

The Borough of Wilson

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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR - DONALD R. BARRETT, JR

The statement, "Wilson Borough is not like it used to be" is 100 percent true. I see and hear it all the time. To that point, NOTHING is like it used to be. Wilson Borough is just over 100 years old, and like anything at that age, it needs a little work and some TLC. For years, a status quo was maintained because that is the way things were always done. It is that mindset that got us here and that mindset needs to change in order to move forward and realize this community's true potential.

'Let me start by saying that Wilson Borough now runs in the black, with no debt service. We have NO outstanding loans and are excellent at paying our bills. Our front office works extremely hard to bring in money, but to also keep us on the plus side, ledger-wise. Sometimes, difficult decisions are made and while they may not be popular, they must be made. For example: Do you fix a pool that lost money annually, or do you replace an aging firetruck (over 30 years old) in the interest of ensuring public safety? These are the types of tough choices that we often need to make as a council and a borough. Contrary to discussions held on social media I have read, Crime has NOT risen since the pool has closed; it dropped! I do agree that there needs to be more things for kids to do and this issue is being worked on. A pool's closure, however, is not a catalyst for an increase in crime. In fact, crime went down 50% after the pool closed. Hopefully, the pool is not gone forever, but it needed to be filled until we could do something with it in the future. We cannot leave a 13-foot-deep hole the size of an Olympic pool open where somebody could get seriously hurt, creating a legal liability for the Borough. We hoped to start the pool renovations this year, but the cost of materials has doubled, due in large part to the residual effects of the pandemic. Grants have been applied for, but they aren't enough to complete the job.

So where do our taxes go? Simply stated, for every \$100 you pay in taxes, \$63 goes to the school district. Now considering our schools are listed as one of the top 100 schools in the US, I think that is money well spent and a great return on your tax dollars. Twelve dollars goes to Northampton County and the last \$25 comes to the Borough. Our budgets are always posted online and open for public for review.

Once again, crime is down over consecutive years. So far this year, there were 56 Part 1 Offenses. We did see a busier than normal April but, overall, our department is doing a great job. Spanky's is still closed at the time I am writing this, and they will present themselves before the LCB in mid-May, trying to get their license back. Chief Meehan and his team are doing their best to make sure they do not reopen. I feel that one of the reasons crime is down



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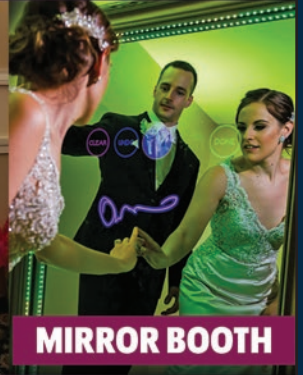
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is because they are closed and I am still thankful for all our Police force have done to stay vigilant on this issue.

So far this year, our Fire Department has answered a total of 324 calls (EMS and Fire combined) and in an average response time of under 5 minutes. It takes about 2.5 minutes to get enroute. Our new ladder truck was just put into service and our crews are completing their required training. This will do nothing but make our department even better. We are blessed to have a top-notch department.

Public Works has it tough this year. I think UGI decided to work on every road this year and it is a ton of work. Along with their normal duties, Public Works is coordinating with UGI to make sure the roads are safe until we can mill and repave them. We are looking at 25 roads being repaved in 2022 and 2023. Yes, the road work is a pain and an inconvenience, but it will be worth it in the end with minimal cost to Borough residents. The gas lines were in desperate need of replacing and will last hopefully another 50 to 100 years.

As of today, there is an agreement of sale in place for the Dixie Building and, God willing, it will be sold and its rehabilitation and restoration will begin shortly thereafter. For four years, we as council have been working and trying to obtain movement on this. I am cautiously optimistic and don't want to comment too much at this time in the interest of seeing this through, but this is the closest we have come to seeing this become a positive beacon for Wilson again. Stay tuned. We have seen a warehouse project put on hold and concerns coming from neighboring communities about traffic it would generate. These same communities continue to build retail space and housing along an already congested area adjacent to this site. Both the Dixie and old Pfizer sites are zoned as industrial and need to be developed as such for us to gain revenue and grow the Borough tax base. I believe that both projects are a positive start in the right direction.

In closing, Wilson is old, and needs attention and work. A community of over 7,500 residents cannot ask or expect just nine councilpersons to fix all your issues and troubles. Negative comments don't equal positive outcomes and you can impact this community just as much as council can. I sit at most council meetings with an empty room, or maybe just three or four people in the audience at the most. Then, everybody is stunned, amazed, or upset about issues and want to react after decisions are made at council meetings. Come to a meeting and get involved. No, the meetings aren't exciting or glamorous, but you will see what challenges we face, will learn what exactly is involved in facing these challenges, and will have an opportunity to express your opinions. Hopefully, it will energize you to be part of the Borough; not just a bystander who simply watches and reacts.


Join us in changing Wilson for the better.

