

WELCOME TO WATSONTOWN

**Watsonstown Borough Office
318 Main Street
PO Box 273
Watsonstown, PA 17777
570-538-1000**

www.watsonstownpa.info

**This booklet contains useful information
for new residents to help make your move
easier and more enjoyable.**

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The Borough of Watsonstown and the Watsonstown Area Business Association call to your attention that much of the information in the booklet is subject to change. In fact, because of the impracticality of changing the entire booklet every time some of the information contained becomes outdated, some things may have changed by the time you receive this booklet. You should accept this booklet for what it is - a general guide intended to help you make the transition into our community. It is not to be considered a legally binding contract between you and the booklet's sponsors in any way, shape or form.

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Welcome to Watsontown

We're pleased that you chose Watsontown for your new home. We hope that you enjoy living in Watsontown and being part of a unique, small community.

The purpose of this booklet is to provide new residents with basic information about Watsontown and to give new resident a partial listing of services available to them.

First, be sure this telephone number ***911*** (or 570-742-8771) is displayed near the phones in your home or apartment. This is the telephone number for the police, fire, rescue and ambulance service within the Borough of Watsontown.

The **Watsontown Police Department** provides 24-hour police protection within the Borough of Watsontown.

Routine calls can be place to

570-538-2773 or 570-742-8771

The Watsontown Fire Service is provided by the Warrior Run Area Fire Department. It is a well-equipped and properly trained volunteer organization.

The Watsontown Ambulance Service is provided by the Warrior Run Area Fire Department. Watsontown residents may obtain membership cards, which entitle the bearer to ambulance service. Ambulance inquiries may be addressed to:

PO Box 85
Watsontown, PA 17777-0085
570-538-5100

Borough Government:

The six-member Borough Council and the Mayor govern the Borough of Watsonstown. The Borough Council meets the 2nd Monday of each month and the Borough Committees meet the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Building, located at 318 Main Street. All meetings are open to the public. The following elected officials comprise the present Borough Government:

Council Members:

Janet Rump - President
Harry Hefty - Vice President
Dan Folk
Greg Miller
Ken Hollenbach
Joshua Fogelman

Mayor:

David Hontz

Borough inquiries may be addressed to:

P.O. Box 273, 318 Main Street

Watsonstown, PA 17777-0273

570-538-1000

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
& Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Emergency requests for Borough assistance after hours should be telephoned to "911" or "570-742-8711".

The following personnel of the Borough may be of assistance to you:

Jay Jarrett, Borough Manager
Brendi L. Brooke, Secretary/Treasurer
Lisa K. Davis, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

The Borough Garage & equipment center is located at East 10th & Matthew Streets.

UTILITY SERVICES:

ELECTRICAL: Electrical service is provided by the Borough of Watsonstown. Billing is monthly and payment is due on or before the 25th of each billing month. Payments may be made at the Borough Office at 318 Main Street, First National Bank or by mail. A late charge equal to 10% of the month's utility charge is collected on bills paid after the due date. Failure to pay may result in the termination of service until the account is satisfied and all reconnection fees are paid. Re-connection is done at the convenience of the Borough, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday for a fee of \$50.00. Any reconnections during hours other than listed, will require a \$100.00, in addition to the amount due. **Insufficient funds to cover returned checks of any type will carry a \$12.00 Borough fee and a \$35.00 bank fee** and possible court costs if the account is not satisfied otherwise in a reasonable timeframe.

Prior to having electric service turned on, a \$150.00 deposit is to be paid to the Borough of Watsonstown. This deposit is refunded upon the closing of the account, less any outstanding bills against the account. Account information and service requests should be made to: Lisa Davis at the Borough office 570-538-1000 before the date of service is required.

REFUSE: All residential refuse service is provided under a master contract with Bob Frey Disposal of Watsonstown. The monthly refuse billing amount for a single residential unit is **\$10.50**, which is included on the monthly electric bill. This cost is subject to change by vote of Borough Council. Bob Frey will provide twice weekly pick-up of a single, metal, 20 gallon can at each residence for this amount. Extra bags require stickers, which are available at the Borough office at a cost of \$1.00 each.

Monday & Thursday - collection from all residences west of Conrail right-of-way (railroad tracks) within the Borough.

