

Wernersville 2023 Fall Newsletter

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

Mayor: Melissa Dean ~ President: David Latino ~ Vice President: James Swartz

Council Members: Robert Gordon, James Pierce, Linda Dapcic-Angst, Keegan Worley

Secretary: Debra Pierce and Tax Collector

Assistant Secretary: Jennifer Velez

Public Works Department: Supervisor Matt Zerr and Assistant Tim Crouse

Borough of Wernersville ~ 100 North Reber Street ~ PO Box 167 ~ Wernersville, PA 19565

Phone 610-678-1486 ~ Fax 610-678-5983

Office Hours are Daily 9:00 to 2:00 Monday through Friday

IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

- **Trick or Treat Night** will be held on Tuesday, October 31st from 5:30PM to 8:30PM. Remember Curfew for anyone under 18 will be 9:00PM from October 13th through November 1st.
- **Leaf Collection** Leaf Collection will begin On October 16th and run through December 8th , 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 7th** , don't forget to vote at the Wernersville Borough Building.
- **Christmas Tree Pick-up** Christmas tree pick up days will on January 2nd,3rd, 8th, 9th, and 12th. Please have your tree out curbside no later than Thursday evening, January 11th if you would like it picked up by the Borough. 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 only place curb side weather permitting. This pick up allows for one (1) tree per residence.

[Wernersville Borough Website and Facebook](#)

Check us out at "www.wernersvilleborough.org"

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

News from the Mayor

Melissa Dean

Another summer turns to fall here in Western Berks, and I will miss the warm weather, fun in the sun, and riding around through town on my bicycle. But fall brings some great things, like my love of football weather, smores by the fire, snuggling under a blanket, and the changing of the leaves.

Throughout the Borough you may have been noticing updates and progress to improve our community. Public Works has been hard at work, busy repainting crosswalks, stop sign lines, and curbs. Be on the lookout in the spring for crosswalks to be added across Penn Ave. Murals are being added to the buildings at Wernersville Park, and upgrades are being made to Greth Memorial Park.

If you want to keep up to date on all things Borough related, be sure to check in with the Wernersville Borough Facebook page and the Mayor of Wernersville Facebook and Instagram pages.

There are a multitude of events planned both in the borough and beyond this fall. Making this a magical time of year for spending time with family and friends. Take advantage of local activities and the opportunity to "Explore your Own Backyard." Please be sure to support your local small businesses and explore the history, outdoor recreation, and culinary attractions our borough and surrounding areas have to offer.

Be sure to mark your calendars and join us for the following events happening here in the Borough:

Wernersville Lions Club is hosting the Wernersville Halloween Parade on October 28 at 11 am.

The Wernersville Tree Lighting Celebration on Saturday December 2, 2023, starting at 4 pm. There will be activities for kids, sweet treats, hot cocoa, live music, and community engagement. Please join us at 52 E. Penn Avenue between C.E. Pontz and C2C Design.

Don't Forget, Election Day is Tuesday, November 7 from 7am to 8pm! Get out and make your voice heard.

See you out and about in the neighborhood!

Mayor Dean

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.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT/MS4



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>

Why Do We Regulate Stormwater?

The MS4 program requires the MS4 owner/operator to implement a series of programs to reduce the discharge of pollutants from the storm sewer system to the maximum extent practicable in a manner that protects water quality. The Pennsylvania Code Chapter 93 sets the water quality standards for surface waters of the Commonwealth and these standards seek to protect the waters for aquatic life, water supply, recreation and fish consumption, and areas that need special protection. The MS4 program focuses on managing discharges into the waters of the Commonwealth by educating and implementing proper control measures and best management practices (BMPs). Total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) are in place to reduce pollutants in impaired waterways so that they meet water quality standards. TMDLs focus on identifying sources of impairment and implementing corrective work based on the best available data and information. Additional monitoring and data collection will occur to track progress and better characterize pollutant sources, loadings and the effectiveness of control measures and BMPs.

What can we do to help keep stormwater clean?

There are numerous things we can all do on a daily basis to keep pollution out of our waterways. The following are just a few things we can all do to help improve water quality in our streams, rivers and lakes:

- 1** Never dump anything into storm drains, swales or streams.
- 2** Pick up litter from the street before it gets into storm drains.
- 3** Use limited amounts of fertilizer.
- 4** If you must use pesticides, search for an environment-friendly brand.
- 5** Recycle motor oil, paint, and other hazardous chemicals. Never dump such materials down the drain or into the storm system.
- 6** Recycle glass, plastic, and aluminum.
- 7** Always pick up your pet's waste or harmful bacteria can get into our water.



