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Newsletter



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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR - DONALD R. BARRETT, JR

Do you ever feel like there is never enough time and issues and items keep coming up? I try to stay off social media as much as possible; this can get to you and is somewhat depressing. It is usually the same topic(s) over and over, with the same people raising them. If it's not the pool, its trash or something else. I like to focus on doing as much as I can while keeping the Borough's best interests at heart. Periodically, I will check the pages to keep a pulse as to what the biggest complaints and issues are at time, but they are usually the same thing over and over again. Something recently passed around online is particularly bothersome to me. I am hearing that Wilson Borough has no Code officer. From the time I started as Mayor, code enforcement has always been seen as an issue. Our previous code officers were great people but, just like everything else in this area, the job has become too much for one person. Our population continues to grow and we as a borough are still stuck in the, "that's the way that has always been" mentality. We have just taken steps to start moving forward to the next phase. Just like this newsletter, our webpage, and the Borough Website on how we can communicate to everyone, we are updating how we do code.



One person simply can't keep up with the ever-changing physical environment and building codes. Between certifications, enforcement, issuing permits, etc., this is a lot of work. It was imperative for us to find a way to evolve and be more efficient and cost effective in this area. To do this, we reached out to Barry Isett and Associates. So far, they have met and exceeded our expectations, and are helping us fix the old ways and bring us to the next level. Now that they are acclimated, we can completely implement them.

As a reminder, permit applications need to be applied for at Borough Hall, or online at Wilsonborough.org. These will be reviewed, based on whether it's a Zoning or Code Application. Permits will be issued based on the review. Barry Isett and Associates have dedicated code enforcement for Wilson; they will review the plans and related information and will respond. If for some reason, there is an issue with your plans or work, and the plans need to be resubmitted, please be aware that it may take up to 30 days for a final decision. This is a process; we are doing everything "by the book" and taking no shortcuts. From what I have seen this is very standard across other municipalities. We cannot simply pick and choose at whim. We need to follow the code as written, and

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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR *Continued from cover*

if there is an issue, will work with Council and the Code Committee to address those codes that are an issue. This new process has not been easy for those who are used to “the old way” but it needs to be done. The Code Committee is also looking to adjust the fees for code items since we are still charging 1970’s prices. This should be completed by mid-summer.

Yes, we need change, and we have been working on that. And I recognize that government can be a slow... painfully slow, process. I always stress in my communications that we need change and the importance of all of us being part of that change. There is an election coming up in November. In the primaries, I was saddened to see the poor turnout. I was also bothered that we had positions that no one even ran for. I received calls from political parties asking me to endorse somebody, anybody, just to put a person with a D or and R by their name on the ballot. Let me be clear - I don't care what party you are from. We need people that care and want to be part of this Council; people that want to make our borough a better place. It seems that we are always reactionary and will show up only when it is too late or something we don't like happens. But we, as Borough residents, need to be involved sooner and often. I hear excuses that I don't have time, or I'm too busy, but ask yourself - are you really? I make time for things that are important, coaching, council, Carnival/festival planning, being on the Lions club, my kids etc. If I can do it, you can do it. I will glance at social media, but there is so much more going on outside in the real world, that I don't stay for long. I NEED YOUR HELP. The Borough, and your neighbors need your help. It was asked on one page – “What is wrong with the mayor and council?” If you have the time, and patience, I will gladly sit and tell you. We are a few people trying to make our growing Borough a better place; a special place, to live. We may not agree, but we try and make it work. So now I turn to you and ask, why can't you be part of the bigger picture and help us, help you?. We consistently ask for help and volunteers to join us. Come to council meetings. Get involved. You will make a difference!

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.

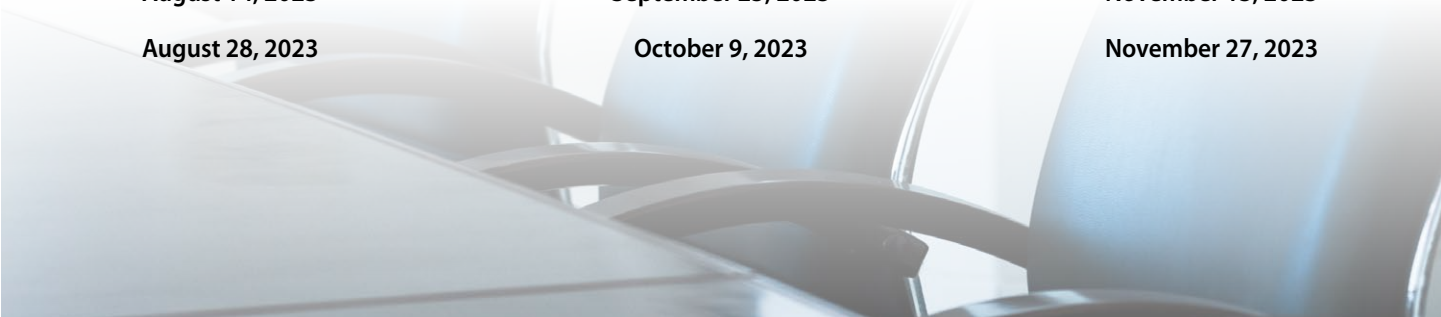
Any child who violates this ordinance can be detained until a parent or guardian can be notified. Parents will receive a warning for the first offense. Subsequent offenses will result in a citation with up to a \$300.00 fine.