Tuesday & Friday - collection from all residences east of Conrail right-of-way (railroad tracks) within the Borough.

Pick-ups could begin in the early morning hours. Any questions should be directed to **Bob Frey Disposal - 570-412-6842** or the Borough Office at 570-538-1000.

Due to difficulty in lifting larger garbage cans, you will either need to downsize to a smaller can or place garbage in individual bags for easier removal from a larger can. The Borough contract indicates a 33 gallon maximum garbage can per customer per pick up.

If you have any questions on this matter, feel free to call Bob Frey at 570-412-6842. If you contact the Borough office, we will refer you to Bob Frey.

Sewer Service: Sewer service is provided by Milton Regional Sewer Authority. The sewer billing is a monthly utility statement.
570-742-3424

Water Service - PA American Water Company provides water service to the Borough of Watsonstown. 800-565-7292 or 570- 742-4501

Natural Gas Service - UGI Penn Natural Gas, Inc. provides gas service to the Borough of Watsonstown. 800-432-8017

Telephone Service - Windstream is a phone service provider to the Borough of Watsonstown. 800-347-1991

Cable TV Service - CATV, Service Electric provides cable service to the Borough of Watsonstown. 570-286-5951 or 570-495-4100

Community Cemetery - The Borough of Watsontown owns and operates the Watsontown Cemetery. Gravesites are available and all sales include perpetual care. There are separate fees for grave openings.

Postal & Parcel Service - The Watsontown Post Office is located at 316 Main Street. The phone number is 570-538-5330. Watsontown's zip code is 17777.

Taxes - Northumberland County and the Warrior Run School District collect real estate taxes (based on a percentage of the assessed property value). These taxes are subject to change as new budgets are enacted each year by these agencies.

Tax Collector: Pat Yeager
214 Liberty Street
Watsontown, PA 17777
570-838-3065

The Borough of Watsontown collects a \$52.00 Local Services Tax. This tax is deducted from paychecks by employers or is paid directly by self-employed individuals.

A County Per Capita Tax is collected from residents. Also, a 1.8% Earned Income Tax is collected, 1/2 of which is utilized by Borough Government; the remainder is used by the Warrior Run School District.

Zoning Officer:

Jeff Kaneko - Watsontown Borough Zoning Officer
Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc.
142 Main Street
PO Box 120
Montandon, PA 17850
Telephone: 570-524-7742 Toll Free: 800-257-2190
Fax: 570-524-7746 website: www.light-heigel.com

Code Enforcement Officer:

Ed Wenger, Watsontown Borough Code Enforcement
Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc.
142 Main Street
PO Box 120
Montandon, PA 17850

Telephone: 570-524-7742

Toll Free: 800-257-2190

Fax: 570-524-7746

ewenger@light-heigel.com

Building Code Inspector:

Curtis O'Neill, Watsontown Building Code Inspector
Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc.
142 Main Street
PO Box 120
Montandon, PA 17850

Telephone: 570-524-7742

Toll Free: 800-257-2190

Fax: 570-524-7746

curtiso@light-heigel.com

County Offices: Watsontown is situated in Northumberland County. The county seat is situated in Sunbury, with the courthouse located at Second Street and Market Street, Sunbury. The telephone numbers for all county offices are **570-988-4100 or 1-800-692-4332.**

The **District Justice Office** is located at 1 Broadway Street, Milton, PA 17847. Telephone inquiries can be made at **570-742-7446.**

Driver's License & Registration Cards: Change of address forms for both Driver's License and Vehicle Registrations are available from the Watsontown Police Department and the Borough Office. The nearest State Photo License Center is located in Lewisburg.

Banks:

First National Bank - 300 Main Street - 570-538-2586

Santander Bank - 109 Main Street - 570-538-2525

West Milton State Bank - 1025 Main Street - 570-538-3698

Muncy Bank & Trust Co. - State Route 44 & 405 - 570-538-2200

Physician's Office:

Family Practice Center - Route 405 - 570-538-2501

Rehabilitation:

Phoenix Rehabilitation - 120 Main Street - 570-538-1488

Watsonstown Nursing and Rehabilitation -
245 East 8th Street - 570-538-2561

Chiropractic Offices:

Dr. David Fisher - Susquehanna Trail - 570-538-5245

Dr. Ronald Knorr - 408 Main Street - 570-538-2893

Dr. David Reiner - 300 East 8th Street - 570-538-1001

Dental Offices:

