

Winslow Township Newsletter

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A letter from the Mayor

Dear Residents and Friends

The past seven months have brought us through an unprecedented time here in Winslow Township – the coronavirus brought uncertainty, fear, and a new way of doing everyday tasks such as going to the grocery store or how we educate our youth. However, it also paved the way for a countless number of inspiring acts of kindness. People were meeting neighbors they never knew, residents were out exercising in the fresh air, and we learned new ways of doing almost everything. It demonstrated our resiliency and the need to help each other, and that we are all in this together.



Barry M. Wright - Mayor

I want to thank each of our community members and business entities who are doing such an amazing job of helping each other while navigating the new way of doing everyday tasks. I am so very proud of the volunteerism, generosity and support I have witnessed from everyone. Each of you have done your part to help – whether it was to make masks, providing food for the elderly, or to lend a word of encouragement – I truly thank you! Our local businesses have kept so many residents employed – a true testament to the dedicated employers who have worked hard to help their employees. Please be sure to check out the business listing on the Township app – GORequest – to support the great businesses here in Winslow!

I am very proud of our emergency services who maintain 24/7 service during times such as these – the Winslow Township Police Department, Winslow EMS and the Winslow Township Fire Department. Thank you for your continued service! One thing is for sure – we are a very strong and sustainable community. We will not only get through this, but we will come out of this stronger! I ask that each of us continue to do our part to keep each other safe and follow the current CDC guidelines by wearing a mask, social distancing, and frequent hand washing.

More than any other time, I must stress the importance of “liking” the Township

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A letter from the Mayor *continued from page 1*

Facebook page and subscribing to Nixle (text your zip code to 888777 to opt-in) to ensure you are kept up to date on any urgent information. This is the quickest and most effective way the Township is able to get information out to residents.

I am happy to say that the Township has done an excellent job of financially preparing for such an emergency as the coronavirus. The Township has a very stable budget which is in response to years of preparation and monitoring of spending within each department. Job sharing, paperless operations and creative efforts have seen us through to help keep a stable and healthy Township budget. The Township will continue these efforts because as with any emergency – one must be prepared and have forethought should something of such magnitude hit our community.

I would like to address another topic that is very important not only to myself, but should be important to all of those within the Township. Racial and social equality is something we all must strive for – but we must do better. We need to continue the dialogue to stop the silence. It takes all of us to do our part to make ourselves aware, to listen, to cherish our differences – but to see our similarities, to acknowledge where we need to improve and make changes, and work together to create a safe and inclusive place to live. The Township has taken a proactive role in addressing social and racial injustices. We need to have honest and hard conversations to make the necessary changes today to erase any biases, prejudices and inequalities - and not wait for someone else to make those changes. The Township has started an Advisory Committee that includes NAACP, clergy, local business owners, police and those from various other backgrounds who are coming together to learn where we need to do better as a community, and what active steps we need to take now to get headed on the right path. Yes, we have made some strides – but we are a long way from where we need to be as a community, and as a nation. The Township is also reviewing internal policies including use of force policies, and they will also be including increased training going forward for all staff with a long term process so that our efforts do not become stagnant, but instead, propels us to continually move in the right direction. Racial and social equality is a truly vital and crucial commitment to the education, social, mental and over all well-being of all our residents.

Our Township is home to a wealth of incredible individuals. We must stay united and uplift each other to move forward as one community. Please continue to help each other, look for the good, and remain positive. Together, we will thrive!

Regards,

Mayor Barry M. Wright

WINSLOW IS GROWING!

Winslow Township has seen such a healthy growth of businesses and community services. It is due to this growth and sustained home market that the Township has been able to maintain a stable municipal purpose tax rate. We are a community of strong small businesses, new commercial cornerstones, longstanding industrial entities and thriving residential communities. Each holds a piece of the puzzle, and put together as a whole, make up the landscape of our community. The Township's goal is for a healthy balance of amenities along with residential and commercial use – this is to ensure that the impact to existing homes and businesses is positively impacted in the process.

The rezoning along Route 73 is anticipated to be finalized by the end of the year. This process has been a long time in the making. The purpose of the rezoning is to allow better use of the land that fronts Route 73. It is anticipated that these changes will bring additional residential and commercial use.

Dunkin' Donuts on Route 73 in Cedar Brook is anticipated to open in December. Winslow looks forward to this addition to the Route 73 corridor.

Legacy Acres in Tansboro is in the process of being built and will provide approximately 90 single family age restricted homes.

Cross Creek in Sicklerville recently expanded to include approximately 70 age restricted apartments and is in the process of completing 90 townhouses.

There are several other home projects in various stages of the planning process for the Township – and we will share those details as they become available.

