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A letter from the Mayor

Dear Residents and Friends

It is hard to believe that summer is over, and fall is now upon us. The summer months saw lots of exciting events and changes take place in Winslow Township, including a summer concert series held in collaboration with the Board of Freeholders. As we look to the future growth of the Township, we continuously review the needs of our residents to see where we can improve.



Barry M. Wright - Mayor

Over the next year or two, the Township will be evaluating a potential park or play area where those with special needs can play in a safe environment. The Township has begun a new initiative called the All-Star program where youth with special needs are able to take part in free recreational programs. The All-Star program has been so successful that more programs are being scheduled. The program also saw dozens of teenagers join in to help as "buddies" to the players. This program was such a "win" for our residents, all thanks to the great volunteers, staff, and the Winslow Township School District for providing the space to hold such a wonderful program. To learn more, please read the article on our All-Star program found in this newsletter.

Winslow Township takes roadway safety very seriously, and the miles of roads are being evaluated and repairs or new resurfacing projects are underway as needed. This year the Township completed the repaving of Kali Road. The Township also completed another section of sidewalk and ADA ramp improvements to Sicklerville Road and started another phase along Sicklerville Road in the vicinity of the school and Manor Hall. The Township works closely with State and County offices to coordinate road projects and ensure the least amount of inconvenience and traffic impact. The Township has also has started the installation of a new parking lot and basketball court at Donio Field. The installation of a new workout station at Donio Park and a new Dog Park at Calabrese Park were also completed. Both projects were 100% grant funded and a great addition to our parks.

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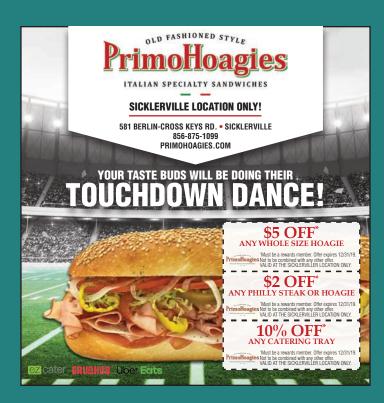
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The Township has several new businesses coming in to town – such as Aldi food store, Royal Farms and Dunkin' Donuts. The Township also has a new residential community, Braycen Pines, under construction in Sicklerville along with expansion of the Winslow Cross Creek development. These are all positive signs for our community.

Thank you for allowing me, and the Township Committee, serve you. I encourage you to reach out to my office or any Township Committee member if you have suggestions or concerns that you would like to discuss. Please feel free to call (609) 567-0700 or email mayorwright@winslowtownship.com

Mayor Barry M. Wright



Winslow Township Parks Department Proudly Announces the Completion of the Dog Park

There is now a dedicated space for residents to bring their dogs to run and interact with others in a safe environment. The dog park is located at the Ptlm. Daniel Calabrese Park on the corner of North Central Ave and First Ave. The park features a small dog park for dogs 45 pounds or less, as well as a large dog park for dogs over 45 pounds. The dog park houses obstacles and dog friendly equipment. Residents are required to follow the proper pet waste ordinance. There is a waste station within the area for your convenience. All dogs must have current rabies shots and all other vaccines as required by State of New Jersey law and wear a collar displaying the valid license.

Please see the posted rules on location for the safe use of the facility.

OFFICE OF THE TAX ASSESSOR

The Municipal Assessor and the Assessor's Office have the statutory responsibility of maintaining property record data for all properties within the Township.

The Assessor is responsible to the citizens of the municipality for the determination of the market value of all real estate within the township for assessing purposes. This is to assure uniformity of value and the fair share of the tax burden being distributed equitably. 11

The Municipal Assessor and the Assessor's Office maintain tax maps and all property record information such as names, addresses, and deed information. The Assessment Department receives and processes all recorded deeds that are filed with the Camden County Clerk's Office. Copies of recorded deeds can be obtained from the Camden County Clerk's Office.

The office also reviews and maintains all Property Tax Deductions (seniors, veterans, disabled), farmland applications, income and expenses statements, 5 Year Abatements and Exemptions. You can find information about these programs on our township website www.winslowtownship.com or by contacting our office.

About Your Property Taxes

Property Taxes are calculated by multiplying your total current year assessment by the current tax year rate. The Assessor has no control over your property taxes as the assessed value usually remains the same, but the tax rate changes year to year.

