



# **FALL/WINTER**

## **2018**



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# **BOROUGH**

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Womelsdorf Borough Hall

101 W. High Street

Mon. thru Fri. 8am-4pm

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS FOR YOUR REFERENCE:

- Womelsdorf Borough Hall 610-589-4725
- Womelsdorf Sewage Treatment Plant 610-589-2756
- Womelsdorf-Robeson Joint Water Auth. 610-589-2740
- Womelsdorf Community Library 610-589-1424
- Womelsdorf Community Pool 610-589-4534  
(Pool is open Memorial Weekend thru Labor Day)
- Womelsdorf Police Non-Emergency 610-589-5559
- Womelsdorf Police **EMERGENCIES** 911
- Tax Collector-Sandra Barnhart 610-589-5162
- PP&L (Electricity) 1-800-342-5775
- Met Ed 1-800-545-7741
- Verizon 1-800-483-4000
- Comcast 1-800-266-2278
- UGI (Gas) 610-378-1331
- Womelsdorf Post Office 610-589-4541
- Conrad Weiser Area School District 610-693-8544
- Conrad Weiser West Elementary 610-589-2501
- County Waste-Trash (questions, issues, bulk item pick-up) 570-234-0514

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### WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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- Finance: L. Fitterling, C. Liptak, W. Miller
- Pool: W. Miller, C. Hopple, L. Fitterling
- Personnel: C. Hopple, C. Keller, L. Fitterling
- Police: J. Fidler, W. Miller, C. Keller



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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

In this message I am going to concentrate on two areas of concern to the Borough and its' residents. Due to the ongoing need for the Borough to deal with and address these issues, and the fact that it will cost the Borough and you the Tax Payers increased sums \$\$\$ going forward.

The first issue is **MS4** (**Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems**). **MS4** deals with the rain runoff (and any other water/fluids) that goes from our properties onto the streets and then into the streams. Please read "MS4 MATTERS" and "YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE", two articles that appear in this Newsletter for a more thorough explanation and understanding of the issue! Just to make it clear Pennsylvania Municipalities are mandated by the U.S. E.P.A. and the PA State D.E.P. to follow MS4 guidelines. These are Unfunded Mandates! This means the costs of this program are passed onto us the Borough Tax Payers?

Your Borough Council is doing all it can to lessen the financial impact of our MS4 requirements. To this end we have received a grant to rebuild Water Street from Rte 422 to Mulberry Alley and direct the rain runoff into a rain garden that will be constructed inside the northern border of the Womelsdorf Pool property. This project will filter the runoff water before it enters the stream. It will also give the Borough MS4 credit with the EPA and DEP while fixing a road that is badly in need of repair.

The second issue is our Trash & Recycling pickup. Increased costs and decreased demand for some recyclables are increasing the costs for this service across the State and Nation. These costs will be passed onto you the residents. Going forward here are some things we can all do to help reduce the costs to all of us.

Reuse: using items such as reusable grocery bags and your own filtered water in your own reusable bottle is always the best choice.

Composting: whenever possible compost your green kitchen waste and yard waste. Use a mulching mower but if you must bag your grass take it and other yard waste to a local green waste dump. Our Borough will be looking into finding a location where our residents can dispose of their (Green) yard waste at no charge.

Please consider attending Borough Council meetings where you can hear these and other issues that are brought up and can participate in the discussion. Continue to check our website [www.womelsdorfboro.org](http://www.womelsdorfboro.org) for information and remember you can sign onto our Facebook page to receive alerts and notifications.

Bruce A. Edwards, President

Womelsdorf Borough Council

## MS4 MATTERS

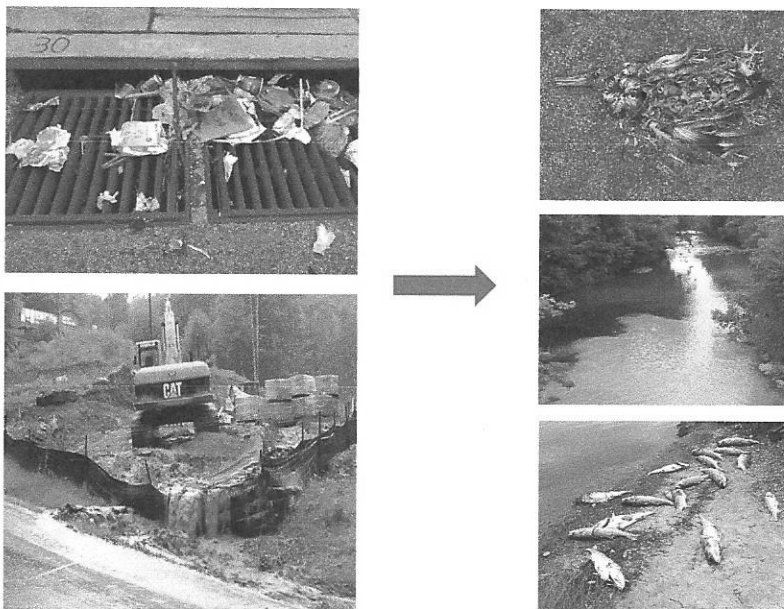
*What is an MS4 and where do MS4 regulations come from?*

The federal Clean Water Act (CWA) prohibits the discharge of pollutants into United States' waterways without an associated permit. Pennsylvania and its Department of Environmental Protection (PaDEP) regulate the discharge of pollutants through multiple programs in order to meet the runoff related requirements set forth by the federal CWA. The MS4 program in particular regulates and permits discharges from municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4). An MS4 is a system of stormwater conveyances (i.e. storm drains, pipes, ditches, and outfalls) that drain directly to waterways and are owned by a state, city, town, village, or other public entity.

