

# Wernersville 2021 Fall Newsletter

Borough Council Meetings-1st Wednesday of every Month @ 7PM

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Office Hours are Daily 9:00 to 2:00 Monday through Friday or Email us at [Wernersville@aol.com](mailto:Wernersville@aol.com)

## IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

**LEAF COLLECTION** Leaf Collection will begin On October 18th and run through December 3rd, weather permitting. No branches, trash, grass trimmings, animal waste etc.

**CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP** Christmas tree pick up days will on January 3rd, 4th, 7th, 10th, 11th, and 14th. Please have your tree out curbside no later than Thursday evening, January 13th if you would like it picked up by the Borough. However, if you want to dispose of your tree before this time, you may take it to the Yard Waste Drop Off on Point Road, if you have an access card. Trees should be clear of all lights and ornaments. Please be courteous to the Borough employees and only place curb side weather permitting.

H A P P Y  
*retirement*

## RETIREMENT OF GARY HEYDT, ROADMASTER

It saddens us to announce that Gary Heydt's last day will be Friday, December 31st, 2021. For over 34 years, Gary has been an important part of the Borough Road Crew and his dedication and hard work have been greatly appreciated.

Gary is looking forward to spending more time with his Family and Grandson and taking time to travel and enjoy his hobbies.

If you see Gary around the Borough, please wish him well in his Retirement.

## News from the Mayor

Keegan Worley

Neighbors:

As my term as your Mayor comes to an end at the end of this year, I hope I have been communicative to you of all things, and would like to express my sincere appreciation for each and every one of you. We are all neighbors in this community we call home; a community that is truly extraordinary, especially showcased during the majority of my tenure during this COVID-19 pandemic. I am proud to be a resident of Wernersville Borough and look forward to seeing you around town.

**KEEGAN**

**At the Borough Hall you can pay your trash bills,  
apply for building and zoning permits, pick up voter registration forms.**

**THE BOROUGH HALL** will be closed the following days in observation of the holidays. Thanksgiving Nov. 25th and 26th.

**FLAG DROP BOX** Bring in your old, worn American Flags to the borough office and put them in our Flag drop box.

**MEDICATION DROP BOX** (no longer at the Wernersville Borough building) There is a drop box for old medications located at the South Heidelberg Township at 555A Mountain Home Rd in Sinking Spring.

**ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION CENTER is located at 1316 Hilltop Road, Leesport, PA.** Which is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8:00 am to 12 noon. They accept all electronic items, televisions, VCR's, microwaves, fluorescent bulbs, air conditioners, dehumidifiers. This is free for all residents. Their phone is (610) 478-6362 for more information.

**YARD WASTE can be taken to South Heidelberg drop off.** The gates are open 8:00AM-5:00PM Monday thru Saturday (after daylight savings, open till 8:00 PM), 1-5 on Sunday. Directions: go past the Moyer Nissan building, take the first left onto Point Road. Drop-off is to the right. **\*\*Please Note: will need an access card to use the Yard Waste Drop off Site\*\***

**CURBSIDE YARD WASTE COLLECTION** will be on Friday, November 19th, Please call the Borough Office at 610-678-1486 to SCHEDULE your pick-up by November 15th. Place items out the night before, we will be picking up early. Yard waste (limbs, branches, shrub trimmings, etc.) tied and properly bundled-maximum size 48"x18"x18" will be collected. Trimmings shall be properly tied, placed in an open container or paper lawn and leaf bag. **NO TRIMMINGS IN PLASTIC BAGS AND NO GRASS WILL BE COLLECTED.**

## South Heidelberg Township Police Department News



The South Heidelberg Township Police Department is excited to announce the addition of a K9 to our Police Department. The K-9, named Aldo, is a German Shorthaired Pointer, trained in narcotics detection, tracking, and article search. Aldo will be partnered with South Heidelberg Township Police Officer Bryan Baxter who has been with the Department since 2019.

The addition of Aldo to the Police Department was made possible with the generous support of the Caron Treatment Centers, which has their Headquarters, and operates a large campus, in South Heidelberg Township. The K-9 will not only assist the staff at Caron but will be on patrol in the greater Conrad Weiser Community. In addition to South Heidelberg Township, the Police Department provides Police services to Heidelberg Township, as well as the Boroughs of Wernersville and Robeson.

The partnership with Caron Treatment Centers was integral to making the Police Department's K-9 program possible and will greatly enhance the safety and security of our community. Aldo's training in narcotics detection, along with his ability to track missing persons, and lost articles, will enable the Police Department to search for lost children and older adults more efficiently, and help deter and detect illegal drugs in our community.

