The Borough of Wilson



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WHO IS CELEBRATE WILSON

Celebrate Wilson's mission is to bring together the Wilson Borough Community. The groups of volunteers, non-profit associations, & clubs working together are essential to driving community interaction. Though being a small borough, it becomes more important to



strengthen the bond we have as a community to work towards the greater good for all things Wilson Borough. If you are a non-profit association, sports association, organization, booster, or club within the Wilson Borough area or Wilson Area School District, & you have an event you would like to showcase on our website or add to our newsletter, please visit the community calendar on our website at celebratewilson.org.

2022 WINTER FEST AND TREE LIGHTING

The Celebration Committee continues to provide more events for Borough Residents, and we've turned our focus to this year's Holiday Tree lighting to become your families next Holiday tradition. We will light our Holiday tree on Friday, November 25, 2022, from 6pm to 8pm at Meuser Park. The Celebration Committee purchased a 14 foot tree that will take over the center of the park.

The Wilson Borough Lions Club will be serving free hot chocolate, juice, and cookies for those who want to get warm in our Community Center.

To help any event grow, we need the community's help; all funds raised by the Celebration Committee go towards our community events. We would like to see the tree become a staple of our community for years to come. Our goal is to see the tree grow to an amazing size to be a part of a bigger revitalization of Meuser Park. As part of our "Grow the Tree" campaign, we are asking for your donation to ensure a wonderful holiday season for you and your family. Please visit celebratewilson.org and donate today!



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COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2022-23

November 28, 2022

December 12, 2022

December 26, 2022

January 9, 2023

January 23, 2023

February 13, 2023

February 27, 2023

March 13, 2023

March 27, 2023

April 10, 2023

April 24, 2023

May 8, 2023

May 22, 2023

June 12, 2023

June 26, 2023

July 10, 2023

July 24, 2023

August 14, 2023

August 28, 2023

September 11, 2023

September 25, 2023

October 9, 2023

October 23, 2023

November 13, 2023

November 27, 2023

December 11, 2023

2022 - 23 HOLIDAYS-

(OFFICE CLOSED)

November 24 & 25, 2022 – Thanksgiving

December 23, 2022 – for Christmas Eve

December 26, 2022 – for Christmas Day

December 30, 2022 – for New Year's Eve

January 2, 2023 – for New Year's Day

April 7, 2023 - Good Friday

May 29, 2023 - Memorial Day

July 4, 2023 – Independence Day

September 4, 2023 - Labor Day

November 10, 2023 - for Veterans Day

November 23 & 24, 2023 - Thanksgiving

December 22, 2023 - for Christmas Eve

December 25, 2023 - for Christmas Day

December 29, 2023 - for New Year's Eve

WILSON BOROUGH CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

Did you know that all our ordinances are codified and online for all to see? Wilson Borough uses eCode 360 to publish and maintain all our ordinances. The ordinances are organized by chapter and are both searchable and printable. New ordinances are added upon adoption. You can find them by visiting the Borough website, under the Departments/ Code Enforcement tab. If you have any further questions, please contact the Codes and Zoning Department at 610-438-2315.

Many Forms and Documents can be found on the Borough's Website: Departments/Code Enforcement/Permits & Fee Schedule.

CODE PROCESS

Over the years, residents have asked about the Code Enforcement process and why it appears to take a long time for a resolution to a Code issue. This is just an overview; the actual process can be quite involved and time consuming!

It either begins with a complaint from a resident or an observation by Code Enforcement. The information received is reviewed against the Borough's Codes to verify that a violation does exist.

A letter is sent to the owner or occupant of the property explaining the issue, the code violated and a time to resolve it by. Most times, this is all that needs to be done and the matter is taken care of. After a follow up, if the matter is not resolved additional notices are sent to resolve the violation. If those notices are ignored, the property is posted with a copy of the sent notice(s) and timeframe by which the issue must be resolved. Where these attempts do not result in a resolution to the matter, a Citation or Civil Action is filed with the local District Justice. Should the defendant plead guilty and remit the fine to the Court, the matter is closed, even though the violation remains. If the defendant requests a hearing, one is scheduled before the District Justice. If the outcome of this hearing is a guilty verdict, a fine is assessed only and the defendant has thirty days to appeal the verdict to Common Pleas Court. If the defendant does not appeal after the thirty days, the fine must be paid. For the Borough to have the violation resolved, an enforcement action must be filed in Common Pleas Court. For an appeal at the Common Pleas level, the hearing process begins all over again and the previous fine is set aside. At this hearing, the Judge may uphold the District Court decision for the fine or overturn their decision.