WERNERSVILLE LION'S CLUB HALLOWEEN PARADE



The Wernersville Lion's Club will again be holding a Halloween Parade this year on Saturday October 28th at 11am. 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.

Lions Clubs International is a global service organization with a rich history of community involvement and charitable work. Lions are involved in a wide range of activities, including vision and hearing conservation, disaster relief, youth programs, and community service projects.

The Wernersville Lions Club was established in 1945 and has been a longtime sponsor of the Wernersville Halloween Parade and other community events and projects. Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Red Plate Diner. We would like to invite you and your family and friends to join us.

Together we can do so much more for our community.

You can contact us at wernersvillelions@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Leaf Collecting will start October 16th: PLEASE LEAVES ONLY, NO BRANCHES, they will damage the machine. The road crew will begin at one end of the Borough and continue through 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 8th, weather permitting. Please make sure all leaves are out by the end of the day on Thursday, December 7.

*****Please be kind to Workers and Pedestrians***
Keep tree limbs, trash cans and cars off of the sidewalk and curb**

REMINDER from the Tax Collector:

All 2023 Taxes are due by December 31, 2023. No postmarks accepted. If paying in December, payments must be made with cash, money order or Certified Bank check.

Payments can be mailed to:

Debra Pierce, Tax Collector

PO Box 255

Wernersville, PA 19565

They can also be dropped in the secure drop box at the Borough Hall.



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.

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- **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.
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- The week of New Years day, Trash will be picked up on Thursday the 4th and Recycling on Friday the 5th.

****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 # 603-6589) 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. ****

****Recycling bins (black with yellow lids) are to be used for Recycling ONLY. Do not place trash in these bins****

REMINDER: please put trash and recycling bins out the night before they are to be collected.

The Wernersville Borough would like to thank *The Standard Group* for the complimentary set up and printing of this Newsletter.



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

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. 23rd and 24th. We will also be closed on Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st.

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 3rd, Please call the Borough Office at 610-678-1486 to SCHEDULE your pick-up by October 31st 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.



Recycling Events

Paper Shredding

Sat, Oct 14, 2023, 8 AM – 12 PM (Registration is required)

Berks County Ag Center
1238 County Welfare Road
Leesport, PA 19533

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off

Sat, Oct 21, 2023, 8 AM – 12 PM (Registration is required)

Berks County Ag Center
1238 County Welfare Road
Leesport, PA 19533

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

WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH PUBLIC WORKS

CONGRATULATIONS...

The Borough recently promoted Matt Zerr to the position of Roadmaster, in our Public Works Department. He has been an asset to our Borough with his experience and knowledge.

WELCOME...

Tim Crouse was hired in August and has been a great addition to our Public Works Department.

The Borough is very happy to have Matt and Tim on board.

Please give them a warm welcome if you see them around.



Tim Crouse

Matt Zerr



Autumn Safety Tips from South Heidelberg Police Department

As the weather cools down and the leaves change color, it is important to be aware of the safety risks associated with fall. Here are some tips from SHPD to help you stay safe this fall:

- Be aware of the weather conditions. Autumn can bring a variety of weather conditions, including rain, snow, and fog. Be sure to check the forecast before you head out and dress appropriately for the weather.
- Drive safely. The sun sets earlier in the fall, so make sure to use your headlights when driving at night. Also, be aware of the dangers of black ice, which can form on roads and sidewalks when temperatures drop.
- Be careful when walking or biking. Fallen leaves can make sidewalks and walkways slippery, so be careful when walking or biking. If you are walking, wear shoes with good traction.
- Watch for deer. Deer are more active in the fall, so be on the lookout for them when driving or walking in rural areas.
- Secure your home. As the days get shorter, criminals are more likely to target homes that are left unsecure. Make sure to lock your doors and windows when you leave your home.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Don't be distracted by your phone or other devices when you are walking or driving. Be aware of your surroundings and be on the lookout for potential hazards.

SHPD wants everyone to get outside and enjoy the fall weather! Autumn is a beautiful time of year. Please follow these tips and you can stay safe and have an enjoyable fall season.