K9-Aldo and Officer Baxter made a recent appearance at the Robeson Borough Council meeting in August and met with members of Council and the Community. We look forward to having members of the Conrad Weiser Community meet Officer Baxter and K-9 Aldo as they patrol together in Robeson.



**DON'T FORGET TO TURN  
YOUR CLOCKS BACK!**



# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT



## MS4 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination:

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination is a major component of a municipal stormwater management program. Every time someone uses the storm drain or a ditch as a disposal system, they're causing an impact downstream. That's because storm sewers and ditches don't go to wastewater treatment plants. Storm drains are separated in most instances from the sanitary system. That's by design. Our wastewater treatment facilities simply couldn't handle the volume of stormwater that is created in every storm. Stormwater is released unfiltered and untreated into streams, lakes, and wetlands. Municipalities are required to ensure that the water leaving their systems is as clean as possible. Part of that is knowing all of the sources that are flowing into the system and it's not always just water. Septic systems, used oil, carpet cleaning fluid, wastewater...you name it, someone has disposed of it into the stormwater system and that waste is now in our waterways. These are called illicit discharges to the stormwater system. Municipalities are required under the MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) regulations to identify and eliminate those illicit discharges.

Here are 12 actions that homes, and businesses can take to prevent illicit discharges into the storm sewer system:

- 1. Eliminate connections to storm sewers.** Make sure that wastewater, spills or soapy water can't flow into a storm sewer by any drain or stormwater flow. Check with your city/ town to determine if clean water discharges to a storm sewer are allowed.
- 2. Store hazardous materials properly.** Inside or under cover.
- 3. Make a current spill response plan and clean up kit accessible.**
- 4. Train employees on spill response and good housekeeping practices.**  
Repeat training regularly.
- 5. Use "dry" methods for clean-up and spills.** Keep a broom, mop and kitty litter or other absorbent materials handy. Do not use water to rinse off a spill.
- 6. Use a mop sink for cleaning floor mats and equipment.**  
Pour wash water in the sink, not outside.
- 7. Ensure dumpsters remain covered and leak-proof.** Locate dumpsters away from storm drains.
- 8. Wash vehicles at a commercial car wash.** If you must wash vehicles or equipment outdoors, use water only, or wash on grassy areas and divert soapy water from stormdrains.
- 9. Keep parking lots and service areas clean.** Provide trash bins and empty them regularly.  
Divert water from loading docks.
- 10. Keep wetlands and riparian buffer areas clean and in natural condition.** Keep these areas free of trash, yard waste, and debris that can pollute or obstruct water flow. If possible, allow vegetation to grow into a natural buffer instead of mowing to wetland edges.
- 11. Water wisely and limit fertilizer use.** Keep water and fertilizer on the grass, not pavement.  
Consider replacing some lawn area with low-care plantings.
- 12. Design your yard to infiltrate, filter or detain runoff.** Divert roof leaders, foundation drains, air conditioning condensate and other clean water to grassy areas, away from pavement and stormdrains.

**Friendly Reminder:** Please make sure that you are keeping your sidewalks clear of any tree limbs, bushes, brush, debris etc. so that they are safe for pedestrians. If you have any bushes or trees close to the sidewalk, please make sure they are trimmed. Trees along the street and sidewalk must be maintained so as not to interfere with road and sidewalk use. Clearance above the sidewalk should be no less than 7 feet and no less than 15 feet above the street. Also, while mowing grass please be careful that you are not blowing grass onto the street or sidewalk as this creates a safety hazard and can end up in the storm sewer system.

**Weeds:** Please make sure you keep your sidewalks and curbs weed free. It is the responsibility of the resident/homeowner to maintain the sidewalk and pull or spray weeds along the curb. This includes the space between the curb and street.

**Home Addresses:** all home addresses should be easily visible from the street in case of emergency.

**Selling your home?** The Wernersville Borough requires an inspection prior to making settlement on the sale of a home in the Borough, under Ordinance 545. Please contact us for the form and fee for this inspection. All homes must also have Sidewalk and Curbing, under Ordinance 530. If they do not have sidewalk and curb prior to the sale, it would need to be installed by the new buyer within 120 days after settlement.

**Leaf Collecting will start October 18th:** PLEASE LEAVES ONLY, NO BRANCHES, they will damage the machine. The road crew will begin at one end of the Borough and continue thru the Borough and then restart again. Please refrain from placing trash and recycling cans in the street, please place them in the planting strip. Also please keep portable basketball hoops out of the street and planting strip. We only have one truck, so please have patience. All leaves will be picked up until December 3rd, weather permitting.