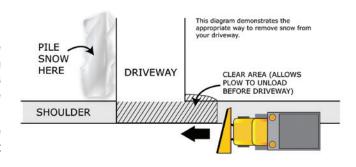
Again, it is only a fine, an enforcement action may still be required to compel compliance with the Codes. This whole process can take a lot of time, but it is what the Code Enforcement Department is required to do as part of the enforcement process to gain compliance.



WHAT IS A SNOW EMERGENCY?

A snow emergency is the term used to indicate the active response plan when a snowstorm severely impacts the Borough of Wilson. When a snow emergency is called you have 4 hours to remove all your vehicles from a snow emergency route; the snow emergency routes are listed below.

Cars parked on any posted Snow Emergency Route must be moved when a Snow Emergency is declared. Cars which are not moved will be towed at the owner's expense.



A snow emergency will be advertised on 69 news, WilsonBorough.org, Twitter, Facebook and Nixle. When a snow emergency is called you may park at the Meuser Park tennis courts, Wilson High School parking lot and Jeffrey Field. Once the snow emergency is lifted you must remove all cars from those designated parking areas.

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES WILSON BORO

STREET	FROM	ТО
FRONT STREET	25TH STREET	IRON STREET
IRON STREET	AVONA AVE	BORO GARAGE ENTRANCE
AVONA AVE.	IRON STREET	FREEMANSBURG AVE.
23RD STREET	FREEMANSBURG AVE.	BUTLER STREET
23RD STREET	FRONT STREET	FREEMANSBURG AVE.
24TH STREET	FREEMANSBURG AVE.	WASHINGTON BLVD.
21ST STREET	BUTLER STREET	NORTHAMPTON STREET
20TH STREET	NORTHAMPTON STREET	SPRING GARDEN STREET
18TH STREET	BUTLER STREET	NORTHAMPTON STREET
17TH STREET	BUTLER STREET	WOOD AVE.
15TH STREET	NORTHAMPTON STREET	SPRING GARDEN STREET
SPRING GARDEN STREET	15TH STREET	20TH STREET
FERRY STREET	22ND STREET	NORTHAMPTON STREET
LEHIGH STREET	21ST STREET	22ND STREET
FREEMANSBURG AVE.	18TH STREET	25TH STREET
BUTLER STREET	15TH STREET	25TH STREET
NORTHAMPTON STREET	15TH STREET	25TH STREET
WASHINGTON BLVD.	15TH STREET	24TH STREET

Just a reminder about inclement weather; When the forecast calls for heavy snow or ice the mayor can declare a snow emergency:

Ordinance § 162-18 Declaration of snow and ice emergency:

In order to facilitate the movement of traffic and to combat the hazards of snow and ice on the snow emergency routes named in § 162-20, the Mayor in his discretion may declare a snow and ice emergency, designated in this article as a "snow emergency." The Mayor may declare any snow emergency route or any part of a snow emergency route to be free from restrictions herein imposed when, in his opinion, the weather or street conditions warrant such an exclusion. Information on the existence of a snow emergency may be given by the Borough through radio, newspaper or other available media, and information on the termination or modification of the emergency may be given by use of the same media.

§ 162-19 Parking and driving restrictions on snow emergency routes.

After any snow emergency is declared, it shall be unlawful at any time during the continuance of the emergency for any person:

- A. To park or leave unattended a motor vehicle or to allow that vehicle to remain parked or unattended anywhere on any snow emergency route designated in § 162-20.
- B. To drive any motor vehicle on any such snow emergency route, unless that vehicle is equipped with snow tires, chains, all weather tires or studded tires that are approved by the commonwealth.

162-21 Emergency towing.

Any vehicle parked, stalled, incapable of moving under its own power or left unattended upon any street designated as a snow emergency route may be removed or towed to any other location by the Police Department at the owner's expense.

If you plan on going out of town during the winter months, please make arrangements with somebody who can move your car if it is parked on a snow emergency route. We do not like towing cars and it is very expensive!

CODE FEE SCHEDULE

Home Inspection

ALL FEES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

- Each dwelling unit to be inspected is \$100
- Each Commercial or Industrial use under 5,000 square feet to be inspected is \$125 per building.
- Each Commercial or Industrial use over 5,000 square feet to be inspected is \$175 per building.
- Certificate of Occupancy is \$50.