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH is a regulated MS4, therefore the township is required to develop and implement a stormwater management program which incorporates six minimum control measures to reduce contaminated stormwater runoff:

- Public education and outreach
- Public involvement and participation
- Illicit discharge detection and elimination
- Construction site runoff control
- Post-construction stormwater management in new development and redevelopment
- Pollution prevention and good housekeeping for municipal operations and maintenance

Untreated or uncontrolled stormwater runoff is the leading cause of impairment to our local waterways and the number one cause of water pollution throughout the United States. Stormwater runoff can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt (yes, excess dirt in our waterways is a pollutant) and other pollutants then flow into a storm sewer system or directly into a lake, stream, river, wetland or coastal water, completely untreated. Pennsylvania's MS4 program is ultimately aimed at protecting water quality through pollution reduction at a municipal level.



**Be the solution to stormwater pollution!**

**Dirt, debris, garbage, and chemicals that run into our storm drains will flow (untreated) to our rivers.**

# YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## Healthy Household Habits for Clean Water & Recycling

- When it Rains, it Drains – Your whole family can help keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste and lawn care products out of our waterways! Rain water that has picked up contaminants from lawns, sidewalks, driveways and roads can flow directly into a storm drain and affect areas used for swimming, boating, and drinking water reservoirs.
- Lawn & Garden – Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly! Avoid applying if the weather forecast calls for rain; otherwise chemicals could be washed into your local stream. Sweep yard debris instead of hosing down dirty areas. Cover piles of topsoil or mulch to prevent sediment from blowing or washing off your yard. Blowing grass clippings in the street can also block storm drains or add pollutants to water.
- Pet Care – Remember to be a good neighbor and pick up your pet's waste! Leaving waste on the ground can be a health risk by the bacteria that can be washed into a storm drain with rain water.
- Vehicle Maintenance – Wash your vehicle on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty water flowing into a storm drain. Take your vehicle to a wash facility...they recycle the water used! Be sure to clean up spilled fluids to avoid contamination of water into storm drains. If your vehicle leaks oil, antifreeze or fuel, please have it repaired. Recycle used motor oil or other fluids at a participating service station. *NEVER* pour these wastes down a drain!
- Home Improvement Projects – Sweep up debris before it can be washed away with storm water and obstruct the storm drain or contaminate a waterway. Increase the vegetated yard area to help with water filtration. Use paints or solvents in small amounts, and be sure to clean up spills & properly dispose of rags & brushes. Purchase non-toxic biodegradable products whenever possible.

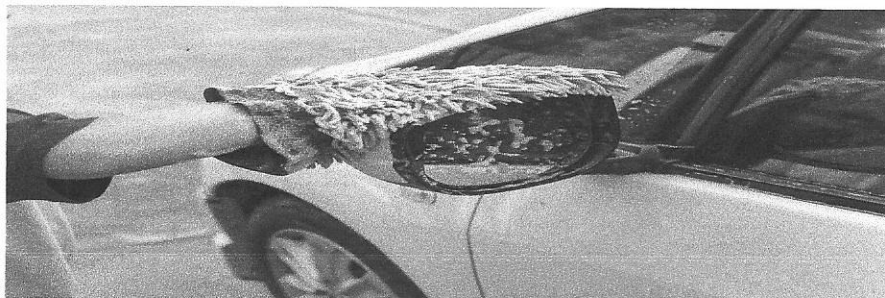
## How to Wash Your Car Without Harming Your Local Waterways

Everyone enjoys a clean car. But did you know that by cleaning your car and letting the wash water runoff into the storm drain, you are allowing pollution to enter the local waterways? Water from washing cars contains dirt and soap, but also oil, grease, and metals such as copper, nickel and zinc. These materials can be toxic to fish, birds, and other wildlife that live in local waterways. The water entering the stormwater network flows **without any treatment**. By applying the following recommendations, you will be doing your part in keeping the local waterway cleaner.

### IF WASHING YOUR CAR AT HOME

- Wash your car on a lawn so that soapy water will not run into a street or storm drain.
- Use rags to wipe brake dust off of wheels before washing.
- Use a nozzle on your hose to conserve water.
- Avoid using soap and other chemicals (such as spray-on wheel cleaners). Even biodegradable soap can be toxic to wildlife.
- Pour your bucket of soapy water down a sink or toilet or onto landscaping when you are finished.

We are stressing the proper procedures for Car Washing due to the MS4 regulations being enforced by both the EPA and PA DEP. Fines can and will be issued if we do not comply to their regulations.



