



Wernersville Fall 2026 Newsletter

Borough Council Meetings-1st Wednesday of every Month @7PM (unless otherwise noted)
Mayor: Carl Reidler ~ President: David Latino ~ Vice President: James Pierce
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IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES:



Trick or Treat Night will be held on Saturday, 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 12th and run through December 11th, 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 3rd. Vote at the Wernersville Borough Hall.



Christmas Tree Pick-up Christmas tree pick up will run from Monday, January 4th until Friday, January 15th, 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.

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

News from the Mayor

Carl Reidler

All I can say is, wow, where did the Summer go?

In the coming months, please check the Borough Webpage for updates on events in the Community; Halloween Parade info, Christmas Tree Lighting info, etc.

Our Recreation Board works diligently to come up with Community Participation events. Please show your appreciation by supporting these events.

Snow Emergencies will be on the Borough Webpage, WFMZ and WEEU radio.

If a Snow Emergency is declared, please co-operate and remove vehicles from Snow Emergency Routes. Snow Emergency Routes must be cleared, in order for our Public Works Department to plow. Work with your neighbors to devise a plan for the road crew to plow efficiently.

The Mayor, Council, and our Staff wish all of you a Safe, Happy, and Prosperous Holiday season.

Thank You!!

Mayor Carl Reidler

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **Trash Day is EVERY Thursday Morning!** Large or bulk items may be contracted separately with Casella.
- **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 and recycling day, pick up will be one day later than normal.**
- Trash and Recycling will not be picked up on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th. It will instead be picked up on Friday, November 27th.
- ****Large items, such as sofas, tables, and mattresses, can be picked up by Casella for an additional fee. Please call Casella at 570-668-4515 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 October 12th: 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 11th, weather permitting. Please make sure all leaves are out by the end of the day on Thursday, December 10th .

****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.****



Help shape the future of your library! We want to hear from you—what you love, what you're looking for, and what you'd like to see at the Wernersville Public Library. Complete our short community survey for a chance to win one of two **\$25 Visa gift cards!** Use the link below to participate, or pick up a paper copy at the library

<https://forms.gle/r9Gb1XKQ2bcy7tpu8>

Want to stay up-to-date on our upcoming programs and get recommendations on books to read? Sign up for our monthly newsletter! Sign up using the QR code or email circulation@wernersvillepubliclibrary.org.



SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY

Thank you to everyone who visited the library this summer!
There were many of you who participated in our reading challenge and won prizes this summer! We also loved seeing everyone at our events! We can't wait for next summer!

CIRCULATION

\$198,400

The amount of money saved by our patrons this summer (June-August.)

11,684

The number of physical items that circulated in the summer months.

3,106

The number of ELECTRONIC items that circulated this summer (e-books and audiobooks.)

VISITORS

6,126

The number of people who visited our library in June, July, and August.

1,002

The number of people who attended one of our programs this summer.

78

The number of new library cards we issued this summer.



Savvy Citizen®

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.



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 WEBSITE. 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 offenses 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

N. CHURCH RD.; S. CHURCH RD; ELM STREET; FAIRVIEW STREET (From Pine St to N. Church Rd); PINE ST (From W Washington 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.



Please join us in welcoming Ryan Wilkes to our Public Works Department!

Ryan started at the Borough in mid June and brought with him many years of knowledge and experience. We are excited to have him as part of our Public Works team.



Paper Shredding Event:) Saturday, October 3, 2026 at the Berks County Ag Center, 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, Pa. 19533



Household Hazardous Waste Drop off: Saturday, October 10, 2026 (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:

WHAT IS STORMWATER?

Stormwater is rain or melted snow that flows across rooftops, driveways, streets, and other hard surfaces. Instead of soaking into the ground, it flows into gutters, storm drains, and ditches. This water—**untreated**—eventually enters our streams, rivers, lakes, and wetlands.

As it flows, stormwater can pick up:

- Oil and auto fluids
- Trash and litter
- Sediment and soil
- Lawn chemicals and pesticides
- Pet waste and other pollutants

This pollution harms water quality, recreation, and wildlife, and increases flooding risks.