(i.e. assessment \$150,000 x tax rate \$.03537=\$5,305.50)

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Common Level Ratio	97.79%	100.14%	101.08%	99.63%	99.53%
Total Tax Rate	\$3.585	\$3.537	\$3.474	\$3.43	\$3.38

The Tax Rate is established by the taxing authorities (County, Municipality, Schools, Library, and Fire District) based on their annual budgets. Concerns and Questions regarding the amount of these Budgets need to be addressed to these Authorities.

Questions regarding property taxes (bills/amounts due/deadline for payments/liens/etc) should be directed to the Tax Collector's Office 609-567-0700 option #3.



Address Changes

Requests to change/update mailing addresses must be submitted in writing via regular mail or email. Changes will not be taken over the phone. Address Change Request Forms can be found on our Township website www.winslowtownship.com

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OFFICE OF THE TAX ASSESSOR

5 Year Tax Abatement - Exemption Program -**Residential Improvements**

The Governing Body of the Township of Winslow determined that it was in the best interest of residents of the Township to allow and/or provide for tax abatements for certain residential home improvement projects amended Chapter 66 entitled "Tax Abatement" to include Article III - Home Improvement Tax Abatements.

The home improvement application is enclosed with the permit jacket from the Construction Department for the improvement.

Qualifications:

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- Residential single family or multi-dwelling properties more than fifteen (15) years of age or older
- Property owners will have 30 days from the date of completion of the project to file the application with the Assessor's Office
- Up to \$25,000 of the Tax Assessor's full and true value of the improvement will be abated (exempt) from property taxes for 5 years
- There is no application fee required for this program.

Questions?

Phone: (609) 567-0700 option #9 or Email: assessor@winslowtownship.com

THANK YOU TO THE BUSINESSES!

The Winslow Township Governing Body would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter, for it is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at minimal charge to the Township. The Township is not permitted to endorse any business, service or product, however, the Township does encourage residents to consider all the various businesses that are available throughout the Township and to "buy local".



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COMMONLY ASKED TRASH-RELATED QUESTIONS

Q. What holidays affect trash collection?

A. There are six holidays a year that may affect your trash collection schedule: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. If your trash collection day is on one of these holidays or if the holiday is during the week and your trash follows the holiday during that week, your collection will be a day later. See our website home page for any changes that may arise at www.winslowtownship.com.

Q. How can I report a missed trash pickup or other concerns over the weekend or via a mobile app?

A. Please go to www.winslowtownship.com and go to the service request/FAQ section on the homepage. Here you can create a work order that the office will receive and update as needed. You may also leave a message on the department's voicemail by selecting option 2 when calling (609) 567-0700. You can also do all of this via the Township mobile app - GoRequest.

Q. How do I get metal and appliances picked up?

A. Please call the Public Works office Monday-Thursday and provide us with your address and what exactly you have and we will schedule you for a pickup. You may also use Winslow Township's GoRequest app to create a work order.





Q. How do I dispose of mattress, couch, and furniture?

A. Please place these items at the curb by 7 am for your trash day. A separate bulk truck will collect these items.

Q. How do I dispose of construction debris?

A. Construction debris is not picked up curbside. Please obtain a dumpster, bagster, or take to the closest landfill. The closest landfill is located on River Road in Pennsauken.

Q. Where do I dispose of oil based paint, chemicals, or other hazardous waste?

A. Please contact Camden County Hazardous Waste by calling (856) 858-5241 or go onto the website to find the nearest drop off location and dates.



PLASTIC BAGS



When recycling please remember that plastic bags are not recyclable. Plastic bags clog the machinery and contaminates the entire truck load which then has to be disposed of in a landfill. Recycling properly saves tax dollars and the environment. Please remove all plastic bags from recycling.

- Q. How far can trash toter/carts be placed from each other, parked cars, and other items?
- A. Place carts curbside at least 3 feet apart from each other and 4 feet from mailboxes, fire hydrants, parked cars, utility poles, and low hanging trees/shrubs so trucks can easily access the cart.
- Q. What can I recycle? It seems like there have been changes.
- A. Please recycle items labeled #1 and 2 free of liquids and residue. Clean, tearable paper and cardboard can also be recycled. DO NOT recycle waxy cardboard or books, plastic bags, food, Styrofoam, or plastics not labeled 1 or 2.

