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Spring 2017

Reminders to Residents:

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Tax Collector – Sandy Behrensen will be at the Borough office on the following dates from 6-8 pm to accept tax payments from residents: April 6th (Thurs), April 12th (Wens), & April 18th (Tues).

Recycle Containers – We now have 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. Recycling is mandatory for Windsor Borough residents. <u>Recycling also helps to generate revenue for the Borough which helps to keep quarterly garbage fees down.</u>



Quarterly water, sewer and garbage bills not paid by the due date will be charged a <u>15% late</u> <u>penalty fee</u> effective April 1, 2017. Quarterly bills will be due on the following dates: 5-12-17, **8-11-17**, **& 10-13-17**. Residents are encouraged to make payments weekly, bi-weekly or monthly to ensure their bill is paid by the due date. Please remember that if your bill is not paid by the penalty due date, a water shut off notice will be sent and an additional fee of \$25 will be added to your account. Payments can be made by cash, check, money order or through your bank. We do not accept credit card payments or **payments by phone.** Payments can also be made at Fulton Bank located in the Cape Horn Shopping Center. For your convenience payments can be placed in the drop box located to the left of the front door.

Residents can choose to have their quarterly bills sent to them electronically by following the instructions below:

https://windsor.authoritypay.com

- Click on "Set Up Online Access"
- > Enter your account number and CID number which is located on the top left hand side of your bill.
- > Enter a valid email address and password
- You will see a Registration window and will also receive an email confirming set up of your account. You must click on the link provided in this email to complete your enrollment. After confirming enrollment, click on the link to take you to the Portal Log-on Page.

Effective July 1, 2017, the quarterly water rates will increase by 20%. <u>The minimum water fee will be \$40.32</u>. This is a result of Red Lion Water Authority increasing their rates over the last 5 years.

As a result of the recent snow storm, **the quarterly bills were generated a little later than usual due to the majority of water meters that were inaccessible because of snow blocking a path to the water meter**. Residents are reminded that the water meters need to be easily accessible therefore steps, walkways and the area in front of the water meter needs to be kept clean.

Website – Please visit our website (<u>www.windsorboropa.com</u>) to keep up with the latest Borough news and information. All of the 2017 budgets are posted on the website along with quarterly billing due dates, office closings, newsletters and contact phone numbers.

Street Sweeping – Street sweeping is expected to be completed by July 1 and will occur on posted designated streets. "No Parking" Signs will be posted several days prior to street sweeping. If residents park on the designated streets on the day of the street sweeping, parking fines will be issued. Please remember that we cannot street sweep all Borough streets due to the condition of the roads.

Did you Know?????

The SPCA offers <u>low cost spay & neuter services</u> and <u>pit bulls are neutered for free</u>! Here are some important reasons why spaying or neutering your pet is important:

- Prevents testicular cancer in males
- > Prevents breast cancer and uterine diseases in females
- > Helps control aggression problems.
- > Eliminates pets from marking their territory by spraying strong smelling urine all over the house.
- > Eliminates behavior issues in female cats and dogs when they go into heat.
- > Eliminates the messy bloody discharge in female dogs when they are in heat.
- Eliminates pet overpopulation millions of cats and dogs of all ages and breeds are euthanized annually or suffer as strays. These high numbers are the result of unwanted, unplanned litters that could have been prevented by spaying or neutering.
- > For further information on spay & neuter services at the SPCA please call 717-764-6109

The 2nd edition of Windsor Borough, The First One Hundred Years book is now available. This soft cover book provides a wealth of history and pictures from 1905-2005. The cost is \$35 and can be purchased at the Borough Office.

Plastic grocery bags are not biodegradable and can take up to 1,000 years to break down. When plastic bags end up in the landfill they break down into small particles that continues to pollute the soil and water. Plastic bags often end up clogging storm drains and are a source of danger to animals and birds who try to ingest them. The best way to dispose of plastic grocery bags is to recycle them. The following stores provide a collection site to recycle them: Giant, Lowes, Target, Weiss and Walmart.

