

The Borough of Wilson Newsletter



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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!

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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.

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

CODE VIOLATION 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.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

Christmas Tree Pick-Up Schedule

**Christmas Tree pick-up will begin
JANUARY 5, 2026, to JANUARY 30, 2026!**

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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.

WILSON BOROUGH GARBAGE CONTRACT IS WITH CASELLA

The contract allows for five (5) kitchen- size bags, or two (2) thirty-two (32) gallon containers for each collection of trash. Bulk items are restricted to one item per month, which shall be placed out on your collection day the first FULL week of each month.

Casella observes 6 major holidays a year:

- New Years Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

If your pickup falls on one of the scheduled holidays, we will collect your garbage and recycling the next day.

Your pickup may be delayed but they will work diligently to get all routes collected by the end of the week.

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Single stream (also known as "fully commingled" or

"single sort") recycling refers to a system in which all paper fibers, plastics, metals, and other containers are mixed in a collection truck, instead of being sorted by the depositor into separate commodities (newspaper, paperboard, Corrugated fiberboard, plastic, glass, etc.) and handled separately throughout the collection process. In single stream, both the collection and processing systems are designed to handle this fully commingled mixture of recyclables, with materials being separated for reuse at a materials recovery facility.

The recycle centers Casella utilizes does not accept any type of plastic bags. Placing recycling in plastic bags is considered contaminated and will not be taken.

Should you have missed pick ups or questions please contact 908-454-4550

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.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2026

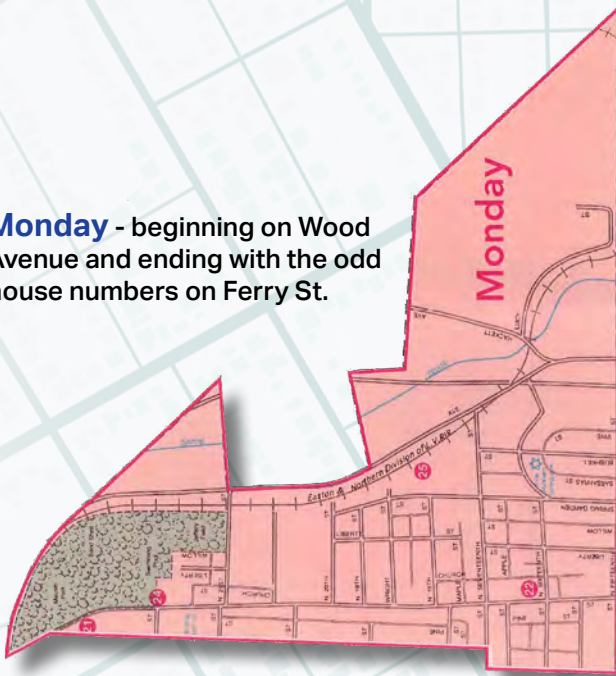
January 12, 2026	May 11, 2026	September 14, 2026
January 26, 2026	May 25, 2026	September 28, 2026
February 9, 2026	June 8, 2026	October 12, 2026
February 23, 2026	June 22, 2026	October 26, 2026
March 9, 2026	July 13, 2026	November 9, 2026
March 23, 2026	July 27, 2026	November 23, 2026
April 13, 2026	August 10, 2026	December 14, 2026
April 27, 2026	August 24, 2025	December 28, 2026

2026 HOLIDAYS (OFFICE CLOSED)

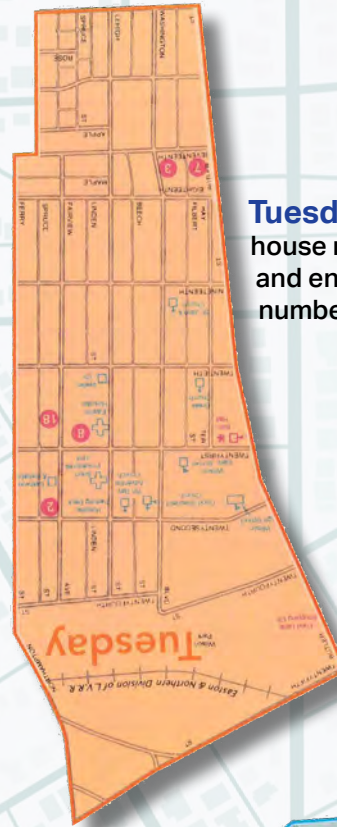
January 1, 2026 - New Years Day
April 3, 2026 – Good Friday
May 25, 2026 – Memorial Day
July 3, 2026 – Independence Day
September 7, 2026 – Labor Day
November 11, 2026 – Veterans Day
November 26 & 27, 2026 – Thanksgiving
December 24 & 25, 2026 – Christmas
December 31, 2026 – New Years Eve

GARBAGE MAPS

Monday - beginning on Wood Avenue and ending with the odd house numbers on Ferry St.

