



Windsor Borough News

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Christmas Tree Pick-Up - Penn Waste will pick up live Christmas trees on <u>Saturday January 14, 2023.</u> Please have trees stripped of all decorations, lights and out of the stand. Trees should be placed where you normally put your garbage and should be put out Friday night for the Saturday morning pickup.

Budgets for 2023 – Copies of the 2023 General Funds, Water Authority and Sewer Authority budgets are available for review at the Borough Office. The budgets are also posted on the Borough website.

Sewer Fee increase - Beginning with the first quarterly bill for 2023, the sewer fee will increase from \$100 per quarter to \$105 per quarter. The increase is due to rising repair costs.

Quarterly Water bills – Payment due dates for the 2023 water, sewer and garbage bills are: **2-6-23**, **5-8-23**, **8-7-23** & **11-6-23**. Due dates for the entire year are listed on the front of the bills. Information on how to receive the bills via email and other payment options are listed on the back of the bills and on the Borough's website. When mailing payments, please allow 7-10 days for the payment to arrive at the office.

Snow Removal – Borough Ordinance requires <u>that all residents</u> remove snow and slush from sidewalks <u>within 24 hours</u> after the snow has stopped falling. It is important to remove snow, or at least clear a path wide enough for a person to pass, for the safety of all residents, especially children who use the sidewalks to wait for the school bus. Shoveling snow into the street is strictly prohibited. We also ask that you help to clear fire hydrants and storm gutters where possible.

Animal Control Officer – The Animal Control Officer (ACO) for Windsor Borough is Klugh Animal Control Services. Please **call 911** to report a problem, especially a dog bite incident, and the police will contact Klugh Animal Control Services immediately. If you need to contact the ACO with questions or complaints please call 717-916-1413.

** Please remember that during the cold winter months, pets should not be left outdoors for any extended length of time. Outdoor pets need to have adequate shelter to protect them from freezing temperatures, snow and rain along with fresh drinking water and food. Remember to check water bowls to ensure that the water is not frozen.

Pet owners are also reminded that they need to <u>clean up and properly dispose of all pet waste each time your dog uses the bathroom outside</u>. This is a State Law and a Borough Ordinance. Pet waste left on the ground can spread diseases to other animals and also pollutes the drinking water.

SPCA – the following services are offered by the SPCA: Animal Cruelty Officer who will investigate animal cruelty cases, trapping of free roaming cats, low-cost sterilization for free roaming cats, low cost vaccinations, microchipping & sterilization services. Pet owners should contact the SPCA for further information.

Street Light Outages – Residents should report street light outages by calling **800-545-7741** and follow the automated prompts. You will need to provide the closest street address, cross street info and pole number. You can also report a street light outage at www.firstenergycorp.com.

Prevent frozen pipes – Preventing frozen pipes is easier than replacing pipes that freeze and burst. Water pipes and water meters can freeze within hours of the onset of freezing weather. Here are a few tips to protect against frozen water lines:

✓ Disconnect hoses from outside faucets & turn off the connection to the faucet at the interior valve.

- ✓ Pipes most likely to freeze are those nearest an un-insulated wall, door, window or floor. Protect pipes by adding insulation. Eliminate cold drafts near water pipes by keeping windows & doors shut tightly & fill cracks in walls & around windows. Cover foundation vents to prevent cold air from freezing pipes.
- ✓ Open the doors to rooms where the pipes and water meter are located so warm air can keep temps above freezing.
- ✓ Turn the faucet on so water will slowly trickle through the line. This will help to prevent pipes from freezing.
- ✓ If your water meter is in an outdoor pit, make sure the pit cover fits properly and has no cracks that would allow cold air to flow inside. Make sure the pipes, valves & water meter are not touching the pit's walls.

Melting Snow is Stormwater too – Melting snow causes stormwater problems. When snow builds up over several storm events without melting in between, this can lead to flooding when the snow finally begins to thaw. Standing and flowing snow & water picks up all kinds of debris & pollutants (such as de-icing salts & chemicals) that will drain into nearby streams. Here are some tips on how to manage snow to prevent flooding:

- ✓ When shoveling snow, pile it in areas where it will melt the fastest, in flat areas & away from streams.
- ✓ Clear downspouts to allow melting snow to flow & not collect around your foundation.
- ✓ Keep any storm drains that are close to your house clear of snow. Never pile snow on top of storm drains.
- ✓ Use de-icing chemicals judiciously. Use enough to clear walkways & driveways but try to prevent chemicals from spreading into the grass & waterways.

511PA.com – Check on travel conditions, traffic flow, accident info and weather-related road conditions to safely navigate as you travel.

Trash collection and **electronic recycling**—Penn Waste collects trash on Monday's and Thursday's. Recycle bins and trash is collected on Mondays. Large item pickup and trash is collected on Thursdays. Please have all trash out the night before or early in the morning and contain all loose trash so it doesn't blow into the street. 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 and Friday.

- The following items should not be placed in recycle containers: Wrapping paper (including bows & ribbons), plastic grocery bags, aluminum foil products, Christmas lights & extension cords, clothing or linens & packaging (bubble wrap, Styrofoam packing peanuts or foam packaging).
- Penn Waste cannot accept any electronics. Tv's, cell phones, desktop computers, laptops, monitors and keyboards along with other hard to get rid of items need to be taken to the York Co Solid Waste Authority Facility. For further information please call 717 845-1066 or www.ycswa.com

Recycle Containers –Recycle containers available for Borough residents. There are 2 sizes available and both containers are the round trash can style. **25 gallon containers cost \$5** and **32 gallon containers cost \$10**. Please stop in the office to purchase a recycle container.

Borough Ordinances - Residents who have a question, concern or complaint about a Borough Ordinance or to find out if a permit is required for a home improvement project should call the Codes Enforcement Officer, Bob Huska, at 717 578-3010.

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

Windsor Borough Officals

Mayor – Larry Markel
Matthew Dietz – Council President
Brenda Kramer – Council Vice President
Melissa Raver – Council Member
Peggy Dzubinski – Council Member
Rich Mitzel – Council Member

Windsor Borough Authority

Flim Warner – Chairman, Mark Donley - Vice Chairman Troy Pham – Treasurer George Herbert – Secretary James Cochran – Assist Secretary/Treasurer