**Snow must be removed** from your sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling. Failure to comply will result in a fine of up to \$300. Property owners and/ or tenants are also required to keep a two (2) foot radius around the fire hydrants clear of snow and a clear access from the street. Please do not shovel or blow snow into street. This can create a dangerous situation and hamper the efforts of the road crew. This could result in a fine per Borough Ordinance. Residents may wish to wait to clear their sidewalks and driveways until snow plowing is complete to avoid having to shovel again. The road crew does not intentionally plow driveways shut. Also, please make an effort to park vehicles off the street at the onset of a storm to assist the road crew in clearing your street.

**If a "snow emergency" is declared by the Mayor:** it will be announced publicly by means of radio and television, this includes WEEU and CHANNEL 69 NEWS and the BOROUGH WEB SITE. This declaration will cover the "snow emergency routes" listed below. It will go into effect three (3) hours after first being announced. If a "snow emergency" is declared, you are not permitted to park on the snow emergency streets. The penalty for parking on a "snow emergency route" will be a twenty-dollar (\$20.00) parking ticket, for the first offense. Subsequent offences are punishable by up to a three hundred dollar (\$300) fine. A separate offense shall be deemed to be committed on each day during the length of the "snow emergency".

#### **SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES**

ELM STREET; FAIRVIEW STREET; FURNACE ROAD; HILL ROAD; N. CHURCH RD.; S. CHURCH RD.; LINCOLN DRIVE; MOUNTAIN BLVD.; PENN AVE.; STITZER AVE.; WERNER STREET.

# PLEASE REMEMBER TO RECYCLE!

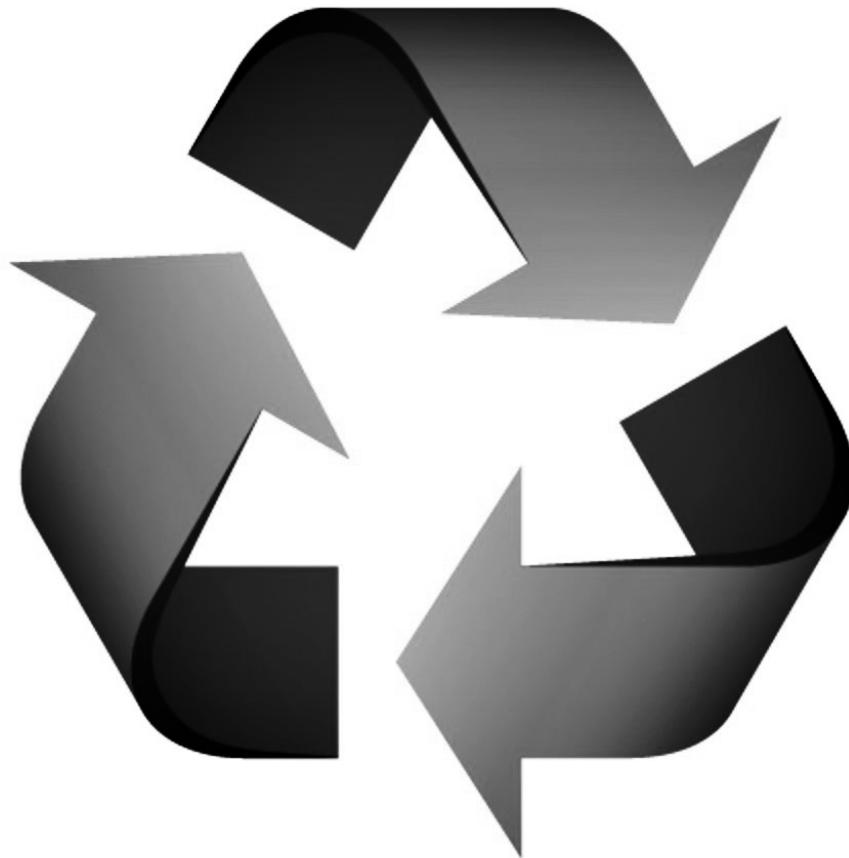
Recycling not only helps conserve the environment and landfill space, it enables various companies to purchase recycled commodities to make their products, which helps control manufacturing material costs and, in turn, helps keep costs down for consumers.