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>

PARENTS: Have your kids color the picture and/or complete the maze on the activity page insert and bring it to the Wernersville Library during their regular hours for a small prize!



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. 26th. We will also be closed on Friday, December 25th and Friday, 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 2nd , 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 2026 Taxes are due by December 31, 2026. 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. If you would like a receipt, you can include a self addressed, stamped envelope.

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.

Friendly Reminders:

Keep Sidewalks Clear: 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 required 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.

Feral Cats: Please refrain from feeding any feral cats. The Borough Hall offers vouchers for spay/neuter services through No Nonsense Neutering. For more information, please call the Borough Hall.

Western Berks Ambulance

Did you know that your borough's support makes your household a member of Western Berks Ambulance?

Your borough's contribution helps ensure emergency medical services are available when you need them most. However, it covers only a portion of the cost of keeping our ambulances staffed, equipped, and ready 24/7.

We rely on our community to help fill the gap. **Please consider making a contribution to Western Berks Ambulance to help us continue providing lifesaving care when it matters most.**

To donate online, visit www.wbems.org, or mail a check to:

Western Berks Ambulance
2506 Belmont Avenue
West Lawn, PA 19609



Thank you for your continued support and for helping us care for our community.



Fall Fire Safety Tips

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."



Family PUMPKIN *painting*

October 16th, 2026

At the Wernersville Public Library

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM



Scan me to register!

Autumn safety reminders from the South Heidelberg Police Department

As autumn arrives with cooler weather and shorter days, our daily routines shift. Heavier morning commutes, active school zones, and seasonal hazards require extra attention. To keep Wernersville Borough safe, the South Heidelberg Police Department (SHPD) encourages residents to keep these essential safety reminders in mind.

School Zones & Pedestrian Safety

Expect higher vehicle and pedestrian volume during peak school commuting hours across the Borough.

- Observe speed limits: Adhere strictly to the 15-mph school zone limit and always yield to crossing guards.
- Stop for school buses: Pennsylvania law requires stopping in all directions for buses with flashing red lights and extended stop arms, unless divided by a physical median.
- Watch for pedestrians: Dimmer morning light makes pedestrians harder to see. Use extra caution near bus stops and crosswalks.

Home & Neighborhood Security

Earlier sunsets increase nighttime coverage, making dark residential areas potential targets for theft.

- Maintain exterior lighting: Keep porch lights on or set motion-activated floodlights to illuminate entryways before dusk.
- Lock vehicles & secure valuables: Always lock vehicle doors and remove valuables—such as electronics, bags, tools, and garage openers—every evening.
- Protect deliveries: With increased seasonal deliveries, prevent package theft by tracking shipments, using secure drop boxes, or coordinating prompt retrieval with neighbors

Staying vigilant and looking out for one another ensures a safer community for everyone in Wernersville Borough.

Report any suspicious activity to SHPD immediately by calling 610.655.4911.

SHPD wishes all residents a safe and enjoyable fall season!

J. Matthew Hook, Jr.

Chief of Police

South Heidelberg Township Police Department

www.sheidpd.org

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Sinking Spring, PA 19608

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Police Dispatch: 610.655.4911

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Wernersville Borough Rec Board:

The Wernersville Borough Rec Board has 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**)

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Wernersville Halloween Parade: The Wernersville Borough Rec Board will be holding a Halloween Parade this year on Saturday October 24th. Come out and enjoy the parade!

Immediately following the Parade, the Rec Board will be hosting a "Trunk Or Treat" in the parking lot near the Wernersville Library. We will also have some fun crafts in the Pavilion behind the Borough Building.

The Parade will start at the Western Berks Fire Department, go East on Washington, over Bucks St and then down Wilson to Walnut Street and then back up Washington to the Fire House.



Holiday Tree Lighting: On December 5, 2026 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 and even Santa will be there!

We are also excited to have Dave Kline's Mountain Folk Band at this event to perform some Christmas music