Building Fees

 \$25 for the first \$500 and \$2.50 for each additional \$100, not to exceed \$10,000.

Electrical Fees

• \$25 for the first \$500 and \$2.50 for each additional \$100, not to exceed \$10,000.

Plumbing Fees

- \$25 for the first \$500 and \$2.50 for each additional \$100. not to exceed \$10,000.
- The tapping fee will be \$1000 to access and utilize the sewer line off of the Property, \$500 if the line is within the Property boundary.
- There must always be a Master Plumber on the job, duly licensed by the Borough of Wilson.

Trenches and Excavations

- \$10 per square foot of restoration.
- Permit fee \$25

Demolition

- Residential \$8 per square foot
- Commercial \$8 per square foot

Street Signs

- Handicap parking \$125
- Business directional \$60 (\$160 if a pole is required)
- Business parking \$125

Business Privilege

- Business Privilege license \$25
- Business Privilege tax: .0015 of gross income earned in the Borough

Moving Permit

\$5.00 fee

Health Inspections and Licenses

- Initial inspection and license \$150
- Renewal (yearly) \$85
- Re-Inspection due to violation \$35
- Temporary license (14 days or less per year) \$10/ day
- Nonprofit organizations shall comply with Chapter 78 of the Department of Agriculture Code; however, no fee is required.

Grass/Weed Cutting or Snow/Ice Removal from private property

 The cost to remove will be passed on to the property owner



Monday - All Streets North side of Northampton Street

Tuesday - All North and South Streets from Northampton Street to Butler Street

Wednesday – All East and West Streets from Northampton Street to Butler Street

Thursday – All Streets from Butler Street to Freemansburg Avenue

Friday - All Streets from Freemansburg Avenue to Front Street



CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

Chistmas Tree Pick-Up Schedule

Chistmas Tree pick-up will begin JANUARY 3, 2023, to FEBRUARY 3, 2023!

After that date the resident is responsible for disposing of the tree!





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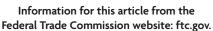
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HOW TO AVOID A SCAM

FOUT SIGNS THAT IT'S A SCAM

Scammers PRETEND to be from an organization you know. Scammers often pretend to be contacting you on behalf of the government. They might use a real name, like the Social Security Administration, the IRS, or Medicare, or make up a name that sounds official. Some pretend to be from a business you know, like a utility company, a tech company, or even a charity asking for





donations. They use technology to change the phone number that appears on your caller ID. So the name and number you see might not be real.

- Scammers say there's a PROBLEM or a PRIZE. They might say you're in trouble with the government. Or you owe money. Or someone in your family had an emergency. Or that there's a virus on your computer. Some scammers say there's a problem with one of your accounts and that you need to verify some information. Others will lie and say you won money in a lottery or sweepstakes but have to pay a fee to get it.
- Scammers PRESSURE you to act immediately. Scammers want you to act before you have time to think. If you're on the phone, they might tell you not to hang up so you can't check out their story. They might threaten to arrest you, sue you, take away your driver's or business license, or deport you. They might say your computer is about to be corrupted.
- Scammers tell you to PAY in a specific way. They often insist that you pay by sending money through a money transfer company or by putting money on a gift card and then giving them the number on the back. Some will send you a check (that will later turn out to be fake), tell you to deposit it, and then send them money.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO AVOID A SCAM

- Block unwanted calls and text messages. Take steps to block unwanted calls and to filter unwanted text messages.
- Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect. Legitimate organizations won't call, email, or text to ask for your personal information, such as your Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers. If you get an email or text message from a company you do business with and you think it's real, it's still best not to click on any links. Instead, contact them using a website you know is trustworthy. Or look up their phone number. Don't call a number they gave you or the number from your caller ID.
- Resist the pressure to act immediately. Legitimate businesses will give you time to make a decision. Anyone who pressures you to pay or give them your personal information is a scammer.
- Know how scammers tell you to pay. Never pay someone who insists you pay with a gift card or by using a money transfer service. And never deposit a check and send money back to someone.
- Stop and talk to someone you trust. Before you do anything else, tell someone a friend, a family member, a neighbor what happened. Talking about it could help you realize it's a scam.

If you were scammed or think you saw a scam, report it to the Federal Trade Commission at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.



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