

Wernersville 2022 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

WERNERSVILLE LION'S CLUB HALLOWEEN PARADE IS BACK!

The Wernersville Lion's Club will be holding a Halloween Parade on Saturday October 29th at 1pm. Come out and enjoy the parade! It will Start at Western Berks Fire Department, go East on Washington, over Bucks St and then Down Wilson to Walnut St and then back up Washington to the Fire House.



IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES:

Trick or Treat Night will be held on Monday, October 31st from 6:00PM to 9:00PM. Remember Curfew for anyone under 18 will be 9:00PM from October 15th through November 1st.

Leaf Collection will begin On October 17th and run through December 23rd, weather permitting. No branches, trash, grass trimmings, animal waste etc. **please make sure not to park cars on or near the piles of leaves. This makes it difficult or impossible for our Road Crew to get to the leaves**

Election Day is on Tuesday November 8th, don't forget to vote at the Wernersville Borough Building.

Christmas Tree Pick-up days will on January 3rd , 6th, 9th, 10th, and 13th. Please have your tree out curbside no later than Thursday evening, January 12th 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. This pick up allows for one (1) tree per residence.

News from the Mayor

Melissa Dean

Neighbors,

The arrival of fall has me excited for all that it brings: sweaters, football, and everything pumpkin! This also means leaves. Leaf collection is due to start October 17. Leaves only please for collection. Which leads to... Winter is coming. And you can never tell if it will be feast or famine when it comes to the weather. The Borough is prepared, and I have every confidence that Public Works will keep as safe and moving this winter. Please keep your sidewalks clear.

The Borough is looking for residents to join a Parks and Recreation Committee, please consider bringing your voice and talents to our community. Contact the Hall for more information.

Finally, I have enjoyed meeting with you out in the neighborhoods and at community events. Let's continue to appreciate and celebrate our hometown. Eat, Shop and Dine Local.

Mayor Dean

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT



Learn More about Stormwater and MS4

Various public educational events take place throughout Berks County that are available to the public to learn more about stormwater and its associated stream pollution.

Check out the following website for more information:

<http://berkscd.com/berks-ms4-program/overview>

What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is rainwater or melted snow that runs off buildings, streets, lawns, and other sites. When stormwater is absorbed into the ground, it is filtered and ultimately replenishes groundwater or flows into streams and creeks. Impervious surfaces like driveways, buildings, streets, and sidewalks prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground.

Why is Stormwater Runoff a Problem?

Stormwater in developed areas can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. The impervious surfaces prevent the stormwater from soaking into the ground which would filter the water, and instead the polluted stormwater flows rapidly into storm drains, drainage ditches, or creeks. Anything that enters the storm drains is untreated and ultimately ends up in the water we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking water. Untreated stormwater can contain higher levels of pollutants leading to contaminated creeks and streams and can also cause flooding and stream bank erosion.

South Heidelberg Township Police Department News



Our cell phones are by our sides constantly. We do business with them, share our daily activities on social media, and use them to stay in contact with our friends and family. Now more than ever, they are lifelines to keeping us connected to loved ones. And your phones are an important tool in reaching emergency services when needed, as well as checking in on each other when we are out and about.

The South Heidelberg Township Police Department does not make specific recommendations for apps on your phones, but we wanted to let you know of a few that our Officers have used successfully both personally and professionally that may be helpful to you as well if you have not yet discovered them.

Life360

Life360 is a well-rounded app that everyone can enjoy and is marketed as a family safety app. The basic app is free and allows the user to customizable it to add friends and family to invite-only Circles where your locations are synced in real-time. By accessing the app, you check the map to see where everyone in your circle is at.

You can add places of importance to your map, too – work, school, shops, bars. You'll notify your Circle when you come and go from these places, and they can tap on your icon to generate a route there, too. You will also be able to check out a timeline and determine where you and your Circle have been in the last few days as well as any stops you have made.