## BOROUGH INFORMATION PAGES

**LEAF COLLECTION** - Leaf collection is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, 2018, through Friday, December 7, 2018. This could change by a few days if snow is forecasted or the fall of leaves. If heavy rain or an early snow is forecasted, please do not place the leaves in the street. Doing so could cause the storm sewer drains to become clogged and cause flooding of the streets. **LEAVES ONLY!** If you mow the grass and leaves at the same time - **Do not place this mulched material in the street!** Residents are encouraged to compost or mulch this material or it should be bagged and placed at curbside for normal trash collection.

**STREET SWEEPING** - Our maintenance workers will be making every effort to sweep the Borough streets as needed. All the major streets will be posted with "NO PARKING" signs the day before that street is to be swept. Please watch for these "NO PARKING" signs and move your car from the posted side of the street! It is absolutely necessary for you to move your parked vehicles to allow the street sweeper access. Those vehicles that remain parked in the "No Parking Zone" will be ticketed and if necessary, towed away in order to allow the street sweeping to take place. If you plan to be away for any length of time and you must park a vehicle on a borough street, please contact the Police Department prior to your departure. Your cooperation contributes to a clean environment for all our Borough residents. Take pride in your community!

**SNOW EMERGENCY** - Please be advised that **all vehicles** parked along Snow Emergency Routes **must** be moved when a Snow Emergency has been declared. Snow Emergencies are listed on the following: Womelsdorf Borough Facebook Page, 69 News Storm Center and Y102. Vehicles found to be in violation of these regulations will be ticketed, and if necessary, towed away in order to allowing plowing to take place. Snow Emergency Routes are: all of High Street, South Second Street, North Third Street, Center Road and North and South Front Streets. Also, No Parking During Snow Fall on the following streets where signs are posted: Franklin Street from Linden Alley to North Third Street, North Second Street from High Street to Franklin Street and South Third Street from High Street to Cherry Drive. **DO NOT BLOW OR SHOVEL SNOW INTO BOROUGH STREETS!** If it is necessary for our Street Maintenance Employees to remove snow from the streets, temporary No Parking signs will be posted on the day before the snow removal is scheduled. If your vehicles are not moved, they will be ticketed, and if necessary, towed away. The efforts to keep our streets open can only be accomplished if **ALL** citizens cooperate. If you do not have available parking behind your homes when your street has been posted for no parking during snow emergencies, snow removal, street sweeping, etc., you may park your vehicles at the pool parking lot. We suggest the pool parking lot to accommodate those vehicles in need of a temporary place to park while the Streets Crew does their best to keep our streets safe and free of snow and debris.

**SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL** - All snow or ice, hail or sleet must be removed from the pavements in front of or alongside premises within twenty-four (24) hours after the same have ceased to fall or be formed thereon or citations will be issued.

**FIRE HYDRANTS** - Parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant is prohibited and violators will be fined.

**BOROUGH RIGHT-OF-WAY** – Residents are asked to **keep clear the borough right-of way** so that our maintenance crew can sweep the streets and clear them of leaves and snow. This **includes all basketball nets/goals.**

**CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION** - Christmas trees will be collected starting Wednesday, December 26, 2018, until Monday, January 7, 2019. Please have all decorations removed and tree placed curbside.

**BUILDING PERMITS** - Permits are required for the installation or repair of **curbs, sidewalks, fences, decks, porches, patios, sheds, and all swimming pools, spas or hot tubs 24 inches deep or more;** just to name a few. Permits are also required for **additions, electrical work, signs, air conditioning, plumbing, heating, demolitions, & Certificate of Occupancy.** A copy of Contractor's Certificate of Liability Insurance must accompany application. Fees are required for Zoning Hearing Applications and Subdivision and Land Development Plans. Permit applications may be picked up at the Borough Hall Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The application review for approval or denial can take up to three weeks. Permits **MUST** be approved, paid in full, and posted prior to the work being done. Failure to abide by these regulations could result in fines and/or work stoppage.

**REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TRANSFER INSPECTIONS** – If you are selling your home or apartment building, please note that the Borough has adopted an ordinance requiring a property inspection and Use & Occupancy Permit for all residential real estate transfers. Applications for issuance of a Use & Occupancy Permit must be filed with the Borough of Womelsdorf Code Enforcement Officer no later than thirty (30) days prior to settlement and/or transfer of ownership. Inspection fee of \$75.00 (per dwelling unit) must accompany the application form when it is submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to settlement and/or transfer of ownership; if application submitted less than thirty (30) days the fee is \$125.00 (per dwelling unit).

**RENTAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE** – Womelsdorf Borough, in conjunction with the new Statewide Uniform Construction Code and the International Property Maintenance Code, has adopted an ordinance regulating residential rental properties within the Borough. The ordinance applies to the renting of any single family or apartment dwelling located within the Borough, which is being rented to a tenant as a residence for a period of thirty (30) days or more. The ordinance requires that the landlord obtain a rental operating license by following the procedures set forth in the ordinance. The purpose of this rental program is to bring all rental units in compliance with local health, safety, fire and zoning regulations in effect at this time. All residential rental units shall be inspected by the Municipal Codes Enforcement Officer on an every other year basis. No person shall rent, lease or allow to be occupied any dwelling without a valid and current Certificate of Inspection for the dwelling.

**KEEPING OF PETS** - No use shall involve the keeping of animals in such a manner or of such types of animals that it creates a serious nuisance (including noise or odor), a health hazard or public safety hazard. The owner of the animals shall be responsible for collecting and properly disposing of all fecal matter from pets. Dogs must be licensed and on your own property.

