



WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

Spring
2011

Police Department:
252-2500

Police Emergency:
911

Police Non-Emergency:
840-2971

Fire Department:
252-4770

**Municipal Authority
& Borough Office:**
252-2768

Streets Department:
252-4559

Sewer Plant:
252-3276

Water Plant:
252-3711

REMAINING 2011 BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING DATES

4:00 PM
601 Water Street

March 21
April 18
May 16
June 20
July 18
August 15
September 19
October 17
November 21
December 19

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

TOM GROFT
Council President
Ward 3
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Councilwoman
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Councilman
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Councilman
Ward 2
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THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING 2011 DATES

Monday, April 25
Easter Holiday

Monday, May 30
Memorial Day

Monday, July 4
Independence Day

Monday, Sep. 5
Labor Day

Thursday, Nov. 24
Thanksgiving Day

Monday, Dec. 26
Christmas Holiday

Eastern York School District SNOW MAKE-UP DAYS:

- Monday, March 21, 2011
- Friday May 27, 2011
- Friday, June 10, 2011

A MOO-VELOUS FUNDRAISER

Help the Wrightsville Rec raise money by purchasing Turkey Hill milk products with specially marked lids. Turn the lids in to the Borough Office and they'll be redeemed for 5¢ each! Thanks for your support.





TIME TO SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight Saving Time
Begins Sunday, March 13

STREET REPAIR PROJECT



Borough Council recently approved a street repair project to be completed later this year. This comes after a three year absence of a major street project within the Borough.

Through 2010, Council worked with Borough Engineer, CS Davidson, to evaluate the condition of all of our streets. Each street received a condition rating from 1 to 100. The study found that 18% of our streets are in good condition, 80% are in fair condition while the remaining 2% are in poor condition.

Early this year, the Public Works Committee developed a maintenance plan to be implemented over the next five years. Our engineers have advised that many of our "better" streets will deteriorate rapidly if they do not receive maintenance soon. Upon the Engineer's recommendation, the Borough will initially focus on projects to extend the life of some of our "better" streets. The hope is that this will prevent large and very expensive repairs in the future. Prolonging the life of these particular streets will be accomplished through base repairs, crack sealing, pavement overlays and micro-surfacing. Some of this work will be done by our Borough employees and equipment. Other work will be bid and completed by contractors. Funding will be from the Borough's General Fund and State Liquid Fuels monies.

Unfortunately, some of our streets are beyond repair and will need to be completely rebuilt.

These streets will need new storm sewers, curbs, walks and pavement. Council is in the process of developing plans for projects of this nature. Funding for these costly projects will be sought from the Community Development Block Grant program (state and federal funding). These larger projects will take place while other maintenance projects continue throughout the Borough.

So far, the focus of planning has been on our streets. Our alleys also need repair. Council is concerned about the high percentage of our streets that are only in fair condition and will continue to age. Continuing to delay repairs and maintenance will certainly increase our future costs. Currently, Council is discussing options for the financing of future repairs.

Feedback from the community will be helpful to Council as they continue to plan. Council would be happy to hear your thoughts. Please feel free to talk with individual Council members or to address Council by participating in a monthly meeting.

-Mayor Habecker

YORK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES EMERGENCY EVACUATION INFO

If you know someone who is confined to a bed or wheelchair, requires medical support equipment, walks with a walker or a cane, is hearing impaired, sight impaired, has a service animal, is without means of personal transportation, or has any other medical condition which could potentially inhibit them from effectively evacuating should an emergency occur, York County Human Services Emergency Evacuation Information is available in the Borough Office lobby.



Do you have pictures of the town you would like to share? We're looking for great snapshots of the town to put on the website. If you would like to contribute, please send your pictures to:
mwirls@wrightsvilleborough.com

DO I NEED A PERMIT?

When do you need a permit?

The best way to find out if you need a permit is to contact the Borough office. Discuss your plans with the Borough Secretary before beginning construction to determine whether you need a permit.

Why do I need a permit?

By obtaining a municipal permit, you will protect the outcome and investment value of your construction project and be able to guard against a lawsuit or injury by obtaining building permits. The following information describes a few simple steps you can take in order to obtain a building permit and how permits can work for you. Building permits are very beneficial to you and our community. By working with the Borough, you will benefit from their knowledge of building codes to ensure your construction project is built right, will be safe and will last. It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to erect, construct, enlarge, alter, move, improve, remove, convert, or demolish any building or structure; without a municipal permit.