In terms of safety, Life360 has a check-in option that allows you to reassure loved ones with a tap. If you are near home, or if you have arrived to work or the gym safely, just touch the screen to let them know. In emergency situations, Life360 issues a silent alert to your Circle with your location attached – and it will also inform your emergency contacts. Your teens may not like the idea of being monitored, and that will be a tough conversation to have, but the presence of mind for parents is worth having that conversation.

bSafe

bSafe has been gaining in popularity, especially for women. The user can activate the SOS button by touch, like usual, or by voice. This is handy if your phone happens to be out of reach in your pocket or at the bottom of your bag.

When activated, bSafe will reach out to your designated contacts with an alarm and inform them of your location. These contacts will see and hear everything in real-time, in addition to receiving video and audio files. It is important to note that bSafe will not call the emergency services for you, though. bSafe can also trigger a fake phone call, which is perfect for those situations where you need a quick excuse to leave a scenario.

Like Life 360, bSafe's GPS lets your contacts follow along with you on their device. It is comforting to know you are being watched by a trusted party, and it gives them peace of mind to know how to find you if needed.

bSafe is free to use, though you have the option to upgrade for a fee.

Default measures built into your phone.

The South Heidelberg Township Police Department would also like to remind you not to overlook the safety measures that come preloaded with your iPhone or Android!

iPhone users can trigger a 911 call by squeezing both sides of the phone and pressing the volume and power buttons together. Alternatively, you can enter emergency mode to call 911 with a swipe. It is a good idea to add your medical information and emergency contacts to your iPhone, too, so that they are visible without needing to unlock it. If you do create emergency contacts, you can arrange for them to receive a text alert with your locations (and subsequent updates) in the event that you make an emergency call.

To add emergency contacts, head to "Settings" then select "Health" then "Medical ID". Then click "Emergency contacts" and copy them from your contact list. It is possible to add your health information via the same app. Click "Medical ID" again, and you will be able to list any allergies or existing medical conditions.

Android phones work a little differently depending on the manufacturer and model of your device, but it is possible to schedule check-ins with a Google Pixel phone. If you do not respond to these check-ins, your phone will reach out to your emergency contacts to let them know that you are in danger. Adding emergency contacts will again vary depending on the phone you are using. Generally, you should be able to add them by heading into your contacts menu and selecting your own entry. From here, there should be an option to add or update your emergency contacts, as well as provide some important medical information.

We here at the South Heidelberg Township Police Department are always here and ready to help. Your safety is extremely important, and we hope that these tips and apps could make a difference by increasing your safety and security this summer.

-CHIEF LEON J. GRIM

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RECYCLE

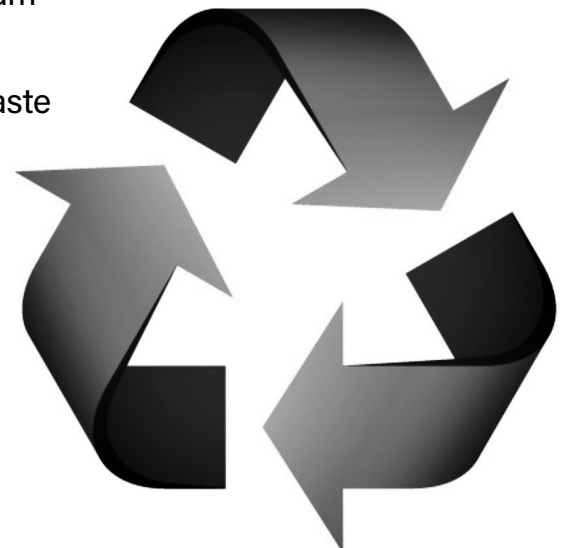
Recycling not only helps conserve the environment and landfill space, it enables various companies to purchase recycled commodities to make their products, which helps control manufacturing material costs and, in turn, helps keep costs down for consumers.

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
- Yard Waste
- 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
- Food
- Yard Waste
- Glass





WERNERSVILLE REC BOARD



The Wernersville Borough is looking for residents to volunteer to be a part of our Rec Board. We're looking to bring back fun activities back to the Borough. If interested, please call us at 610-678-1486.

