



## **Windsor Borough News**

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**The Borough Office** will be <u>closed beginning April 6<sup>th</sup> through April 14<sup>th</sup>.</u> The office will re-open on Monday April 17<sup>th</sup>. While the office is closed, voice mail messages and emails will be checked. Please put any payments in the Payment Drop Box located to the left of the front door.

**Tax sitting dates and times** – Tax Collector Bobbi Daley will be at the Borough office to accept tax payments on the following dates in April: Tues April 11<sup>th</sup> (6-8 pm), Thurs April 13<sup>th</sup> (6-8 pm) & Fri April 14<sup>th</sup> (11-1 pm). You can contact her at 717-819-1760.

**Free Community Breakfast** – The Lions Club hosts a free Community Breakfast the first Saturday of each month from 8:30-10:30 at the Lions Club Building located at 24 E High St. All are welcome!

**Street Sweeping** will occur on May 10<sup>th</sup> - May 11<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 8 am to 5 pm. **Owners of cars parked on the street during street sweeping will receive a fine in the amount of \$50.** "No Parking" signs will be posted on designated streets several days in advance to remind residents not to park on the street between the hours of 8:00 am -5:00 pm. Dates may be changed depending on weather conditions.

**Annual Community Yard Sale** will be held on <u>June 8<sup>th</sup> through June 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm</u>. A second Community Yard Sale will be held on <u>August 10<sup>th</sup> through August 12<sup>th</sup> (8-5 pm</u>). A permit is not required for individuals who want to participate in the Community Yard Sales. Please remember to remove all yard sale signs once the sale is over.

**Little Blessings Christian Preschool** – offers a weekday program at Emmanuel Church (2185 Windsor Rd). Pre-K class is Mon -Fri, 3 yr old class is Tue & Thurs and the 4 yr old class is Mon, Wens & Fri. Call 717-968-1898 for further info or email eumc.littleblessingspreschool@gmail.com.

**Free Energy Saving Home Improvements** – Residents that are low to moderate income may be eligible to receive free energy saving home improvements through the WARM program. The program offers an inhome energy usage evaluation & free home improvements such as caulking & weather stripping, attic/wall insulation, energy saving light bulbs, refrigerator/freezer testing & possible replacement, electric water heater inspection & possible replacement of inefficient window/wall air conditioners. Contact the Dollar Energy Fund at 888-406-8074 for further info.

**Free Service to York Co Property Owners** – The York Co Recorder of Deeds offers a free notification service to all property owners to alert them when a deed transfer for their property has been filed. Register by going to <a href="www.yorkcounty.pa.gov">www.yorkcounty.pa.gov</a> and click on the Records Notification tab. Enter a valid email along with the Property ID Number (18 numbers & letters) which can be found on your tax bill. Property owners can register up to 25 properties. If a deed transfer is filed for your property, you will receive an email. For further info call 717-771-9608.

Main Street Parking – Residents/tenants who live on Main St need to use all available parking areas <u>behind</u> their house in order to free up parking spaces for people who do not have a parking area behind their house. Please be considerate of neighbors by parking only 1 vehicle on Main St. Placing objects in the road to save parking spaces is strictly prohibited.

**Fireworks** – <u>Fireworks are not permitted to be set off/discharged in the Borough at any time.</u> PA State Law prohibits the use of fireworks within 150 feet of an occupied structure or within any public right-of-way. State Police advise that if you see anyone setting off fireworks, video record the activity and report it to the State Police.

**Street light outages** – Residents should report street light outages by calling 800-545-7741 and follow the automated prompts. You will need to provide the closest street address, cross street info and the pole number.

**Open Burning** is not permitted in the Borough due to close proximity of houses. This includes the use of fire pits and burning barrels.

**Playground Rules** – Please help keep the park, playground and ball field area clean and safe for residents by observing the following:

No dogs/pets allowed

- \* No weapons of any kind are allowed
- \* No smoking, alcohol and drug use
- \* No vandalism

Clean up all trash - use provided trash receptacles

**Building permits** – all construction including repairs to sidewalks & driveways, additions to a house/shed, placement of pre-built structures (such as sheds), new patios, fences and decks require that a permit be obtained before any work can be started. Please call the Codes Enforcement Officer, Bob Huska at 717-578-3010 to obtain a permit.

**Dumpster Ordinance** – Residents who want to place a dumpster or pod in their yard or on the street are required to apply for a permit. This will help us to ensure that proper safety measures are being taken. Dumpster/pods are not allowed to sit more than 30 days on a residents property or in the street. Residents can have dumpster for up to 14 days without paying a permit fee. Dumpsters that sit longer than 14 days will be assessed a fee of \$15 per day.

**Sidewalks** – Homeowners/tenants are responsible for maintaining sidewalks and the curbs/street area by trimming weeds, keeping debris off of sidewalks and keeping bushes & tree limbs from hanging over sidewalks. Sidewalks must be passable for pedestrians, strollers, wheelchairs, etc.