Over the summer, the Township had upgrades done to the Bud Duble Senior Center to add an additional 2128 square feet to the building due to increased usage of the facilities. As well, a connector path was added between the Senior Center and the South County Branch of the Camden County Library to make it easier to get to/from each facility.

Businesses were very creative during the coronavirus and found new ways to continue serving residents while maintaining a healthy and safe atmosphere. Be sure to check out the Winslow Township website for local business resources at <http://www.winslowtownship.com/business>



Photo Courtesy of Inspira Health
Showing New Expansion on Williamstown Road of Inspira Health Building



Photo Courtesy of Mr. Bill's Restaurant
Showing Mr. Bill's Coronavirus Mask

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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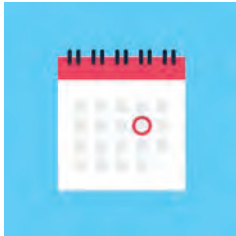
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A MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works crews have been working throughout the pandemic maintaining township roads by repairing potholes, repainting crosswalks, inlets, storm water pipes and street sweeping. Our crews have been maintaining our 90 basins and water channels, making sure they are cut, free of debris and functioning properly. We will continue to pick up appliances and metal every Friday by appointment and accept any electronics that residents wish to drop off. We are here to provide excellent service to the residents of Winslow Township and will continue to do so throughout this ordeal. Should you have any questions or need to request service please call us at 609-567-0700 option 2, email us at publicworks@winslowtownship.com or enter a work order into the go request app.

Please do not place plastic bags in your green lid recycle tote or in recycling dumpsters. Plastic bags are not recyclable and can break recycling plant equipment so any tote with a bag will not be picked up.



There are six holidays a year that may affect your trash collection schedule: New Years 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

Feel like you can't remember what day it is or when trash gets picked up? Download the free Recycle Coach App for complete trash and recycling information at your fingertips! It is available in the App Store and Google Play. This app is great especially if you aren't sure if the holiday affects your trash removal.



CHANGES TO BULK TRASH PICKUP

For sanitary purposes, mattresses placed at the curb are to be covered or wrapped in plastic before being disposed. Mattress bags can be found at big box stores for a small cost.

In 2021, the Township will go to **one bulk pickup day per month** instead of every week. Bulk items are furniture such as couches, tables and chairs as well as mattresses, box springs, carpet and toilets (unbolted from tank). Starting the first week of January 2021, the schedule will be as follows in accordance with your normally scheduled trash day. In the case where your trash collection is impacted by a holiday as listed above - bulk pick-up will be collected a day later.

1st Thursday of month - For residential bulk trash normally picked up on Monday

2nd Thursday of month - For residential bulk trash normally picked up on Tuesday

3rd Thursday of month - For residential bulk trash normally picked up on Wednesday

4th Thursday of month - For residential bulk trash normally picked up on Thursday or Friday

ROAD PROJECTS

Winslow Township is resurfacing Hampton Gate & Drexel Gate Developments! This will include new sidewalk ADA ramps, leveling of manhole covers, road structure repairs and a new road surface for both developments.

Camden County is resurfacing Blue Anchor Road from Cedar Brook Road to Rt. 73. This will include drainage improvements, structural repairs to the intersection at Davis and Blue Anchor, new curb along Stella Maiese Park and a mill and overlay of the entire road.

Camden County has also begun the design for the resurfacing of Sicklerville Road from Cross Keys to Chews Landing Road. Details to follow as the design continues!

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FALL LEAF COLLECTION

PLEASE HAVE LEAVES ON CURBSIDE LOOSE AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR SCHEDULED WEEK.

Collection will begin on Monday and continue until the entire route is complete. Leaves must be free from all other yard debris including sticks, twigs, acorns, etc. Also, be sure vehicles are not parked too close to the leaves so that your leaves can easily be accessed.

WARD 4	November 2- November 6	WARD 4	November 30 - December 4
WARD 3	November 9-November 13	WARD 3	December 7-December 11
WARD 2	November 16- November 20	WARD 2	December 14-December 18
WARD 1	November 23- November 27	WARD 1	December 21- December 25

*If you see crews in your ward before your scheduled week and your leaves are not out please do not worry or rush to get them to your curb. We are just ahead of schedule and are working efficiently on your behalf. We will be back at the beginning of your scheduled week.