Permits usually ARE required for the following:

- New buildings, including the placement of manufactured homes
- Additions (bedrooms, bathrooms, family rooms, etc.)
- Residential work (decks, garages, fences, pools, etc.)
- Renovations (re-roofing, etc.)

Permits usually are NOT required for the following:

(unless your project requires obstruction of a sidewalk)

- Exterior painting
- Window replacement
- Indoor carpeting
- Roof repair (roof REPLACEMENT requires a permit while repair does not)

PROOF OF INSURANCE

Proof of Insurance is required on all projects. If a contractor is doing the work, their liability insurance information is required. If a contractor is not employed, the homeowner must provide a copy of their homeowners insurance.

PAVILION RENTAL

Yes, a permit is needed, but at no cost. Permits are available through the Borough Office.

WITH SPRING & SUMMER AROUND THE CORNER, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IT IS A VIOLATION OF BOROUGH ORDINANCES TO:

- Have grass growing over 6" inches or an accumulation of weeds
- Conduct open burning
- Have an accumulation of bulky rubbish on any property, such as excess trash, discarded furniture, large household appliances such as refrigerators, washing machines, bathtubs, sinks, toilets, etc.

FORMS, APPLICATIONS & PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

For your convenience, the following forms (and more) are available in the lobby of the Administrative Building:

- Permit Application
- Transient Business
- Residential Complaint
- Seller's License
- Recreation & Entertainment Permit
- Handicap or Disabled Parking Permit
- Newsletters

A TASTE OF WRIGHTSVILLE

The Wrightsville Recreation Board presents "A Taste of Wrightsville" -- Wrightsville's very own cookbook filled with many mouth-watering recipes. Call 252-2768 or stop at the Borough office during office hours of 9:00 am to 2:00 pm to purchase your copy for only \$11.00!



WE ALWAYS WELCOME YOUR IDEAS & SUGGESTIONS!

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY NEWS

Reminder – We have a drop box!

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YARD WASTE IS COMING UP



Yard Waste is collected between April & October - every Wednesday.
Yard Waste includes tree trimmings, hedge clippings, grass, etc.

Yard Waste Bags are available for purchase in the Municipal Authority Office and also at Sue's Market, 215 Hellam St for 45¢ each. Tree limbs need to be cut into 3-foot lengths and bundled and placed at the curb. If not using the yard waste bags, containers may be used but should not exceed 50 pounds when filled.
Yard waste will NOT be picked up if in plastic bags.

WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASE

As of January 1, 2011 the Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority was required to increase the water rates \$4.50 and the sewer rates \$5.00.

Consumption for water and sewer using 3,000 gallons and more will be increased to \$4.75/thousand and sewer will be increased \$3.75/thousand.

2011 WATER BILL DUE DATES	
March 9	August 3
April 6	September 7
May 4	October 5
June 8	November 9
July 6	December 7

Water Department - (717) 252-3711
Sewer Department – (717) 252-3276
Billing Questions – (717) 252-2768

A leaky toilet often goes unnoticed. To check for leaks, simply add enough food coloring to your toilet tank to really brighten the water. After 30 minutes check to see if any of the dye has leaked into the bowl.

REMAINING 2011 MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETING DATES

4:00 PM

601 Water Street

March 10	August 11
April 14	September 8
May 12	October 13
June 9	November 10
July 14	December 8

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS

PHIL LANDIS - Chairman
GARY ISHMAN - Vice Chairman
FRED SMELTZER - Secretary/Treasurer
JOE GIANDALIA
KEN STONER
RICK McDONALD
LARRY JOE

LORRI HARMER – Office Manager & Open Records Officer
KEITH BRENNER - Finance Officer
BRIAN LYLE - General Manager
TODD NACE - Sewer Plant Operator

SWIFT REACH INFORMATION

In our efforts to provide more reliable communication with residents and businesses, we have implemented Swift Reach Networks, Inc. as our Emergency Notification System.

Swift 911 in its simplest form is a system that makes phone calls to specific people or areas in the event of an emergency or for sharing important information.

All the calls you receive will have the Caller ID of
"Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority."