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE** – Please comply with following property maintenance standards to insure compliance to Borough Ordinances and avoid hazards to public health, welfare and safety. **The growth of grass, weeds or other unsightly vegetation is not to exceed a height of six inches. Trees, shrubs, bushes, etc. should not be overhanging the public sidewalks. Curbs and sidewalks that are cracked, deteriorating, and becoming uneven should be repaired or replaced.** Period inspections are made throughout the borough to insure compliance and to avoid hazards to the public safety and welfare. Should your property be found to be in violation, you may be fined.

**SKATEBOARDING ORDINANCE** - According to the Ordinance, the **riding of skateboards is prohibited** on any public street, curb or sidewalk in the Borough. The penalty for violating this Ordinance is a summary offense and a fine of not more than \$500.00 plus court costs are applied. All Police Officers have been instructed to enforce this Ordinance strictly.

**PARKING ORDINANCE** - **Parking is prohibited by all vehicles and trailers in excess of 12,000 pounds, or all vehicles and trailers in excess of 80 inches in width.** The only exception to this is for loading and unloading in process. Recreational vehicles and trailers may not be parked on Borough streets in excess of 48 hours.

**CURFEW** - Any minor under the age of eighteen (18) years in or upon any street, highway, alley, park or other public place in the Borough of Womelsdorf between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. will be in violation of the Curfew Ordinance. The Police Department is practicing strict enforcement of the Ordinance and all violators will be cited.

**SOLICITING/CANVASSING** - For your protection, solicitors are required to obtain a permit before contacting any home or citizen in the Borough. If an individual approaches your residence, request to see their Borough Issued solicitation permit. Contact our Police Department if they have not obtained a permit.

**YARD/GARAGE SALES** – A garage sale shall not include wholesale sales, nor sale of new merchandise of a type typically found in retail stores. If accessory to a dwelling, no garage sales shall be held on a lot during more than 2 days total in any 3 consecutive months. No outdoor storage shall be permitted when the sale is not in operation.

**STREET LIGHTS** - If you notice a street light that is not working properly, please contact the Borough Office, at 610-589-4725 and give the exact location of the pole and numbers on the pole.

**GARBAGE/REFUSE** - Collection is every **Monday**, EXCEPT FOR THE MONDAYS THAT ARE HOLIDAYS or INCLEMENT WEATHER (Check Borough's Facebook Page) when pick-up will be TUESDAYS. Containers for pick-up should be placed curbside **no earlier than the night before scheduled pick-up** and **please be sure containers have lids on them!** Household trash only. No construction debris, such as lumber, plaster, drywall, etc. If you have a contractor work on your home, have him make suitable arrangements for waste removal, such as a temporary dumpster. Put your waste in either a trash can or you may use trash bags. If you use trash bags, please make sure they are tied shut securely and strong enough to hold the trash without bursting or falling apart. Please no rock or dirt. Small branches and twigs should be bundled, no more than 36 inches long. Please tie them up securely for quick handling. Residents are encouraged to compost or mulch grass clippings. **Only Six (6) Bags, Containers or Bundles per household per pick-up.** For an additional fee contact County Waste (1-570-234-0514) to remove large/bulky items (furniture, appliances, carpeting, etc.).

**RECYCLING** – Collection is every **Thursday**, EXCEPT FOR THE WEEKS OF HOLIDAYS or INCLEMENT WEATHER (Check Borough's Facebook Page) when pick-up will be **FRIDAYS**. All Borough residents are encouraged to recycle especially plastics, bottles, and corrugated cardboard. Please place all acceptable items in your **blue recycling can with YELLOW lettering**. Please be sure your recycling container has the lid closed to prevent recyclables from blowing in our Borough streets and **do not place blue recycling can with YELLOW lettering curbside earlier than the night before scheduled pick-up**. **Please Note: The Blue Recycling Can with YELLOW lettering has been issued by the hauler to each property in the Borough of Womelsdorf and is to be used for RECYCLING ONLY! If you sell your home, the blue recycling can is to Remain At The Property!**

**W-R-W COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS** – The W-R-W Council of Governments (COG) was formed by the Boroughs of Wernersville, Robesonia and Womelsdorf in 1985 to manage waste disposal costs. The COG contracts for collection and disposal, which includes recycling and provides recycling education. The current contract is with County Waste. The web site for the Wernersville, Robesonia and Womelsdorf Council of Governments is: [www.wrtrashcog.org](http://www.wrtrashcog.org).

**BERKS COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY**

**FALL COLLECTION DATES TO BE HELD AT**

**BERKS COUNTY AG. CENTER, 1238 COUNTY WELFARE ROAD, LEESPORT, PA**

**8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.:**

**Paper Shredding (Free – 10 box maximum per vehicle) – October 13, 2018**

**Hazardous Household Waste (Free) – October 20, 2018**

**Electronic Waste (Free) & Tire Collection (Fees Apply)**

**1316 Hilltop Road, Leesport, PA**

**Open Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday**

**8:00 A.M. – Noon**

For more information contact the Berks County Solid Waste Authority at 610-478-6362 or at

[www.co.berks.pa.us/swa](http://www.co.berks.pa.us/swa).