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	Braycen Pines
Elm Town	Janis Woods	Hampton Gate	Cobblers Cove
Fox Trail Ridge	Murfield Woods	Hampton Meadow	Concord Springs
Lake Fountaine	Penbryn	Juniper Hill	Enclave
Mill Run	Penbryn Farms	Lehigh Manor	Glenn Forge
Pin Oak	Raven Estates	Manor Hall	Ivy Meadows
Pinecrest Estates	Ryans Run	Meadows at Winslow	Oak Forest
Sherry Lyn Woods	Talleho	Norway's	Parkside Mews
Spring Creek	Tansboro	Primrose Gate	Peach Glenn
Villa's	Tree Croft	Renaissance at Woodlands	Prospect
Villa's East	Whispering Oaks	Victoria Manor	Stone Hollow
Walden Chase	White Cedars	Woodlands	Summerbrooke
Waterford Green	Whitley Farm		Tara Estates
Waterford Works	Wiltons Corner		Wyndam Hill
West Atco	Woodstream		
Westbury Hunt			
Winslow			
Winslow Woods			



HOMEOWNERS

FRIENDLY REMINDER

FOR RESIDENTS WHO HAVE UNDER GROUND IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

Irrigation Systems should be winterized before cold weather sets in. By taking this step, you avoid the possibility of frozen irrigation lines, which can lead to costly repairs of your system.

CONSIDERING A HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECT? Homeowners should be aware that home improvement contractors must be registered with the Division of Consumer Affairs. Homeowners may check the New Jersey Consumer Affairs website at www.njconsumeraffairs.gov for frequently asked questions and contractor information. Most projects will require permits. Feel free to contact the Township If you are uncertain whether a permit is required.

ARE YOU A LANDLORD? Please be sure to register your rental property/properties, pay the annual fee and schedule the yearly inspection. At this time rental inspections are on hold due to Covid19 unless property is unoccupied.

SELLING YOUR HOME? Be reminded a Continued Certificate of Occupancy is required before a property is purchased or sold. A CCO will not be issued if the property has open permits and inspections for work performed. Work that was done without obtaining the proper permits will also result in an unsatisfactory inspection.

For your convenience if you are concerned with NO Contact the Construction Dept has a bin outside our door on the porch to put your paperwork in and we will retrieve it. Also all forms can be obtained on www.winslowtownship.com on our Construction Office page. Please call for help if needed.

Dumpster/Container permits are required. If you will have it less than 2 weeks, no fee will apply. If the dumpster is at the property more than 2 weeks it will require a \$25.00 charge.

PLANNING AND ZONING



Any work where you are placing something new on your property outside of your home needs a zoning permit; including, but not limited to, a shed, addition, deck, generator, solar panels, pool and fences. Our permit application is online at www.winslowtownship.com, Forms and Documents, Department Documents, Planning and Zoning, Zoning Permit. All permits must accompany a copy of your survey showing placement of the proposed work and a check for \$25.00. Anyone in a Homeowner's Association must submit their Association approval with their application prior to Zoning review. All taxes, utilities and liens must be current before submission. You can check to see if the homeowner is current on our website, Taxes and Online Payment.

If you cannot locate a survey, you can call land surveyors and get a quote over the phone if you can tell them your lot size. (Suggestion: If you are selling your home, please kindly consider giving the new buyer a copy of the survey if you have one in your important papers. Likewise, if you are a buyer, ask the seller if they have a copy of their survey that you can have for your file.)

You can drop off your zoning permit and building permit (if applicable) applications to our office where you will be required to have your temperature taken at a kiosk in our lobby or you can come to the rear of our office trailer with the handicap ramp (behind the main building) and leave it in the tote at the top of the right side stairs. Any questions, please contact Planning and Zoning at 609-570-0700 option 6.

COURT OFFICE

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This new system will allow a defendant to request a review (dispute) of a traffic ticket to a lesser charge for certain payable offenses via NJMCdirect.com.

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To dispute the charge, go to NJMCdirect.com, enter our court code (0436), your ticket number and your license plate then SEARCH. The next screen you would choose #2 – *Dispute case*.

For any questions, or to see if your ticket is on the eligible to dispute list, you may contact the Court office at 609-567-0700 option 4 Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

MANAGING A MUNICIPAL BUDGET DURING A PANDEMIC

Every municipal operating and utility operating budget contains various priority levels of spending built into it. Those levels are statutorily required appropriations, contractual obligations and discretionary spending. Most discretionary expenditures (which in our budget is not significant) represent enhancements to infrastructure and/or operational equipment and programs already in place. When lives and businesses are impacted as significantly as they have been by the pandemic, it imposes a new reality on how we manage our budgets.

While we have a strict approval process for expenditures already in place under normal circumstances, we have instituted enhanced levels of scrutiny on all expenditures being made. Discretionary spending has been virtually eliminated, and execution of contracts that are not of operational necessity have been put on the back burner for re-evaluation at a future date. Fortunately, even when it was necessary to be closed to the public, the level of service provided to the public was not compromised. Changes in how we provided those services needed to be adjusted however, and we appreciate the public's help in navigating those changes.

As is always the case, and even more so now, the efficient use of tax dollars is our primary focus, while maintaining a high standard of services to our residents.