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.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

July 24, 2023	September 11, 2023	October 23, 2023
August 14, 2023	September 25, 2023	November 13, 2023
August 28, 2023	October 9, 2023	November 27, 2023



MEUSER PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

22nd and Northampton Streets, Wilson Borough, Pennsylvania

Daniel Redington, Coordinator

2023 SCHEDULE

Little Brass Band of the Lehigh Valley

June 25 • 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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

Sing For America

July 2 • 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.

Open Date

July 9 •

Easton Heritage Day

The Bank Street Band

July 16 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

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

The Time Whys Band

July 23 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

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

The Swingtime Dolls

July 30 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

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

Moss Henry & The Bryophytes

August 6 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

This new addition to our Summer series features veteran musicians who will bring us an evening of country/western and western swing.

Lehigh Valley Italian American Band

August 13 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

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

Nazareth Community Band

August 20 •

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

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 Celebrate Wilson Committee.



EDUCATION:

Suburban EMS is dedicated to providing educational opportunities to our employees that enrich and enhance their abilities and knowledge in emergency medical care & transportation. These classes focus specifically on our staff and surrounding emergency responders. Our in-house instructors can now teach EMR and EMT certification classes in addition to EVOC/ EVDT and AHA CPR. Students perform clinicals on our ambulances every week with defined assignments related to the week's classroom material.

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We offer Competitive Salaries, Vacation, Sick Time, Medical, Dental, Vision Insurance, 401k Retirement plans, and other benefits. For more information about our program please email rbruce@suburbanems.org.

Class dates for 2023: Summer - June 26 - Aug 17, Fall - Sept 25 - Nov 16

EMPLOYMENT:

Here at Suburban EMS, we always look for quality Paramedics, EMTs, Dispatchers, and Volunteers to enhance our workforce. If you want to become part of a winning team and work in a rewarding field, contact us to learn more.

STARTING PAY RATES:

EMT: \$18/hr

Medic: \$26/hr

Wheelchair driver: \$15.25/hr

Advanced EMT: \$22/hr

Dispatch: \$20/hr

Stretcher van driver: \$16/hr

Suburban EMS follows a strict policy that we do not discriminate in providing services and care to the patients we serve, or in the terms and conditions of employment or membership for our staff. We will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, age, disability, political belief, military service, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other protected class. It is at all times, the intent of Suburban EMS to comply with State Human Relations Act provisions and all federal discrimination and employment laws.

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.

Flushing these types of items can cause backups in your personal sanitary sewer lateral and sanitary sewer main systems.

If a personal sewer lateral backs up, it is the property owner's responsibility and can be very costly.



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PAVILION-PARK RENTALS

MEUSER PARK RENTAL

2240 Northampton St, Easton, PA 18042

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.

Band shell only for Non-Residents \$125 rental fee and \$100 CASH ONLY refundable cleanup deposit.

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STRAUSSER COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL

2210 Northampton St Easton, PA 18042

Rental fee is \$250 plus a cleanup deposit of \$100.00 cash ONLY. The Community Center is for residents ONLY. Payment must be made IN FULL no later than 30 days prior to your event!

***If you are making a reservation within 30 days of the date you must pay in all CASH! ***

Cancellations with in 14 days of your reservation will result in forfeiture of your \$100 deposit.

PROVISIONS

1. The kitchen is available. However, the use of the kitchen equipment, i.e. stove, fryer, etc. is restricted to qualified persons only, i.e. caterer, professional chef, etc.
2. The community center holds a maximum of 200 persons and has table and seating for 160 persons. There are 140 chairs and 15 (8ft) tables.
3. Police protection must be paid for by the Applicant.

4. No smoking inside the building.
5. **NO ALCOHOL OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED**
6. All areas must be cleaned, refuse cans must be emptied and refuse must be put in the dumpster located in the parking lot.
7. Person applying for the rental **MUST** be a Wilson School District resident and will be asked to provide a current drivers license when renting. The renter is also responsible for any loss or damage that may occur to the building or its contents.
8. Decorating will not be permitted on the walls or on the ceiling.

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