Q. What do I do if my toter is lost or stolen?

- **A.** The first thing we recommend is to check the area in case the wind blew the toter or someone relocated it away from your home. If the toter cannot be located please call the police department to file a police report. After a police case number is given to you please call Public Works and we will create a work order. There is a fee to replace any toters that are lost or stolen.
- Q. What do I do if my toter needs wheels replaced or the lid is broke?
- **A.** Please call Public Works and we can create a work order to have repairs made.
- Q. I see a pothole on a county road, who can I call for repairs?
- **A.** Camden County highway department has a work order system on the county website where you can report a pothole or similar concern. http://www.camdencounty.com/service/public-works/county-road-report-form/ or simply call (856) 566-2980.









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2019 FALL LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

WARD 1 Nov. 25-29 and Dec. 23-27 Ward 3 Nov 11-15 and Dec. 9-13 WARD 2 Nov. 18-22 and Dec. 16-20 Ward 4 Nov. 4-8 and Dec. 2-6

In every instance cited above, collection will begin on **Monday** and continue until the entire route is complete for that week. *Please have leaves on curbside loose at the beginning of your scheduled week*. Leaves must be free from all other yard debris including sticks, twigs, acorns, and trash as these can clog the machine and your leaves will not be picked up. Also, do not park any vehicles in front of or too close to the leaves during your week or they will not be picked up.

If we are ahead of schedule, we may go into heavier areas, but will return on your scheduled week. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any questions concerning the above schedule please contact the Winslow Township Department of Public Works at (609) 567-0700 option 2 or at our website www.winslowtownship.com or email us at publicworks@winslowtownship.com

WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	WARD 4
Ancora	Cedar Brook	Arbor Meadows	Albion
Blue Anchor	Chestnut Hill	Avandale	Arden Forest
Braddock	Greenfield Run	Desmond Run	Avandale West
CedarBrook Estates	Heathermere	Drexel Gate	Braddock Preserve
Cooper Run	Ivy Stone	Eden Hollow	Cobblers Cove
Elmtowne	Janis Woods	Hampton Gate	Concord Springs
Fox Trail Ridge	Murfield Woods	Hampton Meadow	Glenn Forge
Lake Fountaine	Penbryn	Juniper Hill	Ivy Meadows
Mill Run	Penbryn Farms	Lehigh Manor	Oak Forest
Pin Oak	Raven Estates	Manor Hall	Parkside Mews
Pinecrest Estates	Ryans Run	Meadows at Winslow	Peach Glenn
Sherry Lyn Woods	Talleho	Norway's	Prospect
Spring Creek	Tree Croft	Primrose Gate	Stone Hollow
Villa's	Whispering Oaks	Renaissance at Woodlands	Summerbrooke
Villa's East	White Cedars	Victoria Manor	Tara Estates
Walden Chase	Whitley Farm	Woodlands	Wyndam Hill
Waterford Green	Wiltons Corner		
Waterford Works	Woodstream		
West Atco			
Westbury Hunt			
Winslow			
Winslow Woods			

WINSLOW TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Cold Weather Tips For Inside and Outside your Home

As winter quickly approaches and temperatures continue to fall, Winslow Township Utilities wants to remind homeowners to protect their pipes from frigid weather to prevent costly plumbing repairs

The best strategy in combating the cold winter months is a proactive one. Taking certain preventative measures to winterize homes and learning how to properly maintain and conserve resources, particularly during the cold weather months, can help prevent pipes and meters from freezing in your home and causing larger problems in the long term.

Winslow Township Utilities encourages its customers to take the following precautions to reduce the risk of freezing pipes that can burst.

Main shut off valve

Make sure everyone in your home knows where the main water shut off valve is located so you can turn off the water in an emergency. When you locate your valve, mark it with an identification tag. The valve is typically located where the water line enters the home. This could be in the basement, crawl space, or utility closet. This also applies to Winslow Township residents with private wells.

Preparing for cold weather

Check for pipes that pass through unheated spaces or rooms, such as crawl spaces, basements, garages or uninsulated exterior walls. Protect exposed pipes by wrapping them with heat tape, pre-molded foam, rubber sleeves, or fiberglass insulation. All of these items are available at hardware stores. If you have installed heat tape on exposed pipes, inspect the tape for cracks or fraying, and make needed repairs.