With regard to tax dollars, our budget is funded by various revenue streams, including property tax revenue. Municipalities walk a tightrope in how they approach the amount of any tax increases that occur. It's been the philosophy of the governing body to raise tax rates as minimally as possible annually, as opposed to having flat years and then a disproportionately large increase all in one year. Our approach follows the mindset of rating agencies (Moody's, Standard & Poor's, etc.) who put a lot of weight into seeing a balance of marginal tax increases and municipal reserves when assigning a bond rating. It's obviously worked for us as our rating was upgraded a year and a half ago based upon our sound financial and budgeting practices, which has ultimately resulted in savings. As a result of this approach, we have been able to keep the annual impact to our residents as minimal as possible, while maintaining a high level of services. This year's increase of less than one point on the tax rate translates to an ANNUAL increase in the municipal purpose tax based upon assessed value as follows:

House assessed at \$175,000 = increase of \$17.50 annually for municipal purpose tax

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FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE



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.

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 Assessment

Property assessments are determined by the fair market value of the property (i.e. what a property would sell for on the open market between a willing buyer and willing seller). Property assessments were established and certified by the County and State to be at 100% of market value during the last Revaluation in 2012. The current year, 2020 Equalization Ratio for Winslow Township is 97.41%

Since all assessments are an opinion of value, the State allows for assessments to be within +/-15% of market value to be deemed correct. Property owners who disagree with their assessment receive an annual Notice of Assessment on or by February 1st of every year and have from February 1st to April 1st to file an appeal with the Camden County Board of Taxation. The burden of proof is on the property owner to show that the property is over-valued and evidence must be provided.

Every October 1st, all assessors file a list of properties that allows them to assess new construction, additions, renovations and other improvements to properties that have been completed in that calendar year. To determine the Added Assessment, the property is valued in its totality at full market value (not just the portion that was added) then the existing assessment is subtracted. The improvement is valued as of the first day of the month following when it is substantially completed for its intended use.

Please note that the completion date, as determined by the Assessor, is not the same as the date of C.O., C.A. or construction office final inspection. Not scheduling a final inspection for your building permit does not delay the Added Assessment. Furthermore, not getting a permit does not prevent the Added Assessment. An assessment of an improvement is made regardless of whether there was a permit or not.

The Added Assessments tax bills are mailed in October and are due on November 1st. The deadline for filing an Added Assessment is December 1st.

****Property Record Card information (SFLA/Year Built, etc.) is available e-mail requests only****

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Common Level Ratio	97.41%	97.79%	100.14%	101.08%	99.63%
Total Tax Rate	\$3.608	\$3.608	\$3.537	\$3.474	\$3.43

About Your Property Taxes

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

(i.e. assessment \$175,000 x tax rate \$.03608=\$6,314)

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 Changes Request Forms can be found on our Township website www.winslowtownship.com

Contact Information

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We would like to send out a Heartfelt, Safe and Healthy message to all the residents, businesses, and Township staff during this pivotal time in history.

*"And the World Came Together
 as the People Stayed Apart"*



SAVE THE DATE!



2020 General Election dates

October 13 – Voter registration deadline
October 27 – Apply for Mail-in Ballot Deadline
November 3 – General Election Day

2020 Veterans Day

Date: Wednesday, November 11th, 2020
Time: 11:00 am
Location: Municipal Complex War Memorial Site



2020 Tree Lighting

Date: Friday December 4, 2020 –
Rain Date: Friday, December 11, 2020
Time: 6:30pm - Santa will arrive at 7pm
Location: Winslow Township Municipal Building
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2021 Rabies Clinic

Date: Saturday, January 9, 2021
Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm
Location: Public Works Garage – 125 South Route 73
(Behind Municipal Building)
Renew your pet licenses during the month of January 2021. Your current license will expire December 31, 2020. 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



2021 Easter Egg Hunt

Date: Saturday, March 20, 2021 –
Rain Date: Saturday, March 27, 2021
Time: 10:00am
Location: Ptlm. Daniel Calabrese Memorial Park

Please keep in mind that all Township-sponsored events are subject to change dependent upon current guidelines at the time of the scheduled event as it relates to the coronavirus. Questions? Please email Clerk's Office at clerk@winslowtownship.com or call (609) 567-0700 option "0".

HAVE AN ALARM SYSTEM?



Alarm systems must be registered

- Permits are automatically renewed.
- There is no cost to register.
- Notify us if any information has changed. (Application can be found by going to www.winslowtownship.com and click on "Forms and Documents" in the center of the homepage)

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK

The Clerk's Office is a major source of information for our residents. The Municipal Clerk and her staff serve as a link between the community and the Township. The Clerk's Office issues numerous licenses such as kennel licenses, pet licenses, shooting gallery & range licenses, towing licenses, trailer court licenses, bingo/raffle licenses, business licenses, solicitor's licenses, alarm permits, yard sale permits, taxicab licenses, limousine licenses, clothing bin licenses and liquor licenses. We also process park & field applications and vacant property registrations. Should you need to obtain copies of public records, the Municipal Clerk is responsible for and processes all Open Public Records Applications (OPRA). We also offer free notary service and voter registration.

