

Wernersville Fall 2025 Newsletter

Borough Council Meetings-1st Wednesday of every Month @7PM (unless otherwise noted)
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Office Hours are Daily 9:00 to 2:00 Monday through Friday



IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES:

The Wernersville Holloween Parade will be held on Saturday, October 25 at 11am, starting at the Western Berks Fire Department.



Trick or Treat Night will be held on Friday, October 31st from 5:30PM to 8:30PM. Remember Curfew for anyone under 18 will be 9:00PM from October 10th through November 1st.



Leaf Collection Leaf Collection will begin On October 13th and run through December 10th, 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 4th, don't forget to vote at the Wernersville Borough Building.



Christmas Tree Pick-up Christmas tree pick up will run from Friday, January 2nd until Friday, January 16th, weather permitting. 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. 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.

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

News from the Mayor

Melissa Dean

As the golden hues of autumn settle upon our Wernersville, a gentle reminder arrives—winter will soon follow. In these cycles of the seasons, I am deeply grateful for the privilege of serving as Mayor, helping who I could, where I could, when I could. Our community, shaped by the landscapes of Western Berks, is a sanctuary of natural beauty and outdoor adventure. This season encourages us to pause, to appreciate the fleeting moments and simple joys around us. May I suggest you choose a brisk bike ride, a leisurely hike, or a contemplative walk at a local park or trail.

Here, history echoes in quiet corners, and local businesses infuse our streets with life and character. These independent shops and enterprises should be valued and supported by the community. Their impact is woven into the fabric of our shared experience; their presence, measured not merely in dollars and cents, but in writing our history, waiting to be discovered anew. Our local businesses form the heart of our community. By choosing to support these establishments, we safeguard the unique spirit that makes this home.

Clear stormwater routes to prevent fall flooding. Though Farmer's Almanac predicts cold and dry weather, Pennsylvania conditions can vary and do vary.



WERNERSVILLE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Wed & Thurs., May 14 & 15: 10:00 to 7:00 Friday, May 16: 12:00 to 6:00 Saturday, May 17: 9:00 to 2:00

PRE-SALE with \$5.00 Admission Fee Tuesday May 13, 3:00 - 6:00



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



IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Trash Day is EVERY <u>Thursday</u> Morning! Large or bulk items may be contracted separately with Casella.
- Recycling Day is EVERY <u>Thursday</u> 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 and recycling day, pick up will be one day later than normal.
- Trash and Recycling will not be picked up on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th. It will instead be picked up on Friday, November 28th.
- The Christmas Holiday will push back trash and recycling by one day. Trash and recycling will be picked up on Friday, December 26.
- The week of New Years day, Trash and Recycling will be picked up on Friday the 2nd.
- **Large items, such as sofas, tables, and mattresses, can be picked up by Casella for an additional fee. Please call Casella at 570-305-2125 or 570-305-2127 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.



Leaf Collecting will start October13th: 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 10th, weather permitting. Please make sure all leaves are out by the end of the day on Tuesday, December 9.

^{**}Please do not park vehicles on or next to piles of leaves. This makes it difficult or impossible for our Road Crew to get to them with the Leaf Vac truck.**



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".



N. CHURCH RD.; S. CHURCH RD; ELM STREET; FAIRVIEW STREET (From Pine St to N. Church Rd); PINE ST (From W Wasington St to Fairview St); WEST WASHINGTON ST (Mountain Blvd to Pine St); FURNACE ROAD; HILL ROAD;.; LINCOLN DRIVE; MOUNTAIN BLVD.; PENN AVE.; STITZER AVE.; WERNER STREET.



Greetings! Another spring/summer season has passed, and we hope everyone had a great one!

As we transition into cooler temperatures and stuff potentially falling from the skies, I wanted to take a moment and provide some useful tips for this fall/winter season.