Trash collection and **electronic recycling**– Penn Waste collects trash on Monday's and Thursday's. Recycle bins and large item pickup is on Thursdays only.

- Please have all trash out by 6:00 am the day of trash pickup.
- > All trash must be properly bagged. The garbage men cannot collect small loose items so please properly contain all loose trash so it doesn't blow into the street.
- Trash limit 5 bags or containers not to exceed 50 lbs. If cans are too heavy, the cans will be left until the trash is separated into multiple cans. Cans that are too heavy can cause an injury for the garbage men.
- Dog waste must be bagged and tied! Loose dog waste placed in trash cans gets spilled on the garbage men and on the ground which creates a health issue.
- 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.
- > Please see insert for acceptable and unacceptable items to place in trash and recycle cans.

Residents can properly dispose of electronic devices such as tv's, cell phones, desktop computers, laptops, monitors and keyboards by taking them to the following stores: Best Buy, Home Depot and Staples. Residents can also dispose of electronics and other hard to get rid of items such as tires, vacuum cleaners, alarm clocks and coffee makers at the <u>York Co Solid Waste Authority Facility</u>. For further information please call 717 845-1066 or <u>www.ycswa.com</u>

<u>Reminders</u> Remember these important Windsor Borough Ordinances

Yard Sales: Permits are required for yard sales and can be obtained at the Borough Office. The permit fee is \$5 for 3 days. Please remember to take down all yard sale signs afterwards. **The Borough Community Yard Sale will be held on June 8th through June 10th from 8 am to 5 pm** and permits are not required for these dates. **Fireworks:** It is illegal to discharge any fireworks within the Borough – <u>this is a State law</u>. Please contact York Area Regional Police Department (911) should you see anyone setting off fireworks.

Discharge of any weapons in the Borough is strictly prohibited. Weapons include pistols, rifles, bow & arrows, compound bows and cross bows. This also pertains to target practicing of any kind.

Open Burning: Due to the close proximity of houses, <u>open burning is not permitted in Windsor Borough</u> (including the use of burning barrels and fire pits).

Tall Grass & Litter in Yards - Windsor Borough Ordinances require that residents properly maintain their yards by keeping the grass cut and removing litter, rubbish & unwanted items from yards. Grass exceeding 6 inches & yards that have excessive rubbish & unwanted items are subject to receiving citations.

Dog Waste: It is against the law to allow pet waste to be left on your property. It is a health hazard and adds to the pollution problems in streams and bays. Please remember that your neighbors are also affected by the smell, especially in summer months when windows are open. Always carry bags with you when walking your dog so you can clean up and properly dispose of pet waste. <u>Violators are subject to receiving a citation from the Animal Control Officer.</u>

Dogs Running Loose – Per PA Dog Laws and the Borough Ordinance, dogs must be kept under control and supervised at all times when outside, whether in your yard or walking in the Borough. You are responsible for any damages caused by your dog on someone else's property. Owners who allow their dogs to run loose are subject to a fine. This is for the safety of your dog and residents. Residents need to call the Animal Control Officer (911 or 717-542-2620) if you see a dog running loose.

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.

Helpful phone Numbers:

Borough Animal Control Officer - 717-542-2620 Windsor Lions Club – 717 244-4848 Columbia Gas – 1 800-344-4077 York Area Regional Police – 717 741-1259 Windsor Borough Post Office – 717 244-7411 Met Ed – 1 800-545-7741 York Co Solid Waste Authority – 717 845-1066 York Co Voter Registration - 717 771-9604

Council meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Authority meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm 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 Rebecca Whiteley – Council Vice President Brenda Kramer – Council Member Ron Deckman – Council Member Larry Stone – Council Member



Windsor Borough Authority

Flim Warner – Chairman, Water & Sewer Authority Tom Rupp - Vice Chairman, Water & Sewer Authority Mark Donley - Treasurer, Water & Sewer Authority George Herbert – Secretary, Water & Sewer Authority Eric Myers – Assist Secretary/Treasurer, Water & Sewer Authority