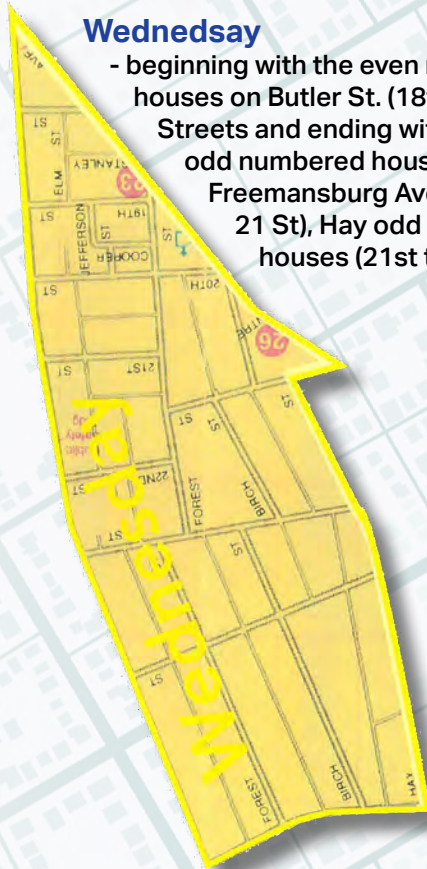


Tuesday - beginning on even house numbers on Ferry St and ending with the odd house numbers on Butler St.

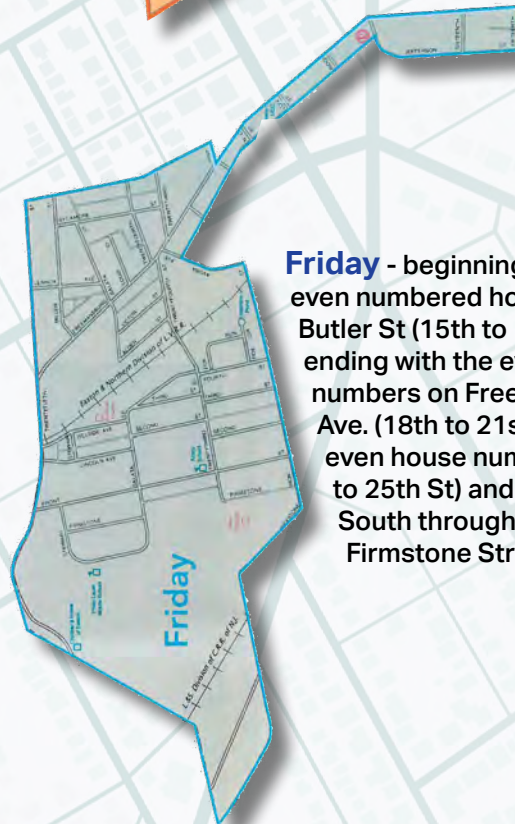


Wednesday

- beginning with the even numbered houses on Butler St. (18th to 21st) Streets and ending with the odd numbered houses on Freemanburg Ave (18th to 21 St), Hay odd numbered houses (21st to 25th St)



Friday - beginning with the even numbered houses on Butler St (15th to 18th St) and ending with the even house numbers on Freemanburg Ave. (18th to 21st St) Hay St even house numbers (21st to 25th St) and everything South through Avona and Firmstone Streets



DO I NEED A PERMIT?

The following guidelines apply to single-family dwellings, two-family dwellings, townhouses and structures that are considered to be an accessory to these types of residential structures.

*****Please note there may be other residential uses/structures/ scenarios that are not specifically listed on this document that may require Zoning Permits or Building Permits. This list is to provide general guidance but may not be all encompassing. Please call the Borough Office with any questions.**

REQUIRED RESIDENTIAL PERMITS

Decks, Porches and Patio

Requires Zoning and Building permit applications.

Porches or Decks with a Roof

- Requires Zoning and Building permit applications.

Enclosing a Porch or Patio

- Requires Zoning and Building permit applications.

Sheds & Garages

- Under 1,000 square feet of total floor area and accessory to a single family dwelling, requires a Zoning Permit Application
- 1,000 square feet of total floor area or larger, requires Zoning and Building permit applications.

Fences

- Fences 3 feet to 6 feet high require a Zoning Permit.

Swimming Pools

- ALL swimming pools that are capable of holding 24 inches or more of water require Zoning and Building permit applications.

Hot Tub or Spa

- Indoor requires building permit application.
- Outdoor requires Zoning and Building permit applications.

