

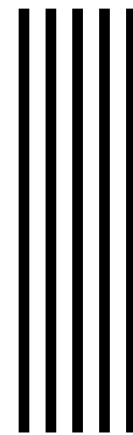
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Womelsdorf Borough

2023 Summer- Fall Newsletter



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Borough Information

Borough Hall

101 W. High St., Womelsdorf, PA 19567
610-589-4725

NEW Hours: Mon & Thurs 9am-1pm, Tues and Fri
9am-4pm, Wed - Closed

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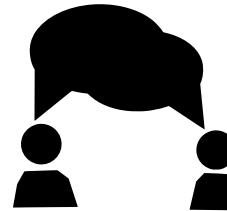


Borough Meetings

Open to the Public

Council Meeting – 1st Tuesday of the Month,
7pm at Borough Hall

Workshop Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of the Month
7pm at Borough Hall



Council Members

- Bruce A. Edwards- Council President
- Cindy Hopple – Council Vice President
- David Craft
- Hector Feliciano
- Connie Keller
- James Mellon
- Shannon Windley
- Mayor- Jennifer Gettle





Wash your Car without Harming the 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, soap, 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 straight into the local waterways without any treatment!

If you are washing your car at home, use the following recommendations to reduce pollution:

- Wash on the lawn so soapy water doesn't run into the street
- Use rags to wipe brake dust off the wheels before washing
- Use a nozzle on the hose to conserve water
- Avoiding using soap & cleaners which can be toxic to wildlife
- Pour your bucket of soapy water down the sink or toilet or onto landscaping when you are finished

OR use a local car wash:

Turkey Hill 2600 Conrad Weiser Parkway Womelsdorf	Robeson Springs 4 Hyneman Lane Robeson	Auto Spa 2232 State Hill Rd Reading	Mr Car Wash 600 Revere Blvd Reading
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Summer - Fall 2023

Dear Borough Resident,

Summer is here! We hope you are all enjoying the warm weather and long days. This summer, there are numerous activities and events happening here in the Borough that we hope you will take advantage of. This brief newsletter will outline some of those events, as well as inform you of current and upcoming changes in the Borough. Please take a few minutes to browse the pages contained here to stay up to date on important Borough information.

Mark your Calendar! – Quick Overview

- July 3rd- Change to Yard Waste Pickup, first and third Monday of Month
- July 4, July 28, August 4, August 12, September 4- Pool Party!
- July 19-22nd- Womelsdorf Community Days Carnival
- September 6th- Doggie Swim at Womelsdorf Pool
- September 10th- Car Show in the Park
- September 13th- Final day to pay for Fall Cleanup curbside pickup
- September 14, 15, 16- Fall Cleanup Weekend at the Womelsdorf Pool
- October 14th- Paper shredding event at Berks Ag Center (REGISTER)
- October 21st- Hazardous waste disposal at Berks Ag Center (REGISTER)

Borough Hours:
Monday and Thursday 9am-1pm
Tuesday and Friday 9am-4pm
Wednesday CLOSED

If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this newsletter, please contact the Womelsdorf Borough Office at 610-589-4725. Please take note, we are operating with our new hours.

Thank you,
Womelsdorf Borough Council



Letter from the Borough Council President

Dear Residents,

I am writing to you on the topic of yard waste. Previously, our trash haulers collected yard waste. Then, in 2019 we received a State grant of almost \$300,000 to purchase a chipper, a dumpster (for the chipped materials), a new leaf vacuum, and two new trucks. As part of this grant, small yard waste which was previously destined for a landfill is now required to be chipped and recycled into compost. However, the intent of the program was never to include large tree branches, tree stumps, and whole trees as the Borough does not have the equipment or capacity to recycle such materials.

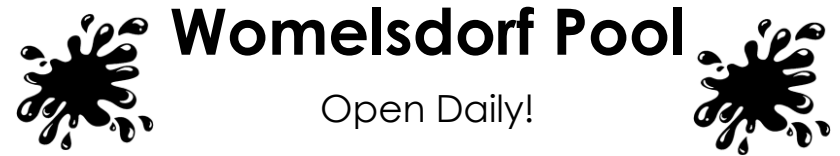
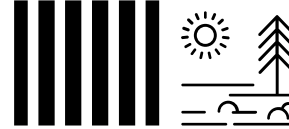
Going forward, our maintenance crews have been instructed to only pick up "acceptable" yard waste, effective immediately. Please take the time to review the list of accepted items attached. Piles containing items which are not accepted will not be collected and are the responsibility of the resident to dispose of properly.

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Although we recognize the convenience of weekly pickup, the frequency has prevented our maintenance crew from completing other important work. **Beginning in July 2023, pickup of acceptable yard waste will change from weekly to twice per month on the first and third Monday of each month.** If Monday falls on a holiday, pickup will be on Tuesday.

