

Windsor Borough News



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Rate increases - Beginning with the first quarterly bill for 2018, the garbage rate will increase from \$55 per quarter to \$58 per quarter. Also, the sewer rate will increase from \$90 per quarter to \$95 per quarter. There will be no tax increase for 2018.

Water bill – *Please note that the water fee on the 1st quarterly bill has been estimated.* This is a result of our Maintenance worker, Steve Carr, having shoulder surgery so he is unable to read the water meters at this time. Water meters will be read in March for the 2nd quarter bill (which will be mailed the first week of April). If the estimated water fee was too high on the 1st quarter bill it will be adjusted on the 2nd quarter bill.

Snow Removal – Borough Ordinance requires that all residents remove snow and slush from sidewalks or gutters within 24 hours 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.

Council members want to hear from you – At the January 8th Council meeting (6:00 PM) Council members will begin to discuss projects for the upcoming year. Council members would like to get some feedback from residents on what they would like to see happening in the Borough. If you have suggestions for projects that will improve the Borough, please attend the January Council meeting to speak with Council members about this.

Christmas Decorating Contest – The Windsor Lions Club held their 3RD Annual Christmas Decorating contest in December. Judging took place on Dec 11th and prizes were awarded at the Borough Christmas party that was held on Dec 18th. 1st prize winners received \$50 and 2nd prize winners received \$25. Congratulations go to the following winners:

◆ *Traditional Category:*

1st place winner - 20 Water St. (Tim & Sherry Gladfelter)

2nd place winner - 87 Schoolhouse Lane (Todd & Julia Stiles)

◆ *Contemporary Category:*

1st place winner - 143 W Main St (David Rohrman)

2nd place winner - 56 W Main St (William Crumling)

The Lions Club would like to thank all residents who participated and made the Borough look more festive during the Christmas season!

Christmas Tree Pick-Up - Penn Waste will pick up live Christmas trees on Saturday January 13, 2018. 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.

Animal Control Officer – The Animal Control Officer (ACO) for Windsor Borough is Julia Drebusenko. Please **call 911** to report a problem, especially a dog bite incident, and the police will contact Ms. Drebusenko immediately. If you need to contact the ACO with questions or complaints please call 717-542-2620.

If you see or suspect any type of animal cruelty or abuse please contact the York County SPCA (717) 764-6109 or call 911. A Humane Society Police Officer, who is professionally trained to investigate and prosecute cruelty

to animals, will be dispatched. Ms. Drebushenko will also turn over all cases involving abuse cases to the Humane Society Police officer.

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.

Main St Parking – Many residents need to park on Main St as they do not have access to a parking area behind their house. For these residents, parking spaces are limited and sometimes hard to come by. If you live on Main St and have parking spaces behind your house, please be considerate of your neighbor by parking only 1 vehicle on the street and additional vehicles behind your house. Please make sure that your vehicle is only taking up 1 parking spot so there are parking spots available for the neighbors. Also, placing objects in the street such as traffic cones and chairs to save a space is not allowed.

Did you Know?????

Why is Stormwater a Problem? In 2016, DEP labeled approximately 19,000 miles of rivers and streams in Pennsylvania impaired for water supply, aquatic life, recreation, or fish consumption. Stormwater runoff pollution is one of the biggest reasons for this impairment. Over the past 100 years, streets, parking lots, sidewalks, and roofs have been a steadily increasing part of our communities as we've developed more and more of the landscape. As a result, rain that would otherwise soak into the ground instead rushes over these nonporous surfaces and into storm drains, which send it directly into rivers and streams.

Stormwater carries an enormous amount of pollution, including sediment, car oil, lawn fertilizers, pesticides, pet poop (and viruses/ bacteria), and cigarette butts. As you might expect, this has many negative impacts on streams and rivers.

- Rivers are the source of our drinking water supply; when rivers aren't healthy, public health risks increase.
- Sediment harms aquatic life destroying essential habitat for many species.
- Fertilizers stimulate excessive algae growth which takes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.
- Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, making beach closures necessary.
- Debris—such as plastic bags, six-pack rings, and cigarette butts—washed into rivers can choke, suffocate, or disable ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.
- Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, and motor oil can poison aquatic life.
- Land animals and people can become sick or die from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water.
- Because groundwater levels don't get fully replenished, springs and wells can go dry.