**Tall grass & maintenance of yard** – grass must be cut (not to grow beyond 6 inches), junk, litter, trash and unwanted items are not allowed to accumulate in yards. Dog owners are responsible for properly disposing of dog waste on a daily basis.

**Fishing Creek** – Residents who have a portion of Fishing Creek on their property are responsible for keeping trash & other debris from the creek. Building of dams or placing rocks, branches, logs or any type of debris in the creek is a violation of the Borough Ordinance. Residents who do not keep their part of the creek clean from trash are subject to receiving a violation from the Codes Enforcement Officer.

**Quarterly water, sewer and garbage bills** —Residents are reminded to mail payments (including bank payments) at least 10 days prior to the due date to ensure it arrives by the due date. Payments dropped off at the Windsor Post Office are shipped to the Harrisburg office to be processed then returned to the local post office for delivery. Payments can be dropped off at the office at any time. Please see the back of the quarterly bills & the website for further payment options. <a href="Payment due dates for the entire year is listed on the quarterly bills & on the website.">Payment due dates for the entire year is listed on the quarterly bills & on the website.</a> Residents can pay bills on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis. If you do not receive a quarterly bill please call the office to request it. Late fees cannot be waived if you did not receive a bill or for payments received after the due date.

**Water meters** – Residents are to keep water meters & areas leading up to meters clear of tall grass, trees/bushes, dog waste, snow & clutter for the safety of the maintenance person. Residents are to keep dogs confined when the maintenance person will be on your property to read the water meter. If the maintenance person cannot safely & easily reach your water meter because of the above mentioned conditions, your water consumption will be estimated which will result in higher than normal bill.

**Garbage complaints** – If you have a complaint or concern regarding the trash service, please contact Penn Waste directly at 717-767-4456. Provide the customer service rep with the complaint/concern & your address so they can enter a work order. All work orders will be sent to the Route Supervisor to be addressed with the drivers/workers.

**Trash collection** and **recycling**– Penn Waste collects trash on Monday's (recycle bins & trash) and Thursday's (1 large item & trash). Please have all trash out the night before or early in the morning and contain all loose trash so it doesn't blow into the street. Remember that if the Monday trash collection falls on a holiday then trash pickup that week will be delayed by one day so trash will be collected on Tuesday and Friday. Also, Penn Waste cannot accept any electronics (computers, keyboards, tv's etc.) or appliances. Residents can dispose of electronics and appliances at the <u>York Co Solid Waste Authority Facility</u>. For further information please call 717 845-1066 or **www.ycswa.com** 

Recycle Containers – are available at the Borough office. 25 gallon round trash can style containers cost \$5 and 32 gallon round trash can style containers cost \$10.

**Effects of Pollution on your Sewer bill** - A portion of your sewer bill pays for upkeep and repairs to wastewater treatment plants and sewer lines. Wastewater is used water. It includes substances such as human waste, food scraps, oils, soaps and chemicals. In homes, this includes water from sinks, showers, bathtubs, toilets, washing machines and dishwashers.

Treatment plants treat water to reduce and remove pollutants in wastewater to a relatively clean and safe level for people and wildlife. Much of the water used by homes, industries, and businesses must be treated before it is released back to the environment.

You can do simple things to reduce pollution which then decreases the amount of polluted water that treatment plants have to treat. The following are just a few examples:

Clean up after your pet. Pet waste left on the ground gets carried into streams by storm water and pollutes the water with bacteria, parasites and viruses that are harmful to people and wildlife.

Don't flush "unflushable" items such as baby and adult wipes, feminine products, rags, paper towels, cat litter, cigarette butts, bandages, diapers, Q-tips or unused medicine. Flushing these items down the toilet will not only pollute the water but will also cause damage to sewer lines.

Take care of fluids that are leaking from your car. Vehicles that drip fluids such as oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze and brake fluids contribute to polluting the water because the fluids gets washed into the water system by rain water. Dispose of fluids by taking them to an auto store to be recycled. Oil and other petroleum products are toxic to people, wildlife and plants. Used motor oil is the largest single source of oil pollution in our lakes, streams and rivers. Americans spill 180 million gallons of used oil each year into our waters.

By reducing pollutants, waste water treatment plants can work more efficiently and will have fewer repair costs to equipment.

**Council meetings** are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at  $\underline{6:00 \text{ pm}}$ . Authority meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at  $\underline{6:00 \text{ pm}}$  in the Borough office. If you need to address any issues with the Council or Authority members, please call the Borough office in order to be placed on the agenda.

## **Windsor Borough Officials**

Mayor – Larry Markel (160 W Main St) Matthew Dietz – (33 W High St) Brenda Kramer – (6 Wellyn Dr) Melissa Raver – 18 S Camp St Penny Dzubinski – (133 W First Ave) Rich Mitzel – (100 W Main St)