If your meter is outside, make sure your meter lid is closed tightly.

Eliminate sources of cold air near pipes by sealing openings or cracks that could cause drafts. Close vents in crawlspaces.

Drain all outdoor garden hoses, roll them up, and store them inside to prevent cracking. If you have an indoor valve

for outside hose bibs, shut it off, and drain the water from pipes leading to the hose bibs. Additionally, turn off and drain your irrigation system. It is a good idea to do this in the fall, before cold temperatures set in.



When temperatures consistently fall below freezing

- For kitchen or other sinks up against cold, exterior walls, open cabinets to let warm air in your home reach the pipes
- Allow a small trickle of water to run overnight to keep pipes from freezing. The cost of the extra water is typically lower than the cost of repairing a broken pipe.
- If your pipes do freeze, shut off the water immediately. Don't attempt to thaw frozen pipes unless the water is shut off.
- Freezing can often cause unseen cracks in pipes or joints when thawed. Apply heat to a frozen pipe by warming air around it. Avoid the use of kerosene heaters or open flames. Once the pipes have thawed, slowly turn the water back on and check for cracks and leaks.

If you are going away

- If you are going away, leave your thermostat set at 55 degrees to prevent freezing pipes. If the water meter is located in your home and freezes, the homeowner/business is responsible for the cost to replace or repair the meter.
- Have a friend, relative or neighbor regular check your property to ensure that the heat is working and the pipes have not frozen.
- If no one will be home for an extended period of time during extreme weather, consider turning your water off inside your property and drain your system. That way if your furnace stops working, there will be no water in your pipes to freeze.

Avoid Costly Repairs

• If your water meter is located in your home and it freezes, the homeowner/business is responsible for the cost to replace or repair the meter. With a little attention and basic maintenance, you can help prevent pipes and meters from freezing in your home.

Report Leaking Pipes!

Winslow Township Utilities also advises that sub-freezing temperatures can hasten water mains to leak. If you see a leak, or your water service is disrupted, please contact the utilities department during normal business hours 609-567-0700. After hours emergencies only 609-561-3300.

Tips Get Ahead of the Winter Freeze

It's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Check these 10 tips off your list and get ahead of the winter freeze.

	Our furnace has been inspected and serviced by a qualified professional during the last 12 months. (A <i>furnace should be serviced at least once a year.</i>)				
	Our chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected by a qualified professional. I have checked for creosote build-up. (Not cleaning your chimney is the leading cause of chimney fires from built up creosote. This service needs to be done at least once a year.)				
	Our wood for our fireplace or wood stove is dry, seasoned wood .				
	Our fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass , in good condition and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.				
	We have a covered metal container ready to use to dispose cooled ashes. (The ash container should be kept at least 10 feet from the home and any nearby buildings.)				
	Our children know to stay at least 3 feet away from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, oil stove or other space heaters.				
	Our portable space heaters have an automatic shut-off .				
	Our portable space heaters will be plugged directly into an outlet (not an extension cord) and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn; like bedding, paper, walls, and even people. (Place notes throughout your home to remind you to turn-off portable heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.)				
	We have tested our smoke alarms and made sure they are working. (You need a smoke alarm on every level of the home, inside each bedroom and outside each sleeping area. For the best protection, the smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.)				
	We have tested our carbon monoxide alarms and made sure they are working. (Carbon monoxide alarms should be located outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.)				
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SAVE THE DATE!

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Every Wednesday
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Winslow Shopping Center
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2019 Fall Festival

Saturday, October 5, 2019 Rain Date: Saturday, October 12, 2019 11:00am – 3:00pm

Miller Farms, 134 North Grove Street Berlin, NJ 08009 Crafters and vendors wanted: rent table space to sell your goods during our annual Halloween festival/Fire prevention. You can download an application at www.winslowtownship.com or call the Clerk's office for more information at 609-567-0700 ext. 8002

Health Fair

Saturday October 26, 2019 11:00am – 1:00pm Bud Duble Center 33 Cooper Folly Road, Atco, NJ 08004

2019 General Election Dates



October 15 – Voter registration deadline October 29 – Apply for Mail-in Ballot Deadline November 5 – General Election Day

