

The Borough of Wilson

Newsletter



Summer 2025

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HOW PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGHES MAKE DECISIONS

If you have ever wondered who makes the big decisions in your borough—and what role your mayor plays—you are not alone. Local government can seem complex, but the process is rooted in Pennsylvania law and is designed to reflect the needs of each community.

The Borough Council: Your Local Legislative Body

In Pennsylvania, boroughs operate under the Borough Code, which outlines how decisions are made. The borough council is the primary decision-making body. Council members are elected by residents and are responsible for passing ordinances, approving budgets, setting policies, and overseeing public services like police, public works, and recreation.

The council typically consists of seven members, although that number can vary. Council meetings—often held monthly—are open to the public, giving residents a chance to stay informed and involved.

Council members are elected by residents and are responsible for:

- Passing ordinances (local laws)
- Approving the annual budget
- Setting tax rates and fees
- Making policy decisions that affect the community
- Hiring key officials, including the borough manager

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The Mayor: Ceremonial and Oversight Duties

The mayor in a Pennsylvania borough serves a mostly ceremonial and oversight role.

Key responsibilities include:

- Presiding over council meetings (but only votes to break a tie)
- Signing ordinances and legal documents
- Overseeing the police department
- Representing the borough at official functions
- Issuing proclamations or declaring emergencies

While the mayor doesn't control day-to-day operations, they often serve as a public face and communicator for the borough.

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MEUSER PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

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Daniel Redington, Coordinator

2025 SCHEDULE



The Refreshment Stand will be open- All sales benefit The Celebrate Wilson Committee

Lehigh Valley Italian American Band

August 10

Easton Municipal Band

August 24

Nazareth Community Band

August 17

Better Off Now Band

August 31

All concerts are at 6pm unless noted.

HOW PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGHES MAKE DECISIONS *continued from cover*

The Borough Manager: The Day-to-Day Administrator

The borough manager is a professional administrator hired by the council to run the day-to-day operations of the borough.

Their duties typically include:

- Preparing and managing the annual budget
- Supervising borough staff and departments
- Implementing council decisions and policies
- Overseeing contracts, infrastructure projects, and municipal services
- Advising council on policy matters and operational needs

The manager ensures the borough runs efficiently and stays compliant with state laws. They work behind the scenes, but their role is central to the borough's success.

Working Together for the Community

In short:

- The council sets the rules and direction.
- The mayor provides leadership and public representation.
- The manager makes it all happen, operationally.



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.



A mass of flushable and disinfectant wipes clogs a pipe.

SEWER & GARBAGE BILLS

This is a reminder that Sewer/Garbage Bills are mailed 4 times a year; March, June, September, and December and due on the 30th of the month. The bills are mailed the first week of the month.

*If you do not receive a bill this doesn’t mean the Borough has stopped charging you or that you don’t owe anything, you MUST pay the bill by the due date to avoid late fees. ****

Please call the Borough Office 610-258-6142.

FROM THE POLICE CHIEF - *Christian Meehan*

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.

THEFTS FROM VEHICLES

The Wilson Police routinely respond to reports of items stolen from cars or cars being rummaged through. The vast majority of these cars were left unlocked by the owners. Please lock your cars and call the Northampton County Dispatch Center at 610.759.2200 to report any suspicious behavior.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2025

August 11, 2025	October 27, 2025
August 25, 2025	November 10, 2025
September 8, 2025	November 24, 2025
September 22, 2025	December 8, 2025
October 13, 2025	December 22, 2025

2025 HOLIDAYS (OFFICE CLOSED)

January 1, 2025 - New Years Day
April 18, 2025 – Good Friday
May 26, 2025 – Memorial Day
July 4, 2025 – Independence Day
September 1, 2025 – Labor Day
November 11, 2025 – Veterans Day
November 27 & 28, 2025 – Thanksgiving
December 24 & 25, 2025 – Christmas
December 31, 2025 – New Years Eve

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The Wilson Borough Fire Department is looking for interested residents to join the fire department. All positions are paid (pay is based on experience).

Must be 17 years of age and live within 3 miles of the fire station.

If you want to become a firefighter in your community or have any questions, please contact the fire chief at 610-250-5481 or email firechief@wilsonborough.org.