**MEDICATION DROP BOX:** Western Berks Regional Police, 75 S. Brook St., Robesonia

## WOMELSDORF BOROUGH UTILITIES

WATER – PAYABLE TO WOMELSDORF-ROBESONIA JOINT AUTHORITY AT BLOOMSBURG ADDRESS

PERIOD 1 – JAN. FEB. MARCH	BILLED IN MAY	DUE IN JUNE
PERIOD 2 – APR. MAY JUNE	BILLED IN AUG	DUE IN SEPT.
PERIOD 3 – JULY AUG SEPT	BILLED IN NOV.	DUE IN DEC.
PERIOD 4 – OCT. NOV. DEC.	BILLED IN FEB.	DUE IN MARCH

SEWER – PAYABLE TO WOMELSDORF BOROUGH AT BOROUGH HALL

PERIOD 1 – JAN. FEB. MARCH	BILLED IN JUNE	DUE JULY 5
PERIOD 2 – APR. MAY JUNE	BILLED IN SEPT.	DUE OCT. 5
PERIOD 3 – JULY AUG. SEPT.	BILLED IN DEC.	DUE JAN. 5
PERIOD 4 – OCT. NOV. DEC.	BILLED IN MARCH	DUE APRIL 5

GARBAGE – PAYABLE TO WOMELSDORF BOROUGH AT BOROUGH HALL

PERIOD 1 – JAN. FEB. MARCH	BILLED IN JAN.	DUE FEB. 5
PERIOD 2 – APRIL MAY JUNE	BILLED IN APRIL	DUE MAY 5
PERIOD 3 – JULY AUG. SEPT.	BILLED IN JULY	DUE AUG. 5
PERIOD 4 – OCT. NOV. DEC.	BILLED IN OCT.	DUE NOV 5

### Payment Procedures for Sewer and Garbage Bills:

Sewer and Garbage bill payments must be paid on separate checks and may be paid at the Borough Hall during regular office hours or can be placed in the drop box (Black Mail Box) at the entrance of the Borough Hall, or mailed to Womelsdorf Borough, 101 W. High Street, Womelsdorf, PA 19567. Please do not combine these payments in one check as they get deposited into two different accounts.

**We cannot accept Water Bill Payments at the Borough Hall.**

**Please Do Not Place Water Bill Payments in the Drop Box  
at the Entrance of the Borough Hall.**

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## HOLIDAY EVENTS!

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### TRICK OR TREAT



**Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

**From 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

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## CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY



**JOIN US IN FRONT OF THE BOROUGH HALL**

**ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26<sup>th</sup> AT 7:00PM;**

**FOLLOWED BY THE ARRIVAL OF A SPECIAL VISITOR  
FROM THE NORTH POLE, AND REFRESHMENTS COURTESY  
OF THE RECREATION BOARD!**

# WOMELSDORF

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

203 West High Street  
Womelsdorf, PA 19567  
610-589-1424  
FAX 610-589-5022

Email: [womelsdorfcl@berks.lib.pa.us](mailto:womelsdorfcl@berks.lib.pa.us)

<https://www.berkslibraries.org/branch/womelsdorf>

## 2018 Library Hours

Monday through Thursday- 11 AM-8 PM

Friday- 4 PM-8 PM

Saturday- 9 AM-4 PM

Library cards are free for anyone living, working or going to school in Berks County. Stop by and get one today!

Library Board of Trustee Meeting is held the fourth Tuesday of the Month at 6:30pm and the public is welcome.

Friends of the Womelsdorf Community Library meet September 1<sup>st</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Consider joining the Friends! This dynamic group of library lovers supports the Womelsdorf Community Library in donations of money, time, and effort on our behalf. If you'd like to join the Friends, contact the library by phone or email for details. Dues are \$5.00.

Story times are held Wednesdays at 11:00 am. Come listen to a story with Miss Gracie! Story Riders also provide special programs. Please check our website for details!

Womelsdorf Library is getting crafty! Craft Clubs will be held on the first Fridays of every month, 4:30-7pm. Ages 10+ can come and learn creative crafts for everyone, beginner or expert!

Folding paper makes beautiful works of art at Womelsdorf Library's Origami Club! Join us on the third Fridays of every month, 4:30-7, and learn! Ages 10+, beginners welcome!

Bridge Club is held every Monday from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

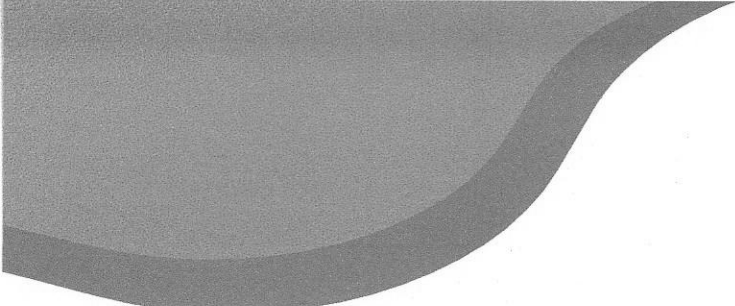
Check out our new Sculpey Club! Learn to build and bake beads, small figures and other fun stuff with oven-cured clay! Ages ten and up. August 31<sup>st</sup>, September 29<sup>th</sup>, October 26<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 PM!