York County is required to reduce the amount of pollutants that run off into waterways. You can help by doing the following:

- Properly dispose of pet waste. Pet waste left on the ground will eventually wash into the water system.
- Avoid pouring toxic substances down drains such as used motor oil, antifreeze, paint and solvents.
- Fix engine oil leaks so oil does not saturate roadways and run into streams.
- Don't flush medications down the toilet. Instead, dispose of them by taking them to a local police department that has a medication drop box. You can also place medications in a sealable bag and place it with your regular trash.
- Recycle plastic grocery bags by taking them to a local store (such as Giant or Weiss) that has a collection container where the store will properly dispose of plastic bags.

Remember that actions we take in our daily lives have a big impact on our environment.

Community Outreach is a program that serves the community by offering food assistance, meals, clothing, fuel assistance, back to school supplies, nutrition classes, money management classes and more. They also accept food donations for their food pantry. For further information please call 717 244-6934 Monday through Friday from 9-2 pm. You can also contact them at communityreachinc@gmail.com or visit their website at www.commreach.org

The Second Edition “Windsor Borough, The First One Hundred Years (1905-2005)” is now available. This soft back book provides a wealth of history and pictures from 1905-2005. The cost is \$35 and can be purchased at the Borough Office.

You can get **FREE light bulbs** through Met Ed? Visit their website at www.energysavepa.com and look for the Energy Conservation Kit. The kit includes five LED light bulbs, three compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) in various wattages, a furnace filter whistle and three LED night lights. The kit will be mailed to your home and there is no charge for it!

Appliance, Electronics & HVAC rebates - Did you recently replace on old refrigerator, TV or AC unit? If you replaced one of these items with an energy efficient or energy star certified item you may be eligible for a rebate through Met Ed. Visit www.energysavepa.com for more information. The website will guide you through the application process which is quick and easy.

The United States Postal Service (USPS) offers a free service that will show you what mail was delivered to your mailbox each day. All you need to do is go to the USPS website, click on the Track and Manage tab, then click on the Informed Delivery tab and create an account, verify your identity then daily messages will be sent to your smartphone, tablet or computer. If you are concerned that you aren't getting all of your mail, this is a great way of tracking your mail.

Electric Supplier – Residents can choose their own electric supplier through the **PA Power Switch** website (www.papowerswitch.com). By using this website residents can look at various electric suppliers, compare rates and switch suppliers which may ultimately save you money. The process is simple, easy and convenient to use. Your bill will still be generated through your usual electric provider and you will have some control over how much you want to spend on electric usage.

Street light outages – Residents can 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 the pole number. You can also report a street light outage through the following website: www.firstenergycorp.com. Select “Don't Know Your Acct Info” and fill in the required fields. You will need to provide the closest street address, cross street info and pole information. You will receive a confirmation email of your report along with a phone number should you have further questions or concerns.



Water, Sewer and Garbage Quarterly Bills

Quarterly bills will be due on the following dates: 2-12-18, 5-14-18, 8-13-18, & 11-12-18. 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. 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.

If you would like to receive your quarterly bills electronically via email, we offer a website where you sign up for this. On this website you can also view and print your bills, look at past bills and review your water consumption for the year. Please go to the following website: <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.
Please note that payments cannot be made on this website.

Remember to keep sidewalks and areas leading up to your water meter clear and free from snow, clutter, high bushes or tall grass. For safety reasons keep dogs confined when the maintenance person is on your property.

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 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. Also, Penn Waste cannot accept any electronics. Residents may be able to 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. Please call the store before taking any electronics to confirm they can accept them. 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 York Co Solid Waste Authority Facility. For further information please call 717 845-1066 or www.ycswa.com

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. Recycling also helps to generate revenue for the Borough which helps to keep quarterly garbage fees down.

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:

Windsor Borough Post Office – 717 244-7411

Windsor Lions Club – 717 244-4848

Met Ed – 1 800-545-7741

Columbia Gas – 1 800-344-4077

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 6:00 pm. Authority meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 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 Officials

- 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