Additions

- Any size requires Zoning and Building permit applications.
- Garage attached to the house requires a Zoning and Building permit applications.
- Carport attached to the house requires Zoning and Building permit applications.
- **Alterations**
 - o Alterations that involve structural changes require a Building permit application.
 - o A Zoning permit may be required, depending upon the scope of work. Please do not proceed with a project of this type without first contacting the Borough Office for guidance.

Changes to an Existing Mean of Egress

- Removal or change requires a Building permit application.
 - o A Zoning permit may be required, depending upon the scope of work. Please do not proceed with a project of this type without first contacting the Borough Office for guidance.

- Ramp requires Zoning and Building permit applications.
- Exit Door requires a Building permit application.
- Stairs requires Zoning and Building permit applications.
- Handrails require a Building permit application.
- Guard System requires a Building permit application.

New Homes

- Traditional requires Zoning and Building permit applications.
- Manufactured (New or used) requires Zoning and Building permit applications.
- Modular requires a Zoning and Building permit application.
- **Demolition**
- Residential Structure requires a Building permit application.
- **Sidewalk/Curb**
- Sidewalk and Curb construction requires a Zoning permit application.

If a project involves:

- a. Removal replacement, re-enforcement or cutting of any structural beam or header or any load-bearing support wall requires a Building permit application.
- b. Work or service to the electrical service to the dwelling or an accessory structure that will require an inspection by the power company requires a Building permit application.
- c. Cutting away of any wall, partition, or portion thereof requires a Building permit application.
- d. Addition to, alteration of, replacement or relocation of any electrical wiring requires a Building permit application.
- e. Addition to, alteration of, replacement or relocation of any mechanical equipment requires a Building permit application.
 - a. For example HVAC, furnace and hot water heaters.

Any portion of a dwelling or residential accessory structure that will be used for Commercial purposes (open to employees or the public) Require a Zoning permit application.

Examples:

Most (if not all) of these examples will require variances.

- a. Professional offices
- b. Business office
- c. Notaries
- d. Beauty shops, nail salons, barber shops
- e. Car or equipment repair

Change of use requires Zoning and Building permit applications.

Driveways require Zoning permit application.

Temporary structures require a Zoning permit application.

In-Law Suites requires Zoning and Building permit application.

Home base Business and No Impact Home Based Business require Zoning permit application.

Residential Change of Use/Conversions requires Zoning and Building permit applications.

Please keep in mind that doing work regulated by the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) without a permit WILL result in an enforcement action being taken against you by the municipality, and upon conviction, you may be subject to fines and penalties up to and including \$1,000 per day of each violation.

Occupying any structure without a Certificate of Occupancy issued by the Code Officer is a serious violation and will also

result in enforcement action. Please do not occupy or begin using any structure without a Certificate of Occupancy.

If you fail to obtain permits, inspections and Certificates of Occupancy, it is very likely that you will have serious difficulties when you eventually try to sell your house or property, as all structures built since April 9, 2004, must have a legal Certificate of Occupancy.

ARE YOU A LANDLORD OR THINKING ABOUT RENTING YOUR PROPERTY? HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW.

Are you a landlord or thinking about renting your property? Here are some things you need to know.

A Certificate of Compliance inspection must be completed for each unit. The fee is \$150 per residential unit. ***You may not have tenants move into the property until you receive a clear Certificate of Compliance.***

Every property owner in Wilson Borough, who rents any part or whole property, to any other person, must register the property with the Rental Administrator at the Wilson Borough Business Office within five (5) days. You must list all tenants' names and contact information (except children under the age of 18). Rental Registration fee is \$100 per unit. Any owner that fails to comply with the initial registration of a rental property is liable for fines starting at \$500 not to exceed \$1000 per infraction. Should you default on these fines you are at risk for imprisonment at Northampton County Prison.

Renewal of a rental property registration is \$100.00 per year per rental unit due by January 1st each year.

After January 1 payment is \$125

After February 1 payment is \$150

After March 1 payment of \$200

All landlords must obtain a Business License for \$60 each

year they are a landlord and are required to pay a Mercantile Tax of .0015% on all rent received from the previous year. When applying for a Business License you must have a Certificate of Liability from your insurance carrier that provides insurance to your business.

Any owner that fails to comply with Business License and Mercantile Tax are liable for fines starting at \$100 not to exceed \$300 per infraction. Should you default on the fine you will be at risk for imprisonment at Northampton County Prison.

When a tenant moves and/or you have placed new tenants in your rental you must notify the Rental Administrator by filling out a tenant change from within thirty (30) days.

If you sell the rental property, you must notify the Rental Administrator no more than five (5) days, after the date of sale.

Any owner that fails to comply with the requirements above will be liable fines starting at \$200 not to exceed \$1000 fine per infraction. Should you default on the fine you are at risk imprisonment at Northampton County Prison.

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