As always, our #1 goal is a safe and thorough operation. With your help, we can successfully achieve those goals. We hope all of you have a safe, healthy and happy fall/winter season! ~Matt Zerr, DPW Supervisor

The Do's and Don'ts of Leaf Collection





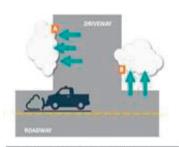








Helpful Snow Removal Tips



YES! Move snow from your driveway onto your own property.

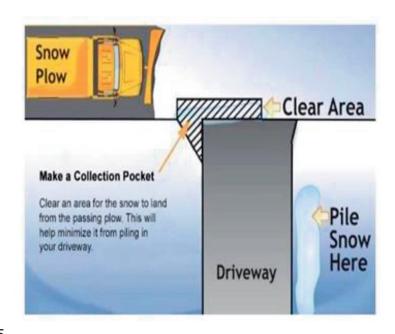
A. If standing on your property facing the road, move snow to the right or left of your driveway.

B. Clear the area of your property next to your driveway and near the roadway. This gives plows a place to push snow and helps reduce the chance of a snow berm being created across your drive way.

NO! DO NOT push snow into the roadway or right-of-way. It is illegal! Plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow onto public roadways is illegal. This includes the ditch and right-of-way area along the roadside. Pushing snow creates hazards including: • drainage problems

- drifting
- sight obstruction and hindered accessibility
- slippery areas
- frozen rufs or bumps that can contribute to motor vehicle or pedestrian crashes







Paper Shredding Event:) Saturday, October 11, 2025 at the Berks County Ag Center, 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, Pa. 19533



Household Hazardous Waste Drop off: Saturday, October 18, 2025 (8:00 AM – Noon), at the 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. https://www.co.berks.pa.us/swa or by calling 610-478-6362

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.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO RECYCLE!

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
- *Plastic Bags



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT/MS4:

Effective stormwater management plays a crucial role in maintaining and maximizing the value of our water resources. There was a time when stormwater management was considered an afterthought; it took place late in the development process, long after building and siting decisions had already been made. Today, we know better.

Stormwater runoff is rain that falls on streets, parking areas, sports fields, gravel lots, rooftops or other developed land and flows directly into nearby streams, lakes, and rivers. The drizzling or pounding rain picks up and mixes with what's on the ground:

- Oil, grease, metals and coolants from vehicles;
- Fertilizers, pesticides and other chemicals from gardens and homes;
- Bacteria from pet wastes and failing septic systems;
- Soil from construction sites and other bare ground;
- Soaps from car or equipment washing; and
- Accidental spills, leaky storage containers, tobacco spit and whatever else ends up on the ground.

The polluted runoff then rushes into nearby gutters and storm drains streams, lakes, rivers and bays. In most areas, stormwater runoff enters these waters without being cleaned of pollutants.

Help do your part by keeping our stormwater clean.



HYDRANT FLUSHING:

The Wernersville Municipal Authority will be flushing hydrants during the month of October. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact them at 610-678-4711.

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. 27th. We will also be closed on Thursday, December 25th and Thursday, 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.

Yard Waste:

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

If you need an access card, please call South Heidelberg Township at 610-678-9652.

Curbside Yard Waste Collection will be on Monday, November 3rd, Please call the Borough Office at 610-678-1486 to SCHEDULE your pick-up by October 30th. 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.

REMINDER from the Tax Collector:

All 2025 Taxes are due by December 31, 2025. 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

or they can be dropped in the secure drop box at the Borough Hall.

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like to pay your Tax Bills in person, please call 610-678-5480 to schedule an appointment with the Tax Collector. Beginning in December, Debbie will no longer be in the Office every day.

Friendly Reminders:

Keep Sidewalks Clear: 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.

Mowing: 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.

Electric Scooters: Please be aware that Electric Scooters are not to be ridden on public roads. This is not only illegal, but it is a safety hazard for the person on the scooter and others on the roadway.

Thank you for your cooperation.



The Wernersville Borough is now part of Savvy Citizen! Signs up for alerts (Weather alerts, Road Closures, events, and other important announcements!

Download the App (SavvyCitizenApp.com) to stay informed.