We appreciate your assistance in keeping this program running smoothly.

Bruce A. Edwards, Womelsdorf Borough Council President



Open Daily!

Swim Lessons

Swim Lessons are available at the Pool! There are three different experience levels: Swim Starters, Swim Strokes, and Swim Basics. Call 610-678-0484 for more information! Online registration is available at the Sinking Spring YMCA Website!

Fun Upcoming Events!

- June 26th – Swim Meet, 6pm. Pool Closes 4pm
- July 4th – Independence Day Party
- July 5th – Swim Meet, 6pm. Pool Closes 4pm
- July 7th – Movie Night 7-10pm
- July 10th – Swim Meet, 6pm. Pool Closes 4pm
- July 28th – Glow Splash Pad
- August 4th – Beach Ball Splash Party 7-10pm
- August 12th – Annual Luau Party
- September 4th – Labor Day Party
- September 6th – Doggie Swim 6pm



Visit us at WomelsdorfPool.com



**IT'S
BACK!**



Fire & Ice



**LJ's Fitness
(parking lot)**

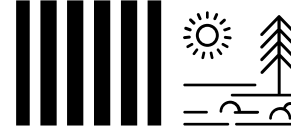
- **Adults: \$10**
- **Students: \$5**
- **Kids 10 & under: FREE**
with a paying adult



**Join us for our annual
festival happening on
Saturday, July 29th
from 11am - 2pm!**

**CHILI CONTEST
AND TASTING,
ICE CREAM
TASTING, GAMES,
PRIZES, RAFFLES,
AND MORE!**

Contact the Womelsdorf Community Library if you want to volunteer or sponsor!
610-589-1424 | womelsdorfcl@berks.lib.pa.us



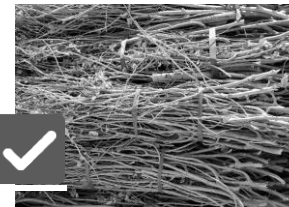
Quick Guide to Yard Waste

Collected First and Third Monday each Month

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ACCEPTED

- Twigs
- Shrubbery trimmings
- Branches under 3 inches in thickness and under 4ft long
- Bundled or neatly contained piles
- Christmas trees (seasonally)



NOT ACCEPTED

- Stumps or Logs
- Grass Clippings
- Branches over 3 inches in thickness or over 4 feet long
- Piles not contained or bundled
- Dirt, rocks, gravel
- Piles mixed with plastic or other waste items



LEAVES

Collected
Oct - Dec
Weather
Permitting

- Please rake leaves to the curb if you have one
- Keep leaf piles free from debris, animal waste and twigs or sticks and **DO NOT BAG**
- Do **NOT** rake leaves into the storm drains or drainage swales
- Please try not to park in front of leaf piles as leaves cannot be removed from behind cars





Fall Cleanup Weekend

September 14, 15, 16th 2023

**Drop off at Womelsdorf Pool
-OR- Pay to have your items picked up
curbside from your residence**

Curbside Pickup (at your residence)

Thursday and Friday ONLY 7am-2pm

\$10/each for most items**

Poolside Drop off (41 N. Water St.)

Thursday and Friday 8am-6pm

Saturday 8am-2pm

Most items at no cost **

** The following items have additional costs for disposal:

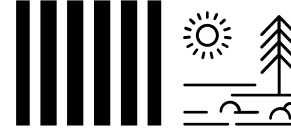
Mattress or Box Spring: \$35/each

Car tires: \$5/each, with Rim: \$8/each; Large tires: \$10/each

**All payments MUST be made at Borough Hall before Tuesday,
September 13th at 4pm**

The following items **are NOT accepted**: Electronics (TV, computer, cellphones, tablets, etc), Hazardous materials (oil paint, insecticide, oil, antifreeze, gasoline, etc), recyclables (paper, cardboard, etc.) and brush/shrubs. This newsletter has information on how to dispose of these items.

This is public service for Borough Residents and not a profit-making endeavor. Charges are what it costs the Borough to dispose of these items therefore **proof of residence may be required**.



