehicles to reduce costs
- A focus on business security
- Keeping drug sealers and illegal drugs off the streets

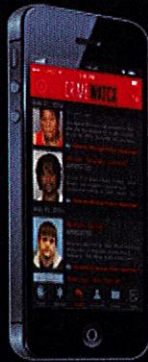


- Renewing our focus on traffic safety, speeding, and DUI
- Rollout of new technology such the Bola Wrap
- Better notification through Crimewatch

if you

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something

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something



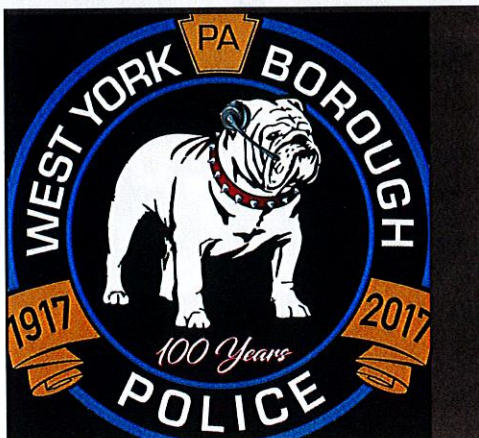
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Download the CRIMEWATCH mobile application and stay up to date with crime in your area. Our app lets you browse nearby crime and anonymously submit tips to authorities.

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