Have you always wanted to play Dungeons & Dragons? Now's your chance! Coming soon to Womelsdorf Library, Roleplaying Game Kits! Each kit comes with all the basics— manuals, a campaign, character sheets and dice!

Would you like to support the library without spending any extra cash? Shop on Amazon Smile! Amazon Smile allows you to shop for any item on Amazon, and donate 0.5% of your purchase to your charity of choice. Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select Womelsdorf Community Library Inc as your charity of choice, then shop for the items you wanted to buy anyway! If you don't normally shop online, you can also support us by picking up a Boyers card key fob at the library, and using it whenever you go to Boyers. A small percentage of your purchase will be automatically donated to Womelsdorf Community Library!



For other programs/updates, please visit our website, library Facebook page or Instagram!



Womelsdorf Community Library  
203 W. High St., Womelsdorf, PA, 19567  
610-589-1424 | [womelsdorfcl@berks.lib.pa.us](mailto:womelsdorfcl@berks.lib.pa.us)

To The Womelsdorf Community,

The Womelsdorf Community Library is interested in honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Armistice Day, and the signing of the Armistice, which ended World War I. We look forward to sharing this event with the borough of Womelsdorf, and all of Berks County.

We ask that if you would like to share any memorabilia you may have, including letters and photos, or anything related to an interest in the World War I era, please contact the Womelsdorf Community Library and let us know how you would like to be involved. Our phone number here is 610-589-1424, and our email is [womelsdorfcl@berks.lib.pa.us](mailto:womelsdorfcl@berks.lib.pa.us). We plan to host the event on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, 1-4 PM, at Womelsdorf Community Library. An organizational meeting will be held on September 29<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM, in the library community room.

Thank you for your help!

Nina Meister  
Director, Womelsdorf Community Library



## *WOMELSDORF VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY!*

*The Womelsdorf fire company would thank all of you, for your support throughout the 2018 Year, as we welcome in the fall and winter season we would like to remind everyone that there is a no burning ordinance in the borough. If anyone is unsure what this is please contact us at the station or contact the Borough hall for further information.*

*“Please check your smoke detector batteries”  
If you need help with checking them please contact the engine house, we will be happy to assist you.*

*Also as we move into colder temperatures please make sure you have your Chimneys cleaned and carbon Monoxide detectors checked and Replaced as necessary.*

*We have begun our Fundraisers to celebrate our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the fire company, which we will be in May of 2020. We are looking to be hosting Womelsdorf Germany Firefighters and their families once again as in the past. We will be looking at many events throughout the celebration. We have many items for sale and will be adding others to the inventory. Please check out our website and Facebook for upcoming events and items for sale for, our Fundraisers throughout the upcoming year.*

*The Officers and Members of the Womelsdorf Vol. Fire Co.*

*Engine house - (610)589-4645  
Robert Martin  
Fire Chief / Fire Marshall – Cell# (484-769-0866)*

# Womelsdorf Area Community Association

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P.O. Box 25  
Womelsdorf, Pa 19567  
610-589-5349

The Womelsdorf Area Community Association is a local community group that is out to better our community. If any one would like more information about the group or would like to help out at any of our events, please call 610 589 5349.

Thank you to everyone who has come out and supported our events we held this year! All of our projects were a great success because of our wonderful community. Most of our projects are already finished for the year. The exception to that is our;

## **Barn Of Horror & Terror Trail**

[www.barnofhorrors.com](http://www.barnofhorrors.com)

All of our Actors / Workers are volunteers from the local community. So come check it out! Or, if you are in the mood to scare people, come volunteer with us!



We also have a dunk tank for rent!

Again, if anyone would like to help at any of the events or have any questions, concerns, comments, or new ideas, feel free to call Ryan at 610 589 5349.

Sincerely yours,

Womelsdorf Area Community Association



# WOMELSDORF WOMEN OF TODAY

## UPCOMING PROJECTS:

### Fall Frolic



October 20, 2018 11am-3pm

Come start your holiday shopping! Vendors and crafters in the Womelsdorf Town Park. Unique items, food and fun!

### Sub Sales for New Year's Eve Fireworks



October 18, 2018

Large Ham or Italian Subs for \$5.00. All proceeds go to help pay for the NYE fireworks in town. Orders are needed by 10/14, if interested, contact Cindy at 610-589-5349

### Witches Pot



October 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Boro Hall

### Santa on the Fire Truck



Saturday, December 22, 2018

Santa will be coming around town handing out treats to the kids. Be on the lookout! Santa will head out around town starting at 3:00pm.