Attention Seniors ... Winslow Senior Bus is on the Move!



Winslow Township senior residents are encouraged to take advantage of the Township's senior bus services. Due to COVID-19, the senior bus will have a limited number of passengers and is only making trips to the grocery store until further notice. Passengers must practice social distancing and wear a face covering while aboard the bus. This free transportation service is available to Township residents 55 years and older. Bus service runs Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, except on holidays. Residents can call (609) 820-4481 to reserve a seat. The senior bus schedule is as follows:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
EDGEWOOD ACRES	CCU SENIOR HOUSING	ELMTOWNE	NORWAY'S STRAWBERRY VILLAGE	WINSLOW SENIOR CENTER
	WINSLOW CROSS CREEK		COLLEEN MANOR	TAYLOR WOODS

The Clerk's Office is also responsible for the Celebration of Events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Day, the Fall Festival, along with Fire District, Family Day, Veterans Day and the Tree Lighting Ceremony. However, due to COVID-19, some of the events may be cancelled. For updates and more information about these events, and any of the services of the Clerk's Office, please contact us at 609-567-0700 option 0. Stay safe and stay healthy!

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Municipal Clerk



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WINSLOW TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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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 many more disciplines to our operational ability. This year, like all other agencies we were on the front lines of the COVID-19 Pandemic and heavily engaged to respond. Early on we put protocols in place to protect those who we serve as well as our staff and firefighters. Due to our great relationships with many other agencies here in the community we were able to seamlessly work together and share much needed and scarce resources. We applied for a FEMA Supplemental Assistance to Firefighters Grant and are excited to announce that we will receive nearly \$113,500.00 dollars for Personal Protective Equipment that in some cases are long term reusable, multi-mission items. A significant savings of taxpayers' dollars and an example of Federal funds returning here locally!

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 OUR 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. If you would like a free smoke and carbon monoxide alarm inspection (not associated with residential resale), please contact us to schedule this free service.

Fire Prevention Week is October 4th-10th, 2020. Stay tuned for details on any events or educational opportunities!

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



OCCUPANT AWARENESS STICKERS

In an emergency, seconds count. Help first responders be aware of those who may need extra care or time by picking up a FREE "Occupant with Autism" sticker for your vehicle. This decal allows first responders to better assist your loved ones. The decal can be picked up at the Winslow Township Fire Department, Winslow EMS or Winslow Township Fire Department.

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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 furnace should be serviced at least once a year.)*
- 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.)*



Your Source for **SAFETY** Information

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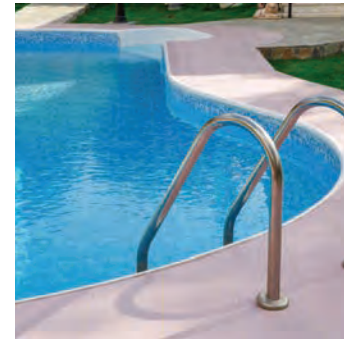
CODE ENFORCEMENT

Winslow Township has 2 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 (examples below) and much more.

Pools

The owner of every pool shall be responsible to maintain their pool in such condition as to prevent a general nuisance affecting public health and safety (i.e. stagnant water in which mosquitos breed).

The owner of the property is responsible for maintaining their pool in a clean and sanitary condition, and in good repair. Private swimming pools, hot tubs and spas, containing water more than twenty-four (24) inches in depth shall be completely surrounded by a fence or barrier at least forty-eight (48) inches in height above the finished ground level measured on the side of the barrier away from the pool. Gates and doors in such barriers shall be self-closing and self-latching.



High Grass and Weeds

Grass and/or weeds cannot exceed an average height over 6 inches. The owner of the property, whether vacant or occupied, is responsible for maintenance of the property. The Code Enforcement officer will contact the owner and advise them they have ten days to cut the grass. If the grass remains uncut the township will cut the grass and a lien will be placed on the property.

Vehicle(s) - Inoperable, unlicensed

Inoperable vehicles stored on private property (mechanical issues, flat tire, no engine) with expired or missing state license registration.

Property Maintenance Issue

Properties within the township must be maintained and well kept. If you notice a property with fence, gutters, soffits et cetera in disrepair, or if there is a general disrepair of the home (i.e. debris and junk around property).