2019 Veterans Day

Monday, November 11th, 2019 11:00am Municipal Complex War Memorial Site 125 South Route 73 Braddock, NJ 08037

Utilities Assistance Expo

Thursday November 14, 2019 2:00pm – 8:00pm Municipal Complex Courtroom 125 South Route 73, Braddock, NJ 08037

2019 Tree Lighting

Friday December 6, 2019
Rain Date: Friday, December 13, 2019
6:30pm - Santa will arrive at 7:00pm
Winslow Township Municipal Building
125 South Route 73 Braddock, NJ 08037



2020 Rabies Clinic

Saturday, January 11, 2020 9:00am – 1:00pm Public Works Garage – 125 South Route 73 (Behind Municipal Building)

Renew your pet licenses during the month of January 2020. Your current license will expire December 31, 2019. Registration of animals after March 31st will be considered late, and a \$25.00 late fee will be charged in addition to the regular license fee per animal



2020 Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 28, 2020 Rain Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:00am

Ptlm. Daniel Calabrese Memorial Park 37 North Central Avenue, Cedar Brook, NJ 08018





Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

🚣 HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stove top.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



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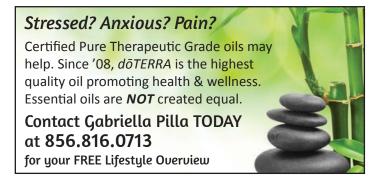
Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings ad decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- 1 Two of every five home decoration fires started by candles.
- Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to an heat source.

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FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Alarm systems must be registered.

- Permits are automatically renewed.
 - There is no cost to register.
- Notify us if any information has changed.

(Applications are on the Township website to modify your information.)

VITAL STATISTICS



Thinking about getting married?

Please call 609-567-0700 ext. 8006, 8008 to schedule an appointment and to learn about the requirements for a marriage application.

Do you need a certified copy of a birth certificate, marriage license or death certificate?

Please call 609-567-0700 ext. 8006, 8008 to schedule an appointment and to learn about the requirements for a certified vital record.

TAX COLLECTION OFFICE

Did you know you can view and/or pay your bill online? Please visit the Township website at www.winslowtownship.com and click on "TAXES AND ONLINE PAYMENTS" in the center of the homepage.

Payments can be made to the Winslow Township Tax Collectors office during regular business hours in the form of cash, check or money order. Credit Cards are now accepted here in the office. There is a fee charged of 2.95% for credit cards as well as debit cards. The fee is the same if paid online and over the telephone. Some credit cards such as American Express may charge more. Payments can be made online with an E-Check, in which case the fee is only \$1.05.

You can view and pay your tax & utilities bill using the "Taxes & Online Payment" icon on the Township website at www.winslowtownship.com



If you do not have access to a computer, one is available for use at the Tax Office counter as well as the Camden County Library located on Cooper Folly Road. Senior Citizens also have computer access at the Bud Duble Senior Center also located on Cooper Follow Road.

An after-hours drop box is located in the police department lobby for check or money orders only. Please do not deposit cash.

COURT OFFICE

The Winslow Township Municipal Court is pleased to announce that we are working with a program called:

My Friends House Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

At each court session a representative from My Friends House is available to speak with anyone who is looking for assistance in many areas. Their staff is dedicated to providing the highest quality of treatment to the client 100% of the time. All of their staff members are credentialed in a field of drug and alcohol as well as mental health.

Their services include:

- Intensive Outpatient Program
- Outpatient Program
- Co-Occurring Therapy
- Medicated Assisted Treatment
- Anger Management
- Relapse Prevention
- Alumni Program



Winslow Township Municipal Court is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Court is held every Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

Most traffic tickets can be paid online at www.njmcdirect.com







PLANNING AND ZONING



A Zoning permit, survey and fee of \$25.00 is required as a condition prior to the start of construction, reconstruction, alteration, or installation of a structure or building on your property. A Zoning permit shall be valid for one year from the date of issue. You can download a Zoning permit from the Township website under Forms and Documents.

A zoning permit is necessary to make sure the homeowner is complying with the setback requirements for their particular zoning district. Zoning permits also help to ensure that homeowners do not interfere with any utility or drainage easements.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Planning and Zoning office 609 567-0700, Debbie ext. 8006, Barbara ext. 8007 and Stephanie ext. 8003.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Winslow Township has 3 full-time Code Enforcement Officers who respond to a wide variety of calls - which include reports of high grass, abandoned or vacant properties, property maintenance issues, and much more.