Donald R. Barrett, Jr

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

June 13, 2022	August 8, 2022	October 10, 2022	December 12, 2022
June 27, 2022	August 22, 2022	October 24, 2022	December 26, 2022
July 11, 2022	September 12, 2022	November 14, 2022	
July 25, 2022	September 26, 2022	November 28, 2022	

Beginning June 13, 2022 all Council Meetings will be held at Borough Hall - 2040 Hay Terrace Easton, PA 18042



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IMPORTANT ORDINANCES EVERY RESIDENT SHOULD KNOW:

1. Garbage may not be placed out for pick up until 24 hours prior.
2. All electronic devices must be picked up by appointment only. Please call Waste Management at Your Door. Call 1-800-449-7587, online at WMatYourDoor.com, or Email at AtYourDoor@WM.com
3. Curb grass (grass growing between curb and street) is responsibility of the resident to trim or remove.
4. Lawns and all grassy areas cannot exceed 10 inches in height. Under no circumstances should grass or weeds be blown onto the Borough streets or alley ways.
5. Snow must be removed from all walkways within 15 hours after snow fall. Under no circumstance should any snow be blown into Borough streets or alley ways. The Wilson Borough Fire Department requests that fire hydrants near your home should be shoveled open.
6. It shall be unlawful for anyone to store abandoned or junk automobiles, dump garbage, rubbish, or other debris of an offensive or obnoxious nature in the Borough of Wilson.
7. Business license: All businesses (including rentals) conducting business in the Borough of Wilson will be required to obtain a business license.

POLICE CHIEF

CURFEW ORDINANCE

Just a reminder about the Borough's Curfew Ordinance: Borough Ordinance No. 655 states that those under 18 years of age are not allowed out in public between the hours of 11:00 pm and 6:00 am unless that child is accompanied by a parent or guardian, going to or from work, on lawful business for their parent, returning from school or going to school, or on an emergency errand authorized by their parents.

Any child who violates this ordinance can be detained until a parent or guardian can be notified. Parents will receive a warning for the first offense. Subsequent offenses will result in a citation with up to a \$300.00 fine.

PARKING ISSUES

The Wilson Police respond to hundreds of parking complaints each year. The most common complaints are: Vehicles parked without moving for over 72 hours, unregistered/uninspected vehicles, and residents with off street parking who park on the street. Please remember that vehicles cannot be parked in the same spot for over 72 hours and all vehicles must have current inspection, registration, emissions, and insurance. If you have off street parking, please be considerate of your neighbors.

FIRE CHIEF

Although the state of Pennsylvania now allows certain types of fireworks to be legally sold to residents, please remember that the law also states:

- They cannot be ignited or discharged on public or private property without express permission of the property owner.
- They cannot be discharged from or within a motor vehicle or building.
- They cannot be discharged toward a motor vehicle or building.
- They cannot be discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure, whether or not a person is actually present.
- They cannot be discharged while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug.

The Wilson Borough Fire Department is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining the department or have any questions about joining, please stop by the station on Butler St. at any time and speak to one of the firefighters on duty.

FIRE TRUCK

The Wilson Borough Fire Department has accepted delivery of a custom built 107 ft. Pierce Ascendent aerial truck which will replace the 2003 Metz aerial. Maintenance costs were increasing on the Metz aerial and after discussions with Wilson Borough Council, it was decided to purchase the replacement. The new ladder truck can be set-up quickly by one firefighter and allows the ability of rescues and access to areas that would be out of reach of ground ladders. In the past the fire department has used the ladder truck not only on fire calls but to assist EMS with victims on roofs, special rescue scenarios, and also assisted our police department with evidence gathering. After tool mounting and training the department hopes to have the ladder in service sometime during the month of May.



MEUSER PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

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2022 SCHEDULE

Wilson Area High School Band

May 22 • 6:00 to 8:00pm

Kick off the season with our High School Band under the direction of Mr. Nick Hall.

Pioneer Band

June 5 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Let's welcome back this well-known local band.

Johnny's Jukebox Band

June 12 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Enjoy an evening of oldies rock and soul music from the sixties and seventies.

Little Brass Band of the Lehigh Valley

June 19 • 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

This band brings back their exciting brass sound for a great summer evening in the park.

The German Band

June 26 • 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Come out for oompah music and a night of feel good Pennsylvania German music.

Sing For America

July 3 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Formerly known as "Kids for America", these fine young people celebrate the best of American music in support of local military families.

Nazareth Community Band

July 10 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Give a warm welcome to these musical ambassadors from our neighboring community to the North.

The Bank Street Band

July 17 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Come out to support these local musicians from the Allentown and Easton School of Rock.

Riverside Rhythm

July 24 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

We've missed this popular group for the last two years. Let's welcome them back.

The Swingtime Dolls

July 31 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Join Jillian Rossi, Stacy Gabel, and Kate Pistone for an evening of music to remember.

Time Whys

August 7 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

After numerous requests, we are pleased to welcome this well-known local band to our summer series.

Lehigh Valley Italian American Band

August 14 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Under the direction of Matt Cascioli, the name says it all.

Easton Municipal Band

August 21 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Let's welcome one of Lehigh Valley's most popular municipal bands.