South Heidelberg Township Police Department

555A Mountain Home Road

Sinking Spring, PA 19608

Office: 610.670.9885

Police Dispatch: 610.655.4911

Fax: 610.678.5056

Proudly Serving: South Heidelberg Township, Robesonia Borough, Heidelberg Township, and Wernersville Borough

Fall 2023 at the Wernersville Public Library

October

- ~ October 6, 5:00-7:00pm: Snapology's Building A Better World (All Ages)
- ~ October 13, 5:30-6:30pm: Oreo Moon Phases STEM/Eclipse Glasses Giveaway (Ages 6-11)
- ~ October 20, 5:30-6:30pm: Flying Saucers - Kids Can Cook (Ages 6-11)
- ~ October 30, 4:00-6:00pm: Costume Party (All Ages)
- ~ October 31, 10:00-7:00pm: Trick or Treat at the Library! (All Ages)

November

- ~ November 4, 12:30-3:30pm: Snapology's Stop Animation (All Ages)
- ~ November 11: Winter Reading Announcement!
- ~ November 13, 5:30-6:30pm: Book Page Leaves Craft Night (All Ages)
- ~ November 14, 6:00-7:00pm: Dementia Friends of Pennsylvania (All Ages)
- ~ November 17, 5:30-6:30pm: Apple Crisp - Kids Can Cook (Ages 6-11)

Continuing Throughout The Fall:

Every 4th Monday, 1:30-2:30pm: Cook Book Club (Adult)

Every Tuesday, 10:30-11:15am: Pollywog with Mr. Ron (Birth to Age 6)

Every 2nd Tuesday, 6:00-6:45pm: Read with Rocky

Every 4th Tuesday, 6:00-7:00pm: Adult Book Club

Every Wednesday, 10:30-11:15am: Storytime with Miss Gabrielle (Birth to Age 6) *Grab our Storytime bookmark for the themes and for the days that Storytime will not occur!

Every Thursday, 1:00-2:00pm: Adult Qigong

Every Thursday, 5:30-6:30pm: Adult Yoga

Every 3rd Thursday, 11:00-12:00pm: Adult Book Club at South Heidelberg

Every Friday, 5:30-6:30pm: STEM Friday Programs *Except the first Friday of the month

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday, 12:00-1:30pm: Teen Anime Club (ages 12-18)

WERNERSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK SALE

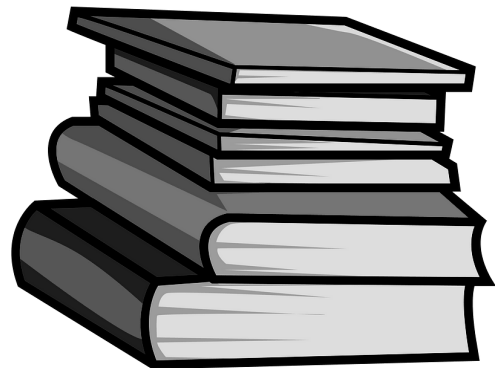
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10/11- 12PM-7PM

10/12- 10AM-7PM

10/13- 12PM-6PM

10/14- 9AM-3PM



Did you know your library is an important resource?

- **Books, DVDs, Games, and Wifi Hotspots**
- **Free Computer and WiFi Access**, and Staff Assistance with Technology Needs
- **Free Access to Ebooks and Digital Audiobooks.** Ask for Details!
- Virtual and Free Toddler and Pre-School Early Literacy Programs
- Virtual and Free 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

We now offer wireless printing. Stop in and see how it works!

Plus, 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!

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

___ \$25 ___ \$60 ___ \$100 ___ Other

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

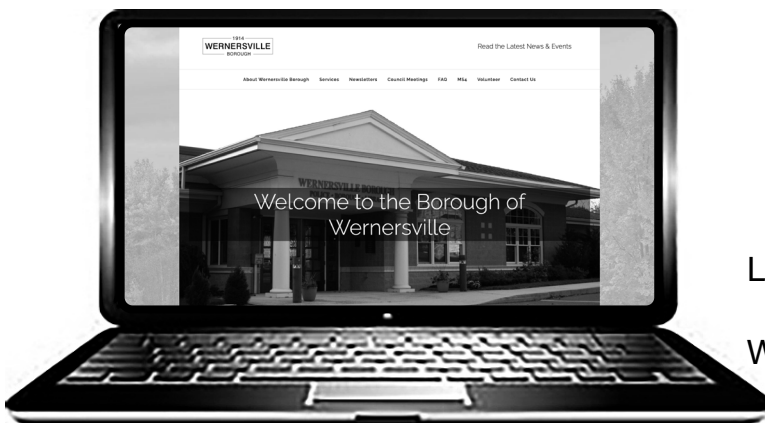
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