Winslow Township Code Enforcement is ready to assist! If you wish to report a non-urgent matter to the Township Code Enforcement you may do so by going online at www.winslowtownship.com under "Service Request" or download the Township mobile app - GORequest. Should you wish to call Code Enforcement you may do so at (609) 567-0700 or email sheinz@winslowtownship.com

If you own a vacant property you are required by Township Ordinance to register this property if vacant longer than 30 days and not actively being marketed or rehabbed, for more information go to winslowtownship.com under Code Enforcement.







ANIMAL CONTROL



Winslow Township has 2 full-time Animal Control Officers who respond to a wide variety of calls. Their primary objective is public health and safety – as well as the safe and humane care of animals within Winslow Township. Winslow Township Animal Control Officers are outfitted with tablets that enable them to immediately locate whether a lost pet is licensed with the Township and if the animal is microchipped. Since the Animal Control Officers patrol the municipality on a daily basis - many of the animals are known to the officers, and in the unfortunate circumstance that an animal is found - many times they are already aware of who the owner may be and contact the resident.

For more information go to www.winslowtownship.com under Animal Control.

WINSLOW TOWNSHIP BOND RATING UPGRADED

Every few years, bond rating agencies, in our case Moody's, review the finances of municipalities to either reaffirm, upgrade or downgrade their Bond Rating. They look at such things as budget control, tax base, cash reserves and economic development, just to name a few areas. After reviewing our financial statements, budgets and internal procedures, Moody's upgraded our Bond Rating one level, from A1 to Aa3.

While it's a one level jump, the relevance of what that one level jump cannot be understated. It moves us from being regarded as "upper-medium" grade investments to a "high quality" investment, and subject to very low credit risk. It also moves us into the top 15% of all municipalities rated.

This upgrade is a substantial event which will save us even more tax dollars when issuing future bonds.









WINSLOW TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

9 Cedar Brook Road • Phone: 609-561-4225 • EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

As of July 31, 2019, the Winslow Twp. Fire Department responded to 1,080 calls for help. We are a combination fire department consisting of both volunteer and career firefighters serving the community 24/7 from 6 fire stations covering nearly 60 square miles. Along with responding to calls, the Fire Department is very engaged in the community; responding to incidents, participating in public education/relations events, supporting many charity events and Fire Code Enforcement. As our community grows, so does the demand for our services that includes adding may more disciplines to our operational ability. We look forward to expand our mission and capabilities to better serve our community. In the future along with the Townships other Emergency Service providers we will offer Community CPR and a Stop the Bleed program. Just a reminder, the Fire District has moved our annual election as allowed by law to fall in line with General Election voting in November.

We would like to remind everyone to change the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors or update their current ones to ten year sealed alarms. An operable detector is a life saver! We would also like to ask you to keep your address posted and visible to view from the street to assist us in finding you. In addition, fire lanes are established for reasons of public and first responder safety. Please do not park in them or park blocking fire hydrants. For additional safety information, please visit our website.





The Fire Department is continuously trying to recruit interested individuals to volunteer and join our team to protect <u>OUR</u> Community. Volunteers make up the majority of our organization.

- FREE Training
- LOSAP- After 2 years of service, the Winslow Township Fire Department will contribute money into a retirement fund for each volunteer that meets the minimum requirements as outlined in the Winslow Township Fire District point system.
- Annual Stipend
- Volunteer Tuition Credit Program for College
- Fire Explorer Program for youths 14 18

For applications to join the department, please call the office (609)561-4225 or visit our website at www.winslowtwpfd.org.

For a tour of a firehouse or our attendance at a Public Relations/Education event, please visit our website at www.winslowtwpfd.org.

Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12, 2019. The Winslow Township Fall festival which features our annual Fire Prevention/ Halloween Festival will be held on Saturday October 5th, 2019 (rain date is Saturday October 12th, 2019) between the hours of 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Millers Farm at 134 North Grove Street in the Cedar Brook section of Winslow Township.

To stay informed and up-to-date on WTFD happenings, like us on Facebook.





There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
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- Have a three-foot (one metre) "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you smell gas in your gas heater, do do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.

FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December**, **January**, and **February**.





WINSLOW TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

125 South Route 73 • Phone (609) 567-0700 • EMERGENCIES DIAL 911



Slow Down: Back to School Means Sharing the Road

As the 2019-2020 school year begins we want to remind the motoring public of some driving tips to keep everyone safe:

School days bring congestion: Yellow school buses are picking up children, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, and hurried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work.

It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a police officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way
- If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. IT IS ILLEGAL IN ALL 50 STATES TO PASS A SCHOOL BUS THAT IS STOPPED TO LOAD OR UNLOAD CHILDREN.
- Never pass a bus from behind or from either direction if you're on an undivided road if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take

By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones.



We will have extra patrols on bus routes. Our police officers have a ZERO TOLERANCE for motorist that violate this statute. We will also have maximum fines imposed in court.

If you observe motorist passing school buses please reach out to our traffic officers at 609-567-0700 extension 1196 and give the location and vehicle description.



WINSLOW TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPEEDING

Dangers of Speeding

For more than two decades, speeding has been involved in approximately one-third of all motor vehicle fatalities. In 2017, speeding was a contributing factor in 26% of all traffic fatalities.

Speed also affects your safety even when you are driving at the speed limit but too fast for road conditions, such as during bad weather, when a road is under repair, or in an area at night that isn't well lit.

Speeding endangers not only the life of the speeder, but all of the people on the road around them, including law enforcement officers. It is a problem we all need to help solve.

Consequences

Speeding is more than just breaking the law. The consequences are far-ranging:

- Greater potential for loss of vehicle control;
- Reduced effectiveness of occupant protection equipment;
- Increased stopping distance after the driver perceives a danger;
- Increased degree of crash severity leading to more severe injuries;
- Economic implications of a speed-related crash; and
- Increased fuel consumption/cost.

Dealing With Speeding and Aggressive Drivers

Speeding behavior and aggressive drivers may not only affect the speeder—it can also affect other drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Here are some tips for encountering speeders on the road:

- If you are in the left lane and someone wants to pass, move over and let them by.
- Give speeding drivers plenty of space. Speeding drivers may lose control of their vehicle more easily.
- Adjust your driving accordingly. Speeding is tied to aggressive driving. If a speeding driver is tailgating you or trying to engage you in risky driving, use judgment to safely steer your vehicle out of the way.
- Call the police if you believe a driver is following you or harassing you.

LITTERING

The Police Department has received numerous complaints for Littering / Illegal Dumping throughout the township. Please be advised that fines imposed for Littering / Illegal Dumping are \$500.00. I have ordered our police officers to have zero tolerance for anyone caught Littering / Illegal Dumping. Please call 609-561-3300 to report anyone littering / Illegal Dumping

WINSLOW TOWNSHIP POLICE SOCIAL MEDIA

Winslow Township Police Department utilizes several social media sites to keep residents informed of traffic related issues within the township such as construction projects, closed roads as well as police press releases, found animals and upcoming community policing events. Throughout the year we post pictures of different events that take place within our community. Please join us to stay up to date on important information within Winslow Township.



We are currently updating our police web page, www.winslowpolice.com. Once completed the new site will include a calendar of upcoming events, along with helpful phone numbers, email addresses and links for important information for all of our residents. Please keep checking the above listed URL for the new page!

Winslow Township Police Social Media Sites:

- NEXTDOOR.COM
- FACEBOOK.COM (WINSLOW TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT)
- NIXLE.COM
- SMART 911
- TWITTER (@ WINSLOWPOLICE)

🛟 Winslow Township Residents 🛟



We are experiencing high levels of contamination in our curbside single stream recycling. When non-recyclable items (TRASH) end up in your recycling container, they have the potential to turn the entire truck load into trash. This increases processing cost, which results in additional service charges to the municipality.

Please join us in the battle against contamination!

Increased enforcement and inspections will take place to correct this problem. If your automated recycling container is found to be contaminated it will not be emptied.



Rinse all jars, tin cans, etc. Keep items free of liquids and residue. Only plastics labeled for accepted. This is usually tubs, jugs and bottles!