Sign up online at:
<http://www.wrightsvilleborough.com/SwiftReach.htm>

RECYCLING NEWS

"We are not to throw away those things which can benefit our neighbor. Goods are called good because they can be used for good: they are instruments for good, in the hands of those who use them properly."

-- Clement of Alexandria

Recycling Facts

Courtesy of Headwaters Cooperative Recycling of Helena, Montana Website: <http://www.headwatersrecycle.com>

ALUMINUM

- Recycling one aluminum beverage can saves enough energy to run a 100-watt bulb for 20 hours, a computer for 3 hours or a TV for 2 hours.
- The aluminum beverage can returns to the grocer's shelf as a new, filled can in as little as 90 days after collection, remelting, rolling, manufacturing and distribution.
- An average of 113,204 aluminum cans are recycled every minute of every day.
- Recycling one ton of aluminum saves 37 barrels of oil.
- Recycling 125 aluminum cans saves enough energy to power a home for 1 day.

GLASS

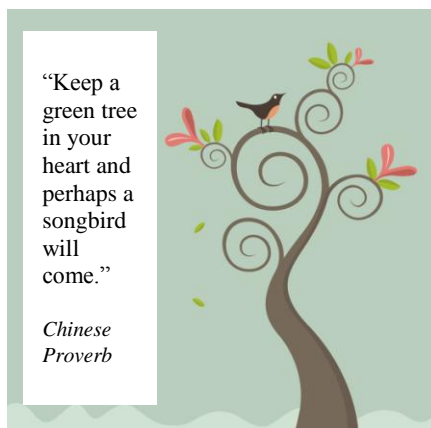
- It takes approximately 1 million years for a glass bottle to break down in a landfill.
- In the U.S. today, 34% of all glass containers are recycled.
- Most bottles and jars contain at least 25% recycled glass.
- Glass never wears out - it can be recycled forever.
- Recycling glass saves 25-32% of the energy used to make glass.

PAPER

- Americans use over 67,000,000 tons of paper each year, or 600 pounds per person.
- It takes more than 500,000 trees to produce the newspapers Americans

read each Sunday, yet only 30% of all newspapers are recycled.

- Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, 2 barrels of oil, 7,000 gallons of water and 4,100 kilowatt hours of electricity - enough energy to power the average American home for 5 months.
- Every day, Americans buy 62 million newspapers and throw out 44 million. That's the equivalent of dumping 500,000 trees into a landfill every week.
- In the manufacturing process of recycled paper 74% less air pollution is generated, 35% less water pollution is generated, 58% less water is required, and 64% less energy is required
- Every year more than 900 million trees are cut down to provide raw materials for American paper and pulp mills.



PLASTIC

- Plastics require 100 to 400 years to break down in a landfill.
- Producing new plastic from recycled material uses only two-thirds of the energy required to manufacture it from raw materials.
- By using plastic in packaging, American product manufacturers save enough energy each year to power a city of 1 million homes for 3 years.
- As much as 40% of selected plastic parts from damaged or discarded cars are repaired and reused.
- 95% of all plastic bottles in the U.S. market are manufactured from PET or HDPE. 56% of recycled PET finds a market in the manufacture of fiber (carpet & clothing). 29% of HDPE

recycled bottles go into making new bottles and 18% goes into the plastic pipe industry.

- Recycling 1 ton of plastic can save 1-2 thousand gallons of gas.
- Every year we make enough plastic film to shrink-wrap the state of Texas.

STEEL

- Recycling tin and steel cans saves between 60-74% of the energy used to produce them from raw materials.
- 1 ton of recycled steel saves the energy equivalent of 3.6 barrels of oil, and 1.49 tons of iron ore over the production of new steel.
- In 2001, nearly 2 million tons of steel was recovered from recycled appliances.
- The steel from the more than 39 million appliances recycled last year yielded enough steel to build about 160 stadiums the size of the new Pittsburgh Steelers stadium.
- You can make 20 cans out of recycled material with the same amount of energy it takes to make 1 new one.

GENERAL

- The average person throws away 4 pounds of garbage PER DAY.
- Product packaging accounts for 1/3 of our trash.
- Solid waste disposal is the third largest municipal government expense after police protection and education.
- The nation's annual generation of municipal solid waste rose steadily from 88 million tons in 1960 to 232 million tons in 2002.
- Recycling all of your home's waste newsprint, cardboard, glass and metal can reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 850 lbs. a year.
- Battery acid is recycled by converting it to sodium sulfate for laundry detergent, glass and textile manufacturing.

