Summer 2022

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**Quarterly water, sewer and garbage bills** – <u>Second reminder quarterly bills will no longer be mailed to residents</u>. If bills are not paid by the first due date, then a 15% late penalty fee will be added to accounts. Residents who do not pay the bill by the second due date will receive a <u>water shut off notice & a fee of \$35</u> will be added to the account. Residents are reminded to mail payments (including bank payments) at least 10 days prior to the due date to ensure it arrives by the due date. Payments dropped off at the post office are shipped to the Harrisburg office to be processed then returned to the local post office for delivery. Payments can be dropped off at the office at any time. Please see the back of the quarterly bills & the website for further payment options. Payment due dates for the entire year is listed on the quarterly bills & on the website so residents can keep track of when payments are due. If you do not receive a quarterly bill please call the office to request it. Late fees cannot be waived if you did not receive a bill or for payments received after the due date.

**Water meters** – Residents are to keep water meters & areas leading up to meters clear of tall grass, trees/bushes, dog waste, snow & clutter for the safety of the maintenance person. Residents are to keep dogs confined when the maintenance person will be on your property to read the water meter. If the maintenance person cannot safely & easily reach your water meter because of the above mentioned conditions, your water consumption will be estimated which will result in higher than normal bill.

**Garbage complaints** – If you have a complaint or concern regarding the trash service, please contact Penn Waste directly at 717-767-4456. Provide the customer service rep with the complaint/concern & your address so they can enter a work order. All work orders will be sent to the Route Supervisor to be addressed with the drivers/workers.

**Annual Community Yard Sale** – will be held on August 11<sup>th</sup> through August 13<sup>h</sup> (8-5 pm). A permit is not required for individuals who want to participate in the Community Yard sale. <u>Please remember to remove all yard sale signs once the sale is over</u>.

**Tax Sitting Dates** –Tax Collector Bobbi Daley will be at the Borough office to accept tax payments on the following dates in September: 9-8-22 (6-8pm), 9-9-22 (12-2 pm) & 9-14-22 (6-8 pm). You can contact her at 717-819-1760.

**Low Interest Loans for Home Repairs** – The USDA offers programs to low income homeowners to help fund the costs of repairs & improvements to their homes. The maximus loan amount is \$20,000 with a fixed rate of 1%. Loans can be re-paid over 20 years. More information can be found on the USDA website at www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-repair-loans-grants.

**Emergency Rental & Utility Assistance Programs (ERAP)** - If you are experiencing a financial crisis, the ERAP program may be able to help you with rent or utility payments. Contact the York Co Community Progress Council at 717-854-8658 for more information.

**Fishing Creek** – Residents who have a portion of Fishing Creek on their property are responsible for keeping trash & other debris from the creek. Building of dams or placing rocks, branches, logs or any type of debris in the creek is a violation of the Borough Ordinance. Residents who do not keep their part of the creek clean from trash are subject to receiving a violation from the Codes Enforcement Officer.

**West Nile Virus (WNV)** is a constant threat during warm & rainy seasons. The virus is spread through mosquito bites & can cause serious health problems including high fevers, body aches, skin rashes, neck stiffness, disorientation & more. You can reduce your risk of WNV by removing any standing & stagnant water on your property along with cutting tall weeds, grass or shrubbery. Water will collect in old tires, bird baths, flower pots, pools, rain barrels, roof gutters, wheelbarrows & more. The combination of tall grass & standing water becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Swimming pools should be properly cleaned & chlorinated

on a regular basis. Pool water can be treated with Bti/Bsp tablets which can be purchased at any lawn & garden store. Bti/Bsp tablets will dissolve in pool water & the bacteria in the tablets will kill mosquito larvae but will not harm people, pets, aquatic life or plants.

**Open Burning/Recreational Burning** is not permitted in the Borough due to close proximity of houses. Grills are permitted for cooking purposes.