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 17th: 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 23rd, 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.

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. 24th and 25th. We will also be closed on Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd
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 7AM-8PM (April 1 through October 31) and 7AM-6PM (November 1 through March 31).
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 4th, Please call the Borough Office at 610-678-1486 to SCHEDULE your pick-up by November 1st. 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.**

Paper Shredding Event: Saturday, October 8, 2022, at the Berks County Ag Center, 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, Pa. 19533 (8 AM - 12 PM)

Household Hazardous Waste Drop off: Saturday, October 15, 2022, at the Berks County Ag Center, 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, Pa. 19533 (8 AM - 12 PM)

*All residents must pre-register to participate in our hazardous waste collection and Paper Shredding events. 610-478-6362



THE STANDARD GROUP

Our Newsletter is printed by The Standard Group, an employee-owned commercial printer and marketing logistic company based out of Reading and Lancaster, at no charge to the residents. During his time as Mayor, Keegan Worley, CFO of The Standard Group, requested the funds allocated to printing be reallocated to reinvesting in our recreational areas.

We appreciate the continued support of our Borough!

Have you stopped in to see your library lately? It is a tremendous resource!

- **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 Toddler and Pre-School Early Literacy Programs
- Free Award-Winning Programs that Enrich School-Aged Children, **Provided at the Library and in the Schools**
- Programs Serving the Underserved in Our Community such as Teen Events, Daycare Storytimes, and Senior Outreach
- **Classroom Reading Libraries** for Teachers in Local Preschools up through High School.

Libraries are needed just as much as 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 \$50 (less than \$5 per month) will allow the Library to update our books (both physical and ebooks), magazines, newspapers, videos, computers, and provide the other services you have grown accustomed to receive from the Library.

For over 110 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:

____ \$50 ____ \$100 ____ \$150 ____ Other

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

Name & Address:

WERNERSVILLE LIBRARY
BOOK SALE

Oct. 11 - Oct. 15, 2022

Wed. & Thur. 10-7 ~ Fri. 12-6 ~ Sat. 9-2

PRE-SALE: Tuesday October 11
3:00 - 7:00 Admission \$5



100 N. Reber St.
Wernersville, PA
610-678-8771

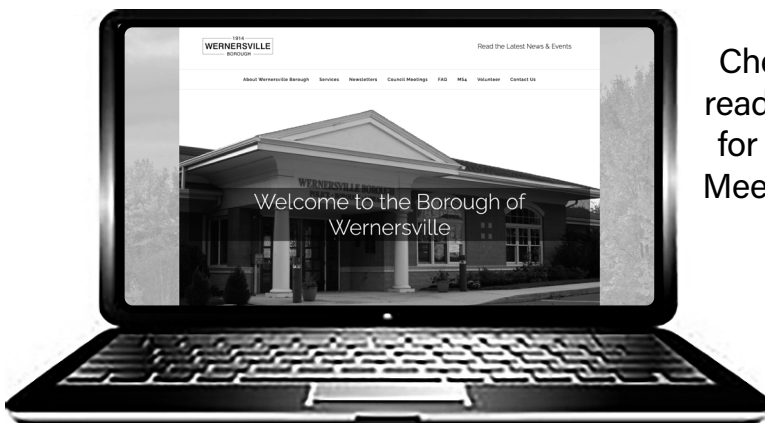


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Important Things to Remember:

- **Trash Day** is on **EVERY WEDNESDAY Morning!** Large or bulk items may be contracted separately with Waste Management
- **Recycling Day** is on **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 24th. It will instead be picked up on Friday, November 25th.
- ****Large items, such as sofas, tables, and mattresses, can be picked up by Waste Management for an additional fee. Please call Waste Management 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. ****
- **REMINDER:** please put trash and recycling bins out the night before they are to be collected.



Wernersville Borough Website

Check us out at "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.

Wernersville Borough is on Facebook!

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