"The nice part about living in a small town is that when you don't know what you're doing, someone else does."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

»Spring 2011«



Historic Wrightsville's 36th Annual HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION



Saturday, May 28

*Located on the John Wright Store & Restaurant
Property, Front Street, Wrightsville*

Vendor applications and more information
available in the Borough Office lobby
and can be downloaded from the
<http://wrightsvilleborough.com> "Events" page.

»ANTIQUES« »ART« »CRAFTS«
»COLLECTIBLES« »GAMES« »FOOD«
»ENTERTAINMENT« »ANTIQUE CARS«
»MUSCLE CARS« »PEDAL CARS« »TRACTORS«
»HIT & MISS ENGINES« »MORE«

SPRING FLING

May 21, 2011

Grace United Methodist Church

WRIGHTSVILLE CLEAN-UP DAY

Wrightsville Waste Warriors

Saturday, April 23, 2011

9 AM to 12:00 PM

For more details contact
Ranee Scritchfield at 717-887-5992

Historic Wrightsville Inc INDOOR YARD SALE



**Saturday, March 19
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
243 Hellam St, Wrightsville**

Seller application forms are available at the
museum located at 309 Locust Street (open
Sunday 1pm to 4pm), and in the lobby of the
Borough office, or by emailing

mwirls@wrightsvilleborough.com

Seller applications must be received by Monday, March 7, 2011

July 4th

Celebration

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Eastern York
4th of July Committee



»FIREWORKS«
»CHICKEN BBQ«
»ACTIVITIES«

ORDINANCES PASSED BY BOROUGH COUNCIL IN 2010

ORDINANCE 2010-1: An Ordinance of the Borough of Wrightsville, York County, PA defining and establishing regulations for the use of Parks and Recreational Facilities within the Borough of Wrightsville.

ORDINANCE 2010-3: An Ordinance of the Borough of Wrightsville, York County, PA regulating the operation and parking of motor vehicles during Snow Emergencies, establishing Snow Emergency Routes, providing for the removal and impoundment of vehicles under certain conditions, providing for the posting of signs and notices pertaining to Snow Emergencies, providing penalties for violations of this ordinance, repealing inconsistent ordinances or portions thereof and establishing an effective date. This ordinance amends Ordinance 1998-04 Section 601, 602 and Section 603.

ORDINANCE 2010-4: An Ordinance of Borough Council of the Borough of Wrightsville, York County, PA approving a Roadway Lighting Agreement by and among the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Borough of Wrightsville, Columbia Borough and West Hempfield Township.

2011 Borough Council Regular Meeting Dates 4pm 601 Water Street

January 3, 2011
February 7, 2011
March 7, 2011
April 4, 2011
May 2, 2011
June 6, 2011
July 11, 2011
August 1, 2011
September 12, 2011
October 3, 2011
November 7, 2011
December 5, 2011



December 2010 Police Department Report

23 Calls for service
7 Traffic Citations
5 Non-Traffic Citations
2 DUI Arrests
3 Motor Vehicle Accidents
6 Warrant Services



December 2010 Fire Department Report

81 Total Responses
Hellam Township - 26 calls
Wrightsville Borough - 17 calls
Lower Windsor Township - 11 calls
East Donegal Township - 8 calls
Hallam Borough - 4 calls
Felton Borough - 1 call
Manchester Township - 2 calls
York Township - 3 calls
Newberry Township - 2 calls
Springettsbury Township - 2 calls
Conewago Township - 1 call
Marietta Borough - 2 calls

17 Medical Assists
9 Auto Accidents
17 Structure Fires
 1 w/ entrapment
11 Automatic Fire Alarms
3 Brush Fire / Mulch Fires
2 Debris Removals
11 Standby Transfers
2 Gas Leaks / Co Leaks
2 Wires Down
1 Investigation Outside
1 Trench Rescue
1 Residential Rescue
1 Fire Police Dispatches
1 Assist Police Department
1 Dumpster Fire

652 Total calls for 2010
Average crew size - 13 Personnel
Average Fire / Rescue Response Time - 1 minute 10 seconds
QRS Response Time - 1 minute