Western Berks Ambulance

Did you know that your household is already a member of Western Berks Ambulance through the Borough? This membership helps ensure emergency medical services are ready when you need them most.

While the Borough's support covers a portion of our costs, it doesn't cover everything needed to keep our ambulances equipped and staffed around the clock.

That's why we also rely on community donations.

Please consider making a contribution—together, we can keep lifesaving care strong in our community.

Your donation makes a difference.

Visit our website to donate online @ www.wbems.org or make a donation via check to:

Western Berks Ambulance 2506 Belmont Avenue West Lawn, PA 19609

Thank you for your support!



As the days get shorter and cooler, now is the perfect time to review a few fire safety reminders to help keep your family safe this fall:

- Heating Safety: Have your furnace, fireplace, and chimney inspected before use. Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn, and never leave them running unattended.
- Candles & Decorations: Autumn decorations like dried leaves and corn stalks are flammable. Use battery-operated candles instead of open flames whenever possible.
- Smoke & CO Alarms: Test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms monthly. Change the batteries if needed, and remember—alarms should be replaced every 10 years.
- **Kitchen Safety:** Fall often means more cooking and baking. Stay in the kitchen when cooking, and keep a lid nearby to smother small stove top fires. This season, take a few simple steps to protect your loved ones and your home.

"Fall into Fire Safety—Protect What Matters Most."

South Heidelberg Police Department Launches New Crime Watch Platform

The South Heidelberg Police Department (SHPD) is excited to announce the relaunch of its Crime Watch webpage; a crucial tool designed to enhance communication, build trust, and promote transparency within Wernersville Borough. This platform serves as a direct link between SHPD and Borough residents, providing timely and accurate information on crime and safety.

The Crime Watch page empowers citizens to:

- Stay informed about local crime trends and safety alerts.
- Anonymously submit tips regarding suspicious activity.
- Access a variety of crime prevention resources and information.
- Learn more about the SHPD and our community policing initiatives.

The crime mapping system, accessible via our webpage, is a key component in fostering trust and transparency. This tool helps citizens stay informed about their community and helps SHPD counteract any false rumors about police activity that can cause public concern. You can find our crime mapping system here: Home | CRIMEWATCH Labs: https://labs.crimewatch.net/. Please note that not all incidents are mapped, and the mapping displays general vicinities, not exact locations.

We strongly encourage all community members to visit, sign up, and download the app to your smartphone to explore this valuable resource. You can access the platform through our official website at www.sheidpd.org.

SHPD is dedicated to providing professional and progressive policing to Wernersville Borough. We are confident that the Crime Watch platform will significantly contribute to this goal and strengthen our partnership with the citizens we proudly serve.

<u>SHPD Proudly Serving:</u> South Heidelberg Township, Wernersville Borough, Robesonia Borough, Heidelberg Township, and the Conrad Weiser School District"

J. Matthew Hook, Jr. Chief of Police

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Wernersville Borough Rec Board:

The Wernersville Borough Rec Board and we have been busy working on planning events for the rest of this year and have some event ideas for next year.

Follow the Rec Board on Facebook! (Wernersville Borough Rec Board)





<u>Wernersville Halloween Parade:</u> The Wernersville Borough Rec Board will be holding a Halloween Parade this year on Saturday October 25th at 11am. Come out and enjoy the parade!

The Parade will Start at Western Berks Fire Department, go East on Washington, left on Bucks St, Down Wilson to Walnut St, left on Walnut and then back up Washington to the Fire House.

After the Parade, the Rec Board will be hosting a fun filled Fall Fest in the pavilion and the field behind the Borough Hall. We will have games, vendors and activities!



<u>Holiday Tree Lighting:</u> On December 6, 2025 from 4-6pm, the Wernersville Borough Rec Board will be hosting a Holiday Tree Lighting at the Borough Hall.

We will have games, crafts, treats and drinks, food vendors and even Santa will be there!



Wernersville Borough Website
Don't forget to check out our website at
wernersvilleborough.org for any news and
information regarding the Borough.

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