

# The Borough of Wilson Newsletter



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Summer 2024

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## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR - DONALD R. BARRETT, JR

With a mild winter, 2024 started off wonderfully for Wilson Borough. The early spring and abundant rain have brought a sense of renewal and a fresh start to the new year. Thanks to the pleasant weather, I've been able to resume my walks, exploring the different happenings around the borough. I usually cover about three miles, taking various routes to keep my workouts interesting and to see what's new in Wilson.

As I walk, I reflect on the changes I've read about in the borough. While it has evolved, many things remain the same. Like anything that ages—cracks in the sidewalk or wrinkles on a face—Wilson Borough, over 100 years old, shows its wear and tear. As a community, we are the caretakers of this place. Nothing maintains itself, and life often feels like a never-ending cycle of repairs and upkeep.



The Dixie Cup on top of the building reflects the age of our community. Once a beacon signaling that I was almost home from a long trip, it now stands as a reminder of how much our borough needs a little TLC. Pantry Pride has become Harbor Freight, the Stop and Go is now the Bagelsmith, yet just a block from my house, Fisk Camera is still there. Some things change and some things stay the same. One constant is the spirit of our community. We are going through a tough time as a borough, looking to rebound and reset for the next 100 years. I am cautiously optimistic that the Dixie Project will be one of the initiatives to spark our rebound. The second key factor is our residents.

We, as residents, are once again the caretakers of the community and need to take the first steps to make our community better. I often receive calls about issues and neighborly disputes that the borough cannot control. I wish I could share these stories with you, and perhaps one day I can. When I was a kid, if a neighbor was unable to cut their grass, someone else would help out. If you saw trash on the sidewalk, you didn't take a picture and post it on social media—you picked it up. When I ran for mayor, I was with several people who wanted to rekindle that sense of community and give today's kids what we had. I served on the football board and coached softball, football, and basketball. This council is filled with people who have done similar things, and we always find time to try and make things better. Once on Council, we discovered many members had joined for the same reason. This is not a paid job; it

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## **LETTER FROM THE MAYOR** *Continued from cover*

is a role for those who care and want to make a difference. I often hear people say they'd love to get involved but have no time. If you care enough about something, you make time. While not everyone can, some don't even try.

In the last newsletter, I mentioned that we needed people to step up, those who care and want to help and volunteer. I'm excited that people took me up on that and started to attend council meetings and show interest in volunteering. I am starting to see the shift and seeing fresh faces wanting to help and reaching out to be part of organizations. I hope this trend continues, and I implore you to join and give your time to make things better. The nine people on the council cannot do it all. The six people on the Celebration Committee cannot keep holding events, and the Wilson Lions Club and Lincs Center cannot keep going without your help. It is often said that volunteers don't get paid because they are priceless, and this is true. Find your passion, join a group, and help where and when you can. To quote Audrey Hepburn: "As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others." I hope we can all find our helping hands.

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## **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.

### **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.

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## **SEWER GARBAGE REMINDER**

### **SEWER & GARBAGE BILLS**

This is a reminder that Sewer/Garbage Bills are mailed 4 times a year; **March, June, September and December** are 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.*

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## **YARD WASTE**

The Borough of Wilson yard waste program begins on April 9, 2024. The Borough will be picking up tree branches, garden waste and shrubbery on the 2nd Tuesday of each month until October 8, 2024

- 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:**

July 9, 2024  
August 13, 2024

September 10, 2024  
October 8, 2024

# MEUSER PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

22nd and Northampton Streets, Wilson Borough, Pennsylvania

Daniel Redington, Coordinator

## 2024 SCHEDULE



### **The Bank Street Band**

July 14 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

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

### **The TimeWhys Band**

July 21 • 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 28 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

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

### **The Main Street Cruisers**

August 4 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Oldies! Oldies! Oldies!

### **Lehigh Valley Italian American Band**

August 11 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

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

### **Nazareth Community Band**

August 18 •

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

### **Easton Municipal Band**

August 25 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

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## WILSON BOROUGH FIRE DEPARTMENT

**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](mailto:firechief@wilsonborough.org).**



## 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.*

## Stay Fire Safe This Summer!



**Knowing a few fire safety grilling tips will help everyone have a safe summer**



Only use your grill outside.

Keep it away from siding and deck rails.



Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill and campfire.

This will keep kids and pets safe.



Open your gas grill before lighting.



Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.



Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.



Keep an eye on your grill, fire pit or patio torches. Never leave any of them unattended.

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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 \$150 rental fee and \$150 CASH ONLY refundable cleanup deposit.

Park only for Non-Residents \$3000 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.

### 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.

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## 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 \$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.

## STRAUSSER COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL

2210 Northampton St Easton, PA 18042

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!

\*\*\*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 \$150 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.

**For additional information or to check availability please contact us**

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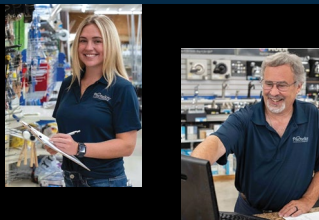
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