Vehicles-Motor Driven

Includes, but is not expressly limited to, minibikes, motor scooters, go-carts, all-terrain vehicles (ATV'S), swamp buggies and snowmobiles and any other motor-driven vehicle. No person shall operate;

On private property of another without the prior express written permission of the owner and occupant of said property. Where such prior express written permission has been obtained, the operator shall keep the same on his person, available for immediate display during the period of such operation.

On any public, municipal or Board of Education grounds or property, including public parks, recreational areas, ball fields, tot lots, and school grounds.

On any public sidewalks or public streets or areas dedicated or commonly used for pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

On any common areas, parking areas or open space areas of any apartment, multifamily, residential, commercial or industrial site, complex or development.

In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger the safety or property of any person or persons.

In such a manner as to create loud, unnecessary or unusual noise so as to disturb or interfere with the peace and quiet of other persons and no person shall operate such motor -driven vehicle as defined herein before the hour of 9:00 o'clock A.M.,

prevailing time or after sunset or at any time within 500 feet of the property line of any property zoned “ Residential” or used for residential purposes and not owned by the operator.

Each motor-driven vehicle shall at all times be equipped with a muffler in good working order and no person shall use a muffler cut-out, by-pass or similar device on said vehicle.

VACANT PROPERTIES

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. You are also required to maintain the property even if it is not occupied.

REMINDER- All electronics (i.e. TV, stereo) must be brought to the Winslow Township Public Works Dept. and may not to be put out at curb with trash.



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.



Often times Animal Control will receive calls regarding wildlife, while we will try to help in any way possible typically Animal Control deals with domestic animals. Again, while we always try to help if you are having an issue with wildlife (squirrel, snake, raccoon etc) you may need to contact a professional wildlife removal service.

Winslow Township Code Enforcement and Animal Control are ready to assist! If you wish to report a non-urgent matter to Code Enforcement or Animal Control you may do so by going to the online winslowtownship.com under “Service Request”. Should you wish to call Code Enforcement or Animal Control you may do so at (609) 567-0700 extension 7002 or email sheinz@winslowtownship.com

FREE CAMDEN COUNTY FLU SHOT PROGRAM

The Camden County Department of Health and Human Services recommends everyone get a flu shot this flu season, especially children and seniors who are most vulnerable. The flu shots are provided for no-out-of-pocket cost.

Flu vaccinations are provided for children age 9 and older at the flu clinic sites.

For more information, contact the Camden County Department of Health and Human Services at 1-800-999-9045. Flu shot events will be held throughout the County at various locations in October and November.

Three of the dates will be held at the Winslow Township at the Municipal Complex (125 S. Route 73, Braddock NJ 08037). These flu shots will be DRIVE-THRU events:

October 8, 2020 from 3pm-7pm

October 9, 2020 from 10am-2pm

October 10, 2020 from 10am-2pm

TAX PAYMENT OPTIONS

There are several payment options available. There is a fee of 2.95% for ALL in-person, online and over the phone credit and debit card transactions. There is a \$1.05 fee for payments made using your checking account information over the phone and online. Checks can be made out to Winslow Township.

In Person: Payments can be made in the form of cash, checks, money orders or credit.

Online: Please visit www.winslowtownship.com. While on the homepage, scroll down to the green bar. In the middle of the bar click on "TAXES & ONLINE PAYMENT." Type in one of the three property identifiers and then click search. Be sure to select either the Tax or Utility tab. Go through the payment information. After pressing process payment and receiving a confirmation number, be sure to click "FINISH" to complete the process. The information on this site is updated daily. You can project interest on taxes, but you must contact this office or the utilities department to project interest.



Over the telephone: A pin number is required to make payments over the phone. You can obtain the number by contacting the office. In addition to your pin number, you will need your account number which is located on your tax or utility bill. Payments can be made by dialing 1-844-611-4022 for property tax payments, 1-844-611-4018 for utilities. Please listen to all of the prompts prior to finishing the call or your payment will not be processed.

By Mail and Drop Box: Payments made by check or money order can be placed in our drop box which is located inside the police station 24/7. **Please do not put cash in the drop box.** You can also pay in person here at our office.

Please feel free to contact the office at 609-567-0700 ext. 2090 with any questions you may have regarding property taxes and water and/or sewer charges. You can also email us at: collections@winslowtownship.com Our office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. We will be happy to assist you in any way.

Getting Married in Winslow Township?

If you are planning to get married, please reach out to the Office of Vital Statistics to make an appointment to start the process. Applications for Marriage Licenses and Certified copies of any Vital Records, can be found on the Township's webpage under the Department/ Health and Vitals tab.

Note: You must apply for your marriage license in the NJ Municipality where either applicant resides. During that appointment, you will need the following:

- Proof of identity by presenting your driver's license, passport or state/federal ID
- Proof of residency by one applicant if a NJ resident
- Social Security number
- A witness, 18 years of age or older
- The \$28 application fee

The Office of Vial Statistics is located directly behind the Municipal Building. Vital Statistics Office shares a lobby space with other offices and in keeping with social distancing policy, we are required to have one person or party in the lobby at a time. Appointment hours are from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.