**Fireworks** – Fireworks are not permitted to be set off/discharged in the Borough at any time. PA State Law prohibits the use of fireworks within 150 feet of an occupied structure or within any public right-ofoway. State Police advise that if you see anyone setting off fireworks, video record the activity & report it to the State Police.

## **Pet Ordinance** – Borough Ordinance #4-2016 states the following:

- \* **Maximum number** of household pets or domestic animals shall be no more than **8** within a dwelling or on a residential property. This includes cats, dogs, chickens, rabbits, goats, etc. Residents who currently own more than 8 pets cannot replace a pet if one dies.
- \* **Tethering of Dogs** Dogs cannot be tethered outside more than 30 minutes if temps are 90 degrees & above or if a severe weather warning has been issued. Dogs must have adequate shelter, food & clean drinking water within the tethered area. The tether must be of the type that will not easily entangle a dog. Residents should call the York Co SPCA at 717-764-6109 to report any type of abuse.
- \* **Dog Waste** Per PA Dog Laws, dog waste must be cleaned up on a daily basis. It is a health hazard & adds to pollution problems in streams & bays. Neighbors are also affected by the smell, especially in summer months when windows are open. Always carry bags when walking your dog so you can clean up & properly dispose of pet waste.
- \* **Dogs Running Loose** Per PA Dog Laws & the Borough Ordinance, dogs must be kept under control & supervised at all times when outside, whether in your yard or walking in the Borough. This is for the safety of your dog & residents.
- \* **Dogs in the Park** Dogs are not allowed in the park. This is for everyone's safety. Residents should call the Animal Control Officer at 717-916-1413 if you see dogs in the park.
- \* **Containment of Animals** all domestic animals (chickens, goats, pigs, dogs, etc) are to be kept in an enclosure to prevent them from running loose. Owners need to ensure that the animals have proper food, water & shelter.
- \* **Outdoor pets** must have adequate shelter to protect them from extreme temperatures & fresh drinking water/food at all times. Dogs are not allowed to be tethered outside for more than 30 minutes if temps are 90 degrees & above or if a severe weather warning has been issued by the National Weather Service.

**Trash collection**– Penn Waste collects trash on Monday's (recycle items & trash) & Thursday's (trash & 1 large item)

- Trash cannot be put outside <u>until 6:00 pm the day before trash pick-up</u>. Also, empty cans are to be removed from the sidewalk by the end of the day.
- Trash must be properly bagged & placed in an area that does not hamper pedestrians from using the sidewalk.
- Do not put the following items in your trash: pool chemicals of any kind, rechargeable batteries, live ammunition, & propane tanks. These items cause explosions in the truck or at the landfill. Also, electronic items such as tv's/pc's must be recycled at the York Co Solid Waste Authority Center or other recycle store.
- > Trash limit 5 bags or containers not to exceed 50 lbs. Heavy cans can cause an injury for the garbage men.
- Remember that if the Monday trash collection falls on a holiday then trash pickup that week will be delayed by one day so trash will be collected on Tuesday & Friday.

**Street Light Outages** – Residents should report street light outages by calling 800-545-7741 & follow the automated prompts. You will need to provide the closest street address, cross street info & the pole number.

**The Second Edition of "Windsor Borough, First One Hundred Years (1905-2005)** is available for purchase (\$30) at the Borough office. This soft back book provides a wealth of history & pictures from 1905-2005.

**Council meetings** are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Borough office. **Water & Sewer Authority** meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Borough office. If you need to discuss any issues with Council or Authority members, please call the Borough office in order to be placed on the agenda.

**Borough Ordinances** – Residents who have questions, concerns or complaints about a Borough Ordinance or to find out if a building permit is required for a home improvement project please call the Codes Enforcement Officer, Bob Huska at 717-578-3010.

## Windsor Borough Officials

Mayor – Larry Markel (160 W Main St) Matthew Dietz – (33 W High St) Brenda Kramer – (6 Wellyn Dr) Melissa Raver - (18 S Camp St) Penny Dzubinski – (133 W First Ave) Rich Mitzel – (100 W Main St)

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