For more information contact: Cindy Hopple 610-589-5349

**Lt. Col. Max Schaeffer VFW Post 6558  
123 S. Water Street, Womelsdorf**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>Sept. 15</b>	<b>Sandwich Sale (Ham, Turkey and Italian)</b> – Pre-orders recommended – Pre-payment required. Sandwiches can be picked up at the Post between 11 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Deadline for orders is September 5 <sup>th</sup> . Cost \$5.50 for ham and turkey; \$6.00 for Italians. Contact Beth Shartle at 610-406-3081 to place an order or contact any VFW member.
<b>October 4 3 - 7 p.m.</b>	<b>Kauffman's Chicken BBQ Dinner</b> - Cost \$9.00 – Includes ½ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll and drink. Pick up at Conrad Weiser True Value, intersection of Routes 419 and 422.
	<b>Wixon Shoo-Fly Pie Sale</b> – Cost \$5.00 per pie – Orders due by November 4 <sup>th</sup> – Available for pick-up at the Post November 16-18. Please contact Beth Shartle at 610-406-3081 to place an order.
<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>SaveAround 2019 Greater Reading Coupon Book Fund-Raiser</b> – \$25.00

**The Post is open to the public every Wednesday night for dinner from 5-9 p.m. Please visit the Post's Facebook page for additional kitchen hours on Thursday and Friday.**

**DID YOU KNOW:**

**Membership Opportunities and Requirements**

**Class A (eligible veteran)** – The VFW is a non-profit veterans service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, guard, and reserve forces. The mission of the VFW is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts, to serve veterans, the military and communities, and to advocate on behalf of all veterans. The **requirement for Class A membership** is that the veteran must have served overseas in a combat zone with qualifying campaign medal or ribbon. Contact Brian Ritz at 484-663-9538 for an application or questions regarding Class A membership.

**Class B (Auxiliary)** – The Auxiliary is one of the nation's oldest veterans' service organizations. The mission of the Auxiliary is to support the VFW, veterans and their families, active-duty military and their families, and to spread patriotism nationwide. **Eligible members of the auxiliary** include a male or female relative of an eligible VFW (Class A) member. A relative is defined as a husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, grandfather, grandmother, grandson, granddaughter, brother, sister, widow or widower. Please contact Peg Kiebach 610-780-9150 for an application or questions regarding Class B membership.

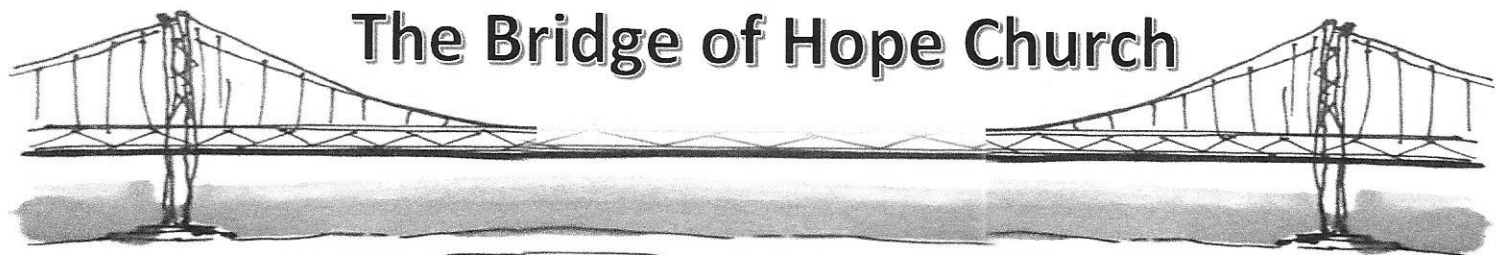
**Class C (social membership)** – Applications are available at the Post. \$13.00 joining fee; \$10.00 yearly fee.

**WHAT WE DO:**

Over the past two years the VFW has donated over \$10,000 to organizations including: Womelsdorf Fire Company, Womelsdorf Community Library, Womelsdorf Police Department, Conrad Weiser Post-Graduation Party, CW Mini Thon, Friends of Conrad Weiser, DOG TAGS (service dogs), Vietnam Moving Wall, American Legion Post 626 (Wall That Heals), Veterans Making a Difference, and Trinity Lutheran Church (Jack Frost parade).

The Auxiliary takes pride in supporting the following organizations: Lebanon VA, ARL Patriotic Paws, CW Post-Graduation Party, CW Mini-Thon, Wreaths Across America, and Greater Berks Food Bank. Veterans Making a Difference is supported monthly through the preparation of 40 bag lunches to help feed homeless/transient/at-risk veterans in the Reading area. In addition, a scholarship is available for Conrad Weiser seniors. Applicants must be the child/step-child of a military veteran who has served or who is currently serving in any branch of the United States military (active duty, guard, or reserve). Eligible seniors should pick up an application in the Guidance Office at the High School. Deadline is May 17, 2018.

**Do you know of a veteran returning from deployment?** The Auxiliary would be honored to decorate the veteran's home with a welcome home banner and American flags. Please contact Beth Shartle at 610-406-3081 with details.



309 West Franklin Street Womelsdorf, PA 19567

717-813-0484

www.thebridgeofhopechurch.com

**JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:00 AM**

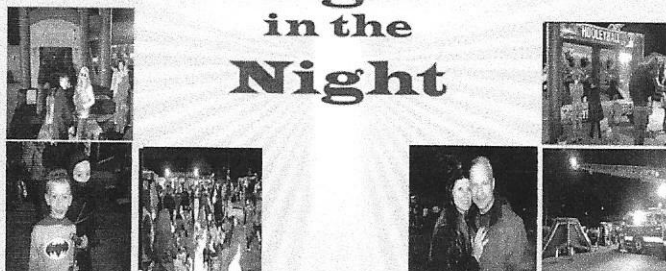
**“Contemporary Worship in a Casual Atmosphere”**

**FREE COMMUNITY  
BLOCK PARTY AND SAFE ZONE**

WHEN? Trick or Treat Night

Where?  
At the Bridge of Hope Church

**Light  
in the  
Night**



COME TO OUR "SAFE ZONE" AREA THAT HAS SAFE CANDY AND FOOD IN A LIT UP AREA. JUST WALK TOWARDS THE LIGHT!