If you have any questions, please call Carolyn at 609-567-0700 ext. 8009.

Donio Park Basketball Court

The Hines Basketball Foundation donated a basketball court installation to the Township in July at Donio Park in Sicklerville. The Hines brothers worked with the Township to bring this new edition to the park. The Township, along with Kyle and Tyler Hines, are eager to see residents enjoy the new court.



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Bike Safely and Enjoy Your Ride



Bicycling is one of the best ways to get exercise, see the sights and reduce your carbon footprint. However, bicyclists face a host of hazards. They often must share the road with vehicles, and injuries can happen even on a designated path.

The number of deaths from bicycle incidents increased 29% over an eight-year period, from 793 in 2010 to 1,024 in 2017. Of the 1,024 bicyclist deaths in 2017, 679 involved motor vehicles.

With about 80 million bicyclists sharing the road with motorized vehicles, it is vital bicyclists – and drivers – take some safety precautions.

Cyclists, Check Your Equipment

Always inspect your bike prior to riding.

- The seat should be adjusted to the proper height and locked in place
- Make certain all parts are secure and working properly
- Check that the tires are inflated properly
- Make sure the bike is equipped with reflectors on the rear, front, pedals and spokes
- A horn or bell, a rear-view mirror and a bright headlight also are recommended

Plan to Be Seen

Make certain drivers can see you.

- Wear neon, fluorescent or other bright clothing
- Whenever possible, ride during the day
- If you must ride at night, wear reflective clothing and use flashing lights



Wear a Helmet

Helmets appropriate for bicycling should be worn by everyone – adults and children – on every bike ride regardless of length of the ride. Make certain the helmet is certified by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

- Follow these guidelines from NHTSA to properly fit the helmet:
- Adjust sizing pads or fit ring until the helmet is snug
- Position the helmet level on your head, covering the forehead and not tipped backward or forward; this will be about one to two finger widths above the eyebrow
- Adjust the side straps so they form a “V” shape under and slightly in front of your ears
- Center the buckle on the chin strap under your chin
- Buckle and tighten the chin strap until it is snug; no more than one to two fingers should be able to fit between the chin and strap
- When fitted, the helmet should not rock more than 1 inch side to side or front to back on your head



WINSLOW TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



Follow These Rules of the Road

Stay safe by following these rules:

- Get acquainted with traffic laws; bicyclists must follow the same rules as motorists
- Ride single-file in the direction of traffic
- Remain alert, keep your head up and look around; watch for opening car doors and other hazards
- Use hand signals when turning and use extra care at intersections
- Never hitch onto cars
- Before entering traffic, stop and look left, right, left again and over your shoulder

POLICE RECORDS

Our Police Records Department is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday to serve our residents. If anyone would prefer a police report emailed to them, please contact our Police Records Clerks at 609-567-0700 extension 1999.

All accident reports can be accessed at www.crashdocs.org.

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Pest Alert

Spotted Lanternfly



A

Lycorma dellicatula (WHITE) (Hemiptera: Fulgoridae)

The Spotted Lanternfly, *Lycorma dellicatula* (White), an invasive planthopper, has been discovered in Berks County, Pennsylvania. It is native to China, India, Vietnam, and introduced to Korea where it has become a major pest. This insect attacks many hosts including grapes, apples, stone fruits, and tree of heaven and has the potential to greatly impact the grape, fruit tree, and logging industries. Early detection is vital for the protection of Pennsylvania businesses and agriculture.



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*Photos courtesy of Park et al. 2009, Biological Characteristics of Lycorma Delicatulata and the Control Effects of Some Insecticides.

(A) Spotted Lanternfly showing the fore and hind wings (B) Resting against bark (C) Lateral view (D) Early nymphs (E) Late nymphs (F) Feeding on wild *Vitis* sp. (G) Weeping sap trail on a tree (H) Egg mass covered in waxy coating (I) Old hatched egg mass on a trunk

Identification:

The Spotted Lanternfly adult is approximately 1" long and 1/2" wide at rest. The forewing is grey with black spots and the wings tips are reticulated black blocks outlined in grey (A, B, C). The hind wings have contrasting patches of red and black with a white band (A). The legs and head are black; the abdomen is yellow with broad black bands. Immature stages are black with white spots, and develop red patches as they grow (D,E).

Hosts:

In the fall, adults congregate on tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) (F), willows (*Salix* sp.), and other trees, in groups of up to 20. Egg masses will be laid on medium to large trees, on trunk, branches, and limb bases. After hatching in the spring, nymphs will move off the tree and search out new hosts, including several kinds of agricultural crops. In Korea, it has been reported to attack 65 different species, 25+ of which are known to grow in Pennsylvania.