## **Acceptable items:**

- *White Envelopes, Junk Mail*
- *Computer, Fax, Notebook and Copy Paper*
- *Kraft Paper/Brown Grocery Bags*
- *Magazines, Catalogs, Phone Books and Paperback Books*
- *Chipboard/Boxboard*
- *White and Colored Ledger Paper, Construction Paper*
- *Newspaper*
- *Paper egg cartons*
- *Juice Boxes, Milk Cartons and Frozen Food Cartons*
- *Tin and Bi-Metal Containers (including Aerosol Cans)*
- *Aluminum Foil (Pie Plates, etc)*
- *Plastic Containers 1-7*

## **Unacceptable items:**

*Trash*  
*Clothing*  
*Diapers*  
*Styrofoam*  
*Caps*  
*Lids*  
*Food*  
*Yard Waste*  
*Glass*





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berkslibraries.org/wernersville

**The Wernersville Public Library is here for you!** The Library has remained open all year, expanding hours and serving the community without missing a beat. Programs for children and adults left our four walls and expanded into the community, and plans for a robust winter are under way!

- **Home Delivery, Curbside, and In-Person** Check Out of **Books, DVDs, Games, and Wi-fi Hotspots**
- Free **Computer** and **WiFi Access**, and Staff Assistance with Technology Needs
- **Free Access to Ebooks and Digital Audiobooks.** Ask for Details!
- Free Virtual and In-Person Toddler and Pre-School Early Literacy Programs
- Free Virtual Award-Winning\* After-School Programs that Enrich School-Aged Children
- Programs Serving the Underserved in Our Community such as Teen Events, Daycare Storytimes, and Senior Outreach

\*Pennsylvania Library Association's 2019 Best Practices in Youth Services - STEM Category

During this difficult time, library funding is in jeopardy, while at the same time, libraries are more needed than ever. Anyone who needs help applying for jobs, entertaining and teaching children, or taking care of their mental health can benefit from the library. **Please reach out today and connect with your community resource: Wernersville Public Library.**

Your annual gift of \$60 (\$5 per month) will allow the Library to update our books (physical and ebooks), magazines, newspapers, videos, computers, and provide the other services you have grown accustomed to receive from the Library.

For over 100 years, Wernersville Public Library has been there for you. With your financial support, we can all help sustain this community treasure!

*Wernersville Public Library is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization #23-1555448. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. No goods or services were provided in return for this contribution.*

Keep this portion for your records: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ given \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ .

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation to the  
Wernersville Public Library:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 \_\_\_\_\_ \$60 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Please detach and mail with your donation to:  
Wernersville Public Library  
100 N. Reber Street  
Wernersville, PA 19565

Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Important Things to Remember:

**Trash Day is EVERY Wednesday Morning!** Large or bulk items may be contracted separately with Advanced Disposal.

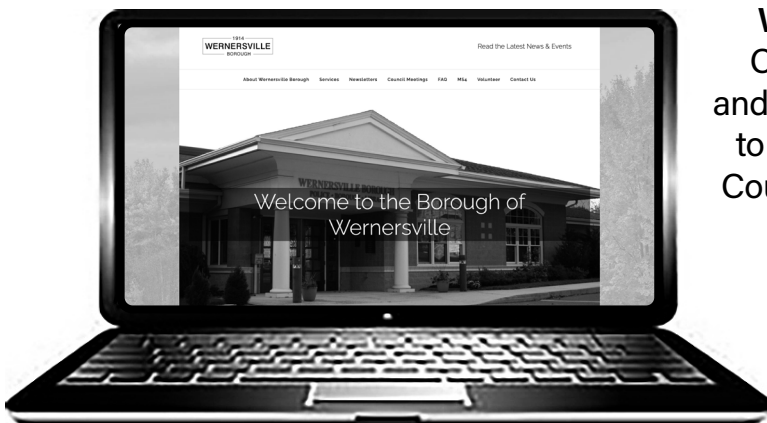
**Recycling Day is EVERY Thursday Morning!** We do not replace stolen or lost lids or wheels. If you move from the property, the recycling container must remain there.

**If a holiday falls on or before a trash or recycling day, pick up will be following day.**

**Recycling will not be picked up on Thanksgiving Day, November 25th.  
It will instead be picked up on Friday, November 26th.**

Large items, such as sofas, tables, and mattresses, can be picked up by Advanced Disposal for an additional fee. Please call Advanced Disposal at 610-440-3700 (account # 603-9052) to arrange for pick up of these items.

**\*\*Please make sure that you are placing your trash and recycling bins in the planting strip, not in the street or gutter. Thank you. \*\***



**Wernersville Borough Website and Facebook**  
Check us out at "[www.wernersvilleborough.org](http://www.wernersvilleborough.org)" and read about the history of Wernersville and where to go for help with Permits, Events, Information on Council Meetings, Trash and Recycling, Ordinances, and South Heidelberg Police Department.

**We also have Facebook!**  
**Like our page to get updates.**