It's easy to join our mailing list!

Text  
**BRIDGEOFHOPE**  
To 22828 to get started!



Youth Wednesdays at 6:15 PM!



**SERVE DAY**

We are here to serve our community!  
Please let us know how we can serve you!  
We are looking for opportunities to Serve You!

**Blessing Box**

– We do have a food pantry located outside that is open to anyone. Please help yourself at anytime.

**Blessing Box**

Take what you need  
Bring what you can  
Above all-Be blessed!

**Join us for a Special Candle Light Service on Christmas Eve!**

**Our Mission: Taking Love and Unity to a Broken World**



# Trinity Evangelical Fellowship

300 Lyman Avenue

Womelsdorf, PA 19567

Phone 610-301-7524



Why church? Why not? Do you ever think about what will take place with you after your death? Do you think that all people will go to Heaven? Are you looking for peace in your life? What do you know about the Gospel of Jesus? Do you care about Jesus? Do you know Jesus?

These and other questions are answered in every one of our services along with discussions and study. Why not join our congregation for a service to find how you can obtain peace and everlasting life. Our services are filled with examples, history, geography, and much more.

When you come to our church you will be made to feel you are at home. We pride ourselves on friendship. We have Junior Church for the young people during our regular worship hour. All are given a warm welcome. Won't you join us?

## **SERVICES and EVENTS (Everyone Invited)**

WORSHIP HOUR (every Sunday)	9:00 A.M.
EDUCATIONAL HOUR (every Sunday)	10:30 A.M.
EVENING WORSHIP HOUR (every Sunday)	6:30 P.M.
BIBLE STUDY (every Wednesday)	6:30 P.M.
WOMEN'S QUILTING (4th Saturday of month)	9:00 A.M.
VIDEO TIME (last Sunday of month)	6:00 P.M.

Sunday, October 7 - **WORLDWIDE COMMUNION @ 9:00 A.M.**

Wednesday, November 21 - **THANKSGIVING SERVICE @ 6:00 P.M.**

Monday, December 24 - **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE @ 6:00 P.M.**

Our fellowship is involved with sit down meals on special occasions, special music groups, community activities and various other activities for all ages.

If you have been sick of "church" but hungry for God, if you have been searching for people who will walk beside you and not run; or if you have been seeking some meaning beyond the humdrum life of everyday activity, why not come alongside our fellowship and consider what you may find. We would love to have you in our fellowship.

**WATCH OUR OUTDOOR SIGN for OTHER EVENTS**

**WE HELP PEOPLE DEVELOP A HEART FOR GOD THROUGH HIS LOVE!**

*“For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16*

## **Womelsdorf Mennonite Church**

800 Conrad Weiser Parkway  
Womelsdorf, Pa 19567  
610.589.5324

We welcome you to worship with us.  
Worship 9:00 am  
Sunday School 10:30-11:15 am

### **RIDE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BUS**

- \*Classes for children ages 3 to high school*
- \* Bible stories, singing, lesson activities.*
- \*Ride 6 Sundays and receive a Bible & dvd!*
- \*For more Information, call or text 717.725.2855*

### ***Thanksgiving Community Meal-Everyone welcome!***

*Enjoy good food and fellowship-served in the church basement  
For more info & date- call or text 717-269-1322*

### ***Christmas Pageant in the Church Yard***

See live animals, authentic looking courtyard and village as Christmas story unfolds  
before your eyes-**COME and Be Blessed!**  
for dates/times and more info, call or text 610-698-0002

### ***KIDS CLUB 2019***

Learn truth from the Bible

Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 20

held at the church 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Drama, music, activities and snack

for more info or a ride on the bus, call or text 610-698-0002 or 717-725-2855

# Zion Lutheran Church

## Sunday Morning Worship

Fall Schedule (begins September 16) - 10:30 a.m.

1st Sunday of Month - Holy Communion

2nd Sunday of Month - Piano Sunday

3rd Sunday of Month - JAM (Jesus and Me)

## Faith Formation

(begins September 16)

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

9:00 a.m. Inter-Generational  
Sunday School

## Family Ministry

3rd Sunday of Month—Youth Group at 6:00 p.m.

4th Sunday of Month - Family and Faith Fun Night

## Upcoming Events at Zion

4th Thursday of Month, 4:00 p.m.,  
Free Community Meal

September 9, 9:30 a.m. - God's Work Our Hands

September 16, 9:00 a.m. - Rally Day

September 10, 7:00 p.m. - Heroes 9/11 Worship

September 23, 4:00 p.m. - Family Bingo

October 6 - Piano Recital and Dedication

October 13, 4:00 pm. - Corn Pie Supper

October 27, Fall Stop and Shop

November - Filling Sale

December 8 - Cookie Sale

December 24, 7:00 p.m. -

Christmas Eve Worship

Jan 2019 - Soup Sale

## Contact Information

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