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 \$150 rental fee and \$150 CASH ONLY** refundable cleanup deposit.
- Park only for Non-Residents **\$300 rental fee and \$150 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 \$1,000,000 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 - 100 plus a \$150 CASH ONLY** refundable deposit.
- **Non-Resident - \$150 plus a \$150 CASH ONLY** refundable deposit.

LARGE PAVILION

- **Resident - \$150 plus a \$150 CASH ONLY** refundable deposit.
- **Non-Resident - \$200 plus a \$150 CASH ONLY** refundable deposit.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE FOR CANCELLATIONS.

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 \$125 rental fee and \$150 CASH ONLY** refundable cleanup deposit.
- Band shell only for **Non-Residents \$150 rental fee and \$150 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.



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 and refuse must be placed in the dumpster. 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.

STRAUSSER COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL

Rental fee is \$350 plus a cleanup deposit of \$150.00 cash ONLY. The Community Center is for residents ONLY. Payment must be made IN FULL no later than 30 days prior to your event!

Any returned checks will be charged a \$35 fee

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

Cancellations or Changes within 14 days of your reservation will result in forfeiture of your \$150 deposit.

PROVISIONS

1. The kitchen is available. However, the use of the kitchen equipment, i.e. stove, fryer, etc. is restricted to qualified people only, i.e. caterer, professional chef, etc.
2. The community center holds a maximum of 200 people and has tables 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. 7. Person applying for the rental **MUST** be a Wilson School District resident and will be asked to provide a current driver's 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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YARD WASTE

The 2025 Borough of Wilson yard waste program has begun. The Borough will be picking up tree branches, garden waste and shrubbery on the 2nd Tuesday of each month until October 14, 2025

- Tree branches, garden waste and shrubbery will be picked up at your regular garbage collection point by the Wilson Borough Public Works Department.
- Items for collection are not to be placed out for pick up until the evening before.
- Larger items must be placed in 3 foot bundles with a maximum of 6 bundles per pick up.
- Tree stumps over 3 feet and grass clippings will **NOT** be accepted.

To schedule a pickup please contact the Borough Business Office at 610-258-6142. You must schedule by 2pm the Monday before pickup.

PICK UP DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

August 12, 2025

September 9, 2025

October 14, 2025

STAYING SAFE ON TWO WHEELS: BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS FOR ALL AGES

As the weather warms up and more residents take to the roads and trails on their bicycles, it's the perfect time to revisit some essential bike safety guidelines. Whether you're commuting, exercising, or just enjoying a weekend ride, staying safe is key—for you, your family, and others on the road.

Know the Rules of the Road

Bicycles are legally considered vehicles in Wilson Borough and cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists:

- Obey all traffic signs and signals
- Ride in the same direction as traffic
- Use hand signals when turning or stopping
- Yield to pedestrians at crosswalks

Wear a Helmet—Every Time

A helmet is your first defense in an accident. Make sure your helmet:

- Fits snugly and level on your head
- Is certified by the CPSC (Consumer Product Safety Commission)
- Has straps adjusted to form a "V" under your ears

Be Visible and Predictable

Many accidents happen simply because cyclists aren't seen.

- Wear bright or reflective clothing
- Use front and rear lights, even during the day
- Avoid weaving between cars or making sudden movements

Keep Your Bike in Good Shape

Before every ride, take a minute for the "ABC" check:

- Air: Are your tires fully inflated?
- Brakes: Do they work and stop the bike quickly?
- Chain: Is it clean and moving smoothly?

Teach Kids to Ride Safe

If your children are riding, make sure they know basic safety rules and are supervised, especially near traffic. Consider practicing in parks or on designated bike paths before hitting busier roads.



Smoke Alarm Safety at Home



Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

SAFETY TIPS

- **INSTALL** smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Larger homes may need **ADDITIONAL** smoke alarms to provide enough protection.
- For the best protection, **INTERCONNECT** all smoke alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.
- An **IONIZATION** smoke alarm is generally more responsive

to flaming fires and a **PHOTOELECTRIC** smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or a combination ionization and photoelectric alarms (also known as dual sensor alarms) are recommended.

- Smoke alarms should be **INSTALLED** away from the kitchen to prevent false alarms. Generally, they should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from a cooking appliance.
- **REPLACE** all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

FACTS

- ! Roughly **two thirds** of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or working smoke alarms.
- ! Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in **half**.

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