Signs and Symptoms:

Trees, such as tree of heaven and willow, will develop weeping wounds. These wounds will leave a greyish or black trail along the trunk (G). This sap will attract other insects to feed, notably wasps and ants. In late fall, adults will lay egg masses on host trees and nearby smooth surfaces like stone, outdoor furniture, vehicles, and structures. Newly laid egg masses have a grey mud-like covering which can take on a dry cracked appearance over time (H). Old egg masses appear as rows of 30-50 brownish seed-like deposits in 4-7 columns on the trunk, roughly an inch long (I).

What to do:

If you see egg masses, scrape them off, double bag them and throw them away. You can also place the eggs into alcohol or hand sanitizer to kill them. Please report all destroyed egg masses on our website listed below.

Collect a specimen: Specimens of any life stage can be turned in to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Entomology lab for verification. Directions for submission are on the reverse side of this alert.

Take a picture: A photograph of any life stage (including egg masses) can be submitted to Badbug@pa.gov.

Report a site: If you can't take a specimen or photograph, call the Automated Invasive Species Report Line at 1-866-253-7189 and leave a message detailing your sighting and contact information.

For up to date Information, visit: www.pda.state.pa.us/spottedlanternfly

By: Lawrence Barringer, Entomologist Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture





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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Winslow EMS provides 911 ambulance service to all of Winslow Township and at times provide assistance to our neighboring communities.

Any Questions or concerns 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



Thank you!

Winslow EMS would like to extend a heart- felt thank you to the residents and businesses of Winslow Township for the show of support we received during these challenging times. Over the past few months we have received food donations, thank you notes and donations of personal protective equipment. These donations helped keep us safe and healthy. Your efforts and show of appreciation motivated your EMS providers and made each day a little easier as we faced very difficult situations.

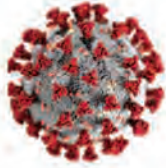
This pandemic has challenged all of us and I would like to thank Mayor Wright and the entire governing body of Winslow Township, the Winslow Township Office of Emergency Management, the Winslow Township Police Department and the Winslow Township Fire Department for all their efforts to ensure the Winslow EMS could focus on serving our community in these trying times.

As we all continue to navigate through these unprecedented times, please know that Winslow EMS remains dedicated to our community and your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook!!

What you should know about COVID-19 to protect yourself and others



Know about COVID-19

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person.
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that has spread throughout the world.
- COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness.



Know how COVID-19 is spread

- You can become infected by coming into close contact (about 6 feet or two arm lengths) with a person who has COVID-19. COVID-19 is primarily spread from person to person.
- You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- You may also be able to get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then by touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.



Protect yourself and others from COVID-19

- There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Stay home as much as possible and avoid close contact with others.
- Wear a cloth face covering that covers your nose and mouth in public settings.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



Practice social distancing

- Buy groceries and medicine, go to the doctor, and complete banking activities online when possible.
- If you must go in person, stay at least 6 feet away from others and disinfect items you must touch.
- Get deliveries and takeout, and limit in-person contact as much as possible.



Prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.
- Separate yourself from other people and pets in your home.
- There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, but you can seek medical care to help relieve your symptoms.
- If you need medical attention, call ahead.



Know your risk for severe illness

- Everyone is at risk of getting COVID-19.
- Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more severe illness.



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[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



Stay at least 6 feet
(about 2 arms' length)
from other people.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a
tissue, then throw the tissue in the
trash and wash your hands.



When in public, wear a
cloth face covering over
your nose and mouth.



Do not touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect
frequently touched
objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick,
except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap
and water for at least 20 seconds.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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Beware of Social Security Phone Scams



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Telephone scammers are pretending to be government employees. They may threaten you and may demand immediate payment to avoid arrest or other legal action. Do not be fooled!

If you receive a suspicious call:

1. **HANG UP!**
2. **DO NOT GIVE THEM MONEY OR PERSONAL INFORMATION!**
3. **REPORT THE SCAM AT [OIG.SSA.GOV](https://oig.ssa.gov)**



What to look out for



The caller says there is a **problem** with your Social Security number or account.



Any call asking you to pay a fine or debt with retail gift cards, cash, wire transfers, or pre-paid debit cards.



Scammers **pretend** they're from Social Security or another government agency. Caller ID or documents sent by email may look official but **they are not**.



Callers threaten you with arrest or other legal action.

Be Alert

Social Security may call you in some situations but will **never**:

- » Threaten you
- » Suspend your Social Security Number
- » Demand immediate payment from you
- » Require payment by cash, gift card, pre-paid debit card, or wire transfer



Be Active

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