No Plastic Bags

No Electronics

No Clothes

No Food

No Styrofoam

No Plastic Toys

Please contact the Public Works Department with any questions or concerns (609) 567-0700 option "2" or visit http://www.winslowtownship.com/publicworks

SELLING YOUR HOME?

If permits were not filed at the time of the job, they must be taken out and the inspections passed before you can get a CCO. (This could include HVAC replacement, water heater replacement, decks, garage conversions, finished basements, etc.) This will make the selling process go much smoother.

ARE YOU A LANDLORD? Renewal letters go out in December and fees are due by January 31st.

RENTAL PROPERTY REQUIREMENT: Battery smoke detectors/alarms need to be "combo smoke/co detectors with a 10 year sealed lithium battery" before the annual inspection is scheduled. This requirement does not affect hardwire, A/C powered single or multi station devices or low voltage system devices.

Winter is fast approaching. Check your heater/furnace to make sure it is working properly. Remember, a permit IS required to REPLACE a furnace.





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Questions or issues can be directed to Chief Joyce Midure at 609-567-5500.

For any billing questions please contact our billing department at 856-784-3715 Ext: 124



Helpful Tips from your EMS Providers:

Please help us help you!

Make sure your house number is clearly marked and please keep an updated list of your medical history, medications and allergies.

THINK SAFETY!

- Please ensure that your children are in the correct car seat and car seats are properly installed.
- Please keep all medicine in a secured area away from children.
- Remember cold and flu season is coming!



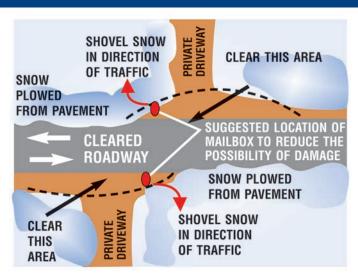
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SNOW SHOVELING TIPS

After a snowstorm, how many times have you shoveled your driveway or sidewalk only to have it plowed in?

Public Works suggests that you wait until the street is cleared before you shovel the last five feet of your driveway or your sidewalk. Always clear an area to the right of your driveway (as seen in the diagram) to give the snow on the blade of the plow a place to empty before it gets to your driveway. This way you won't have to do the same job twice.

Public Works also reminds you that it is illegal to push snow from a parking lot or driveway onto a township roadway.



Winslow Senior Bus is On The Move... Jump Aboard!

ATTENTION SENIORS!! If you live in Edgewood Acres, Strawberry Village, Norway's, Elmtowne, CCU Senior Housing, Colleen Manor, Taylor Woods, or a member of the Winslow Township Senior Citizens Club take advantage of the Township's Senior Bus.

Our seniors have been enjoying the bus, going to the market, and also some wonderful trips to the Cape May Zoo, Hard Rock Casino, Lobster House, Dennis Flyer Theater, Cracker Barrel and many other places.

The Township offers Free Shopping and recreational transportation for Winslow Seniors 55+ years of age or certified handicapped. Bus service runs Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. as follows:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Edgewood Acres	CCU Senior Housing	Elmtowne	Norway's	Winslow Senior
			Strawberry Village	Center
			Colleen Manor	Taylor Woods



If you're interested in local shopping, or maybe a day out with other active fun-loving adults, call (609) 820-4481 to reserve a seat.

ALL-STAR PROGRAM

Winslow Township is proud to continue to offer a free recreational program called the "All-Star Program". The All-Star Program is a community-based buddy sports program for children with special needs. It is designed to give children of all abilities the opportunity to participate in sports. Our program fosters a fun, non-competitive, positive environment where every child is able to shine bright! With the success of our first two seasons, soccer and basketball, we are looking to play kickball this fall. Registration will be open online at: http://www.winslowtownship.com/allstar

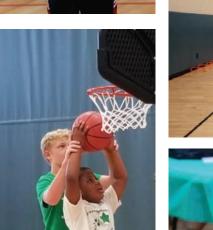


Winslow Township All-Star Program is run entirely by volunteers. The All-Star Program is a great way to give back to the community. We always need players, buddies and coaches to have a successful season. Each buddy will receive community service hours for volunteering their time. Through the program our buddies learn compassion, kindness, respect, and empathy all while having fun. Community service experiences can benefit everyone involved! If you or your family would like to volunteer or would like more information on the program please email: Carolyn Chaykin at allstar@winslowtownship.com or call 609-567-0700 ext. 8009



















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