The Main Street Cruisers

August 28 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Wrap up the season with Oldies! Oldies! Oldies!

Visit our refreshment stand – all sales benefit The Friends of Mary Meuser Library.

PAVILION-PARK RENTALS

Meuser Park Rental

The rental of Meuser Park does not include the use of the pavilions or band shell area. Those are charged separately.

Park only for Residents \$100 rental fee and \$100 CASH ONLY refundable cleanup deposit.

Park only for Non-Residents \$150 rental fee and \$100 CASH ONLY refundable cleanup deposit.

Public events held at Meuser Park will require evidence of liability insurance. Event liability insurance must be in the amount of \$1,00,000 naming Wilson Borough, Wilson Borough Council and Wilson Borough Employees as additional insureds.

Pavilions

The Pavilions are available for rental all year however, for the months from October through April the water will be turned off depending on the weather.

SMALL PAVILION

Resident - \$ 75 plus a \$100 CASH ONLY refundable deposit.

Non-Resident -\$100 plus a \$100 CASH ONLY refundable deposit.

LARGE PAVILION

Resident - \$125 plus a \$100 CASH ONLY refundable deposit.

Non-Resident - \$150 plus a \$100 CASH ONLY refundable deposit.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE FOR CANCELLATIONS.

PAVILION/PARK RULES

- NO ALCOHOL
- NO DJ'S
- YOU MAY USE GRILLS BUT YOU MUST TAKE HOT COALS WITH YOU. NO DUMPING.
- PAVILIONS MUST BE CLEANED AND ALL REFUSE CANS MUST BE EMPTY.
- REFUSE MUST BE PLACED IN THE DUMSTERS. THE DUMPSTER IS LOCATED IN THE SOUTH WEST CORNER OF THE PARKING LOT.
- NO PARKING ON THE GRASS.
- USE OF BAND SHELL AND PARK ARE CHARGED SEPARATELY.

YOU MUST APPLY AND PAY FOR USAGE OF THE PAVILIONS NO EXCEPTIONS.

BAND SHELL

The rental of the Band Shell does not include the use of the park or pavilions, those are charged separately.

Band shell only for Residents \$75 rental fee and \$100 CASH ONLY refundable cleanup deposit.

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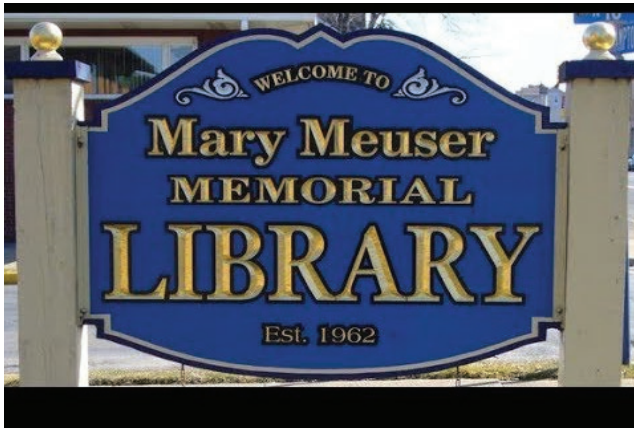
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HAPPENINGS AT MEUSER LIBRARY



Our Meuser Knitting Club, "Any String Goes", meets every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Crochet-ers are also invited! Some beginning instruction is available. Bring your own supplies. Limited supplies will be available for beginners.

Preschool **STORYTIMES** are held every Thursday mornings from 10:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. Music and crafts are often included. More details are available on our website and Facebook page.



The **Meuser Book Club** meets the third Tuesday of every month at 2:00 p.m. in our Annex. Book titles are chosen by our members for discussion. If you are interested in joining, please call Wende at 610-258-3040. We always welcome new members!

Stick Figure Poetry Open Mic Night continues throughout the year on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in our Annex. Come out and share your talents, whether an aspiring writer, thespian, musician, or storyteller! All genres are welcome.

THE MEUSER 2022 SUMMER READING PROGRAM kicks off the week of June 13th. This year's theme is "Oceans of Possibilities". Details are available on our website (www.meuserlib.org) or on our Facebook page. Come join the adventure into all things "fishy"! Our popular summer reading raffle baskets return again this year!

The **Mary Meuser Annual Book Fair** will be held on Saturday, September 10, and Sunday, September 11. Donations of books, DVDs, and music CDs will be collected during the month of August. Please call the Library prior to drop off (610-258-3040.)

After a long COVID pause, our lecture series, "Coffee, Tea & Memories" is scheduled to return this Fall with a new name, "Remember When...". Check our website and Facebook page for more details later this year.



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FLUSHABLE WIPES

Flushable" wipes, along with Clorox and other disinfectant wipes, are clogging pipes and sewer lines, and especially pumps at sewer treatment facilities.

The Borough of Wilson would like to remind residents to avoid flushing the following items: Diapers and baby wipes — even flushable wipes; feminine hygiene products and personal care wipes; cleaning/disinfecting wipes and disposable toilet brushes; paper towels; disposable gloves.

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September 5, 2022 - Labor Day

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