Womelsdorf Area Community Association & Womelsdorf Area Women of Today

The Womelsdorf Area Community Association & Women of Today are local community groups that are out to better our community. If anyone would like more information about the groups or would like to help out at any of our events, please call 717-222-4911. Thank you to everyone who comes out to support our projects! Some of the things we do to help better our community are the following:

Womelsdorf Community Days Carnival - July 19-22nd

Games, Rides, Food, Fun, Entertainment

- Wednesday, July 19- Family Ride Night
- Thursday, July 20- Family Ride Night
- Friday, July 21- Jeff Krick Jr. 7-10pm
- Saturday, July 22

- Vendor Show 11am-4pm

- 4pm Duck Derby- Sponsored by Conrad Weiser Mat Club

- 7-10pm Mitch & the Moodswings



Car Show in the Park - Saturday, September 10th

- Featuring Flaming Dick and The Hot Rods

- Rain Date: Saturday, September 16th

Doggie Swim - Womelsdorf Pool, Wednesday, Sept 6 at 6pm

\$5 + a toy or treat to be donated to Zoe's House Rescue

Sincerely Yours,
Womelsdorf Community Association
& Women of Today

Tear Out Here for Quick Guide





Womelsdorf Sewer Authority

As the authority says goodbye to long time member Vince Balistrieri, we welcome back a familiar face in Doug Hoover.

In staying with our goal of keeping costs as reasonable as possible, we are continuing our sewer line televising. We are continuing this on a five-year rotation. Another cost saving item we are looking at is different dewatering equipment. These changes all have huge upfront equipment cost, but will help keep our operating expenses down.

A special shout out to our operator – Bill Madden, and Miller Environmental for their due diligence in keeping our plant in superior operation.

Please help us keep excessive clean water out of our sewer system. This could come from drain spouts and floor drains that enter our waste water system. Treating this excess water is costly to the plant. Thank you for your continued support!

Always Working For You,
The Womelsdorf Sewer Authority



Grass and Weed Reminder

did you know...?

Each resident, homeowner and business in the Borough is responsible for keeping their property free of weeds or plant growth higher than six (6) inches per Ordinance 2017-01.

In order to prevent violations which may result in fines, the Borough wants to remind all residents and businesses that this applies to every area of their property.

This includes the sidewalk, the area between the curb and sidewalk and the area between the road and curb.

We request all residents please cut, properly dispose of and maintain all grass and weeds throughout their entire property.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact the Womelsdorf Borough Office at (610) 589-4725.

We appreciate each resident's effort to keep Womelsdorf a safe and beautiful place to live and work!

Thank you,
Womelsdorf Borough Council





Make a Splash with Davy-Brick Campaign

Have you heard the news about the splash pad coming to the Womelsdorf Pool in May 2024!?

Permanently engraved bricks are available for purchase to be featured in the construction of the splash pad. Leave a lasting legacy by purchasing your own brick or join with other family members. The cost is \$250 per brick. Personalize your brick with your name or message for the community (Text limited to 3 Lines, 18 Characters per line).



To order a brick, simply send a check or donate online at <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/makeasplashwithdavy>



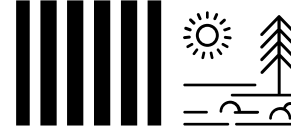
A member of the borough will reach out to you to personalize your brick.

The last day to order a brick for the project will be Labor Day, September 4th.

Checks to: IM ABLE Foundation
Memo Line: MASWD
1007 Hill Ave Building 17
Reading PA 19610

Help us make the Womelsdorf Pool THE place to be next summer for those of all abilities by ordering your permanently engraved brick today!

Check out our Facebook page Make a Splash with Davy for more information on the project and upcoming events!



Looking to Dispose of Items not accepted at Fall Cleanup Week?

For more information about these events, to dispose of other items, or **to register** visit Berks County Solid Waste Authority 610-478-6362 **-OR-** www.co.berks.pa.us/swa

Electronics Recycling

1316 Hilltop Rd., Leesport, PA

Open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8:00 AM - Noon
MAXIMUM OF 10 ITEMS PER VEHICLE (NO EXCEPTIONS) Computers, Monitors, Laptops, Keyboards, Modems, Printers, Copier, etc. • Microwaves, Stereos, VCRs, Telephones, Answering Machines, etc. • Television (Maximum of two per resident/vehicle per day) 50 POUND MAXIMUM • Fluorescent bulbs • Rechargeable and Lead Acid Batteries (ONLY) – NO ALKALINE BATTERIES ACCEPTED • AC & Dehumidifiers

Paper Shredding

October 14, 2023 - Registration Required!!

Berks County Ag Center- 1238 County Welfare Rd.
Leesport, Pa. 19533

Free to residents of Berks County only – NO BUSINESSES • Absolutely no plastic bags will be accepted • All paper materials must be in cardboard boxes, paper bags or reusable totes • MAXIMUM 5 BOXES

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

October 21, 2023 - Registration Required!!

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Examples: Turpentine, Wood Preservatives, Paint thinners, Oil based paints • Weed Killers, Pesticides, Pool Chemicals, Driveway sealants, Herbicides • Antifreeze, Gasoline, Transmission and Motor oil • Solvents, Disinfectants, Rug/Oven/Drain Cleaners, Button/Lithium/NiCad Batteries, Polish, Fluorescent Bulbs • NO LATEX PAINT