Dr. Dale Chomas - 151 Main Street - 570-538-5533

Dr. Carl Jenkins - 315 Main Street - 570-538-5005

Hospitals:

Evangelical Community Hospital - Lewisburg - 570-522-2000

Geisinger Medical Center - Danville - 800-243-1455

Williamsport Hospital - Williamsport - 570-321-1000

Divine Providence Hospital - Williamsport - 570-329-8000

Muncy Valley Hospital - Muncy - 570-546-8282

Sunbury Community Hospital - Sunbury - 570-286-3333

Voter Registration & Polling Places: Voter registration is handled by the voter registration office in the Northumberland County Courthouse (2nd & Market Streets, Sunbury @ 570-286-4431). Registration forms and absentee ballot requests are available from the Borough office or directly from the county office.

Two polling (voting) places are maintained in the Borough. For residents living South of Fourth Street, the First Ward polling place is the Watsontown Borough office @ 318 Main Street. Residents North of Fourth Street are in the Second Ward and vote at the Warrior Run Manor @ 1105 Main Street.

Places of Worship:

Watsontown Baptist Church - 501 Main Street - 570-538-2512
First Lutheran Church - 400 Main Street - 570-538-5300
First Presbyterian Church - 401 Main Street - 570-538-1491
United Methodist Church - 1319 8th Street Drive - 570-538-1017
Trinity United Church of Christ - 602 Main Street - 570-538-1070
Watsontown Alliance Church - 1165 8th Street Drive - 570-538-9449

Library Services:

Montgomery House Library, McEwensville - 570-538-5561
Milton Public Library - 570-742-7111
Union County Library, Lewisburg - 570-523-1172
James V. Brown Library, Williamsport - 570-326-0536

Schools:

Turbotville Elementary School
Kindergarten thru 3rd Grade
301 Pine St, Turbotville, PA 17772
(570) 649-5164

Warrior Run Area School District
Middle School - 4th Grade thru 8th Grade
High School - 9th Grade thru 12th Grade
4800 Susquehanna Trail
Turbotville, PA 17772
570-649-5138

Preschools & Daycares:

Wish Upon A Star Preschool & Daycare
471 Vincent Avenue
Watsontown, PA 17777
570-838-3500

Happy Harbor Preschool
1319 8th Street Drive
Watsontown, PA 17777
570-538-3094

Wee Ones Childcare & Preschool
(Delaware Grange Building)
2665 Springtown Road
Watsontown, PA 17777
570-538-5274

Recreation:

Watsontown Borough offers a variety of outdoor activities. Our Memorial Park offers a lovely view of the river. At the park, there are picnic facilities (a nominal fee is charged for use of these facilities). For reservations, call the Borough office at 570-538-1000.

Another recreational facility operated by the Borough is the 8th Street Playground, located at the corner of 8th and Elm Streets. This park has children's play equipment with a nice gazebo for relaxing.

A state fish commission approved boat landing is situated just south of the Memorial Park.

Watsontown residents enjoy biking and walking on the "Old Pennsylvania Canal Towpath" - a restored area within the Borough limits.

Snow & Ice Removal:

Snow and ice must be cleaned from sidewalks within 24 hours of winter storms. Failure to clear walks will result in a citation being issued for violation of the local ordinance.

Snow emergency routes are established within the Borough. Parking is prohibited and illegally parked vehicles will be towed in those areas during declared "snow emergencies".

Clean-up Days:

The Borough provides an annual clean-up day. Items must be placed curb-side. This is a free pick-up for Borough residents only and is conducted in the spring. Dates are announced prior to clean-up days. Items which are not allowed for pick-up will be announced in the monthly newsletter prior to clean-up days.

Special Community Events:

The annual **Firemen's Carnival** is held early in June. A Pet Parade and the Firemen's Parade are two events during the week long carnival held at Memorial Park. The carnival events are held nightly with entertainment, rides, games and good food.

In early fall, the **Community Yard Sales** give each resident the opportunity to have fun on home turf. This is also a Watsontown Area Business Association (WABA) sponsored event and draws many people to our community.

Our community's **Christmas Decorating Contest** is open to all Watsontown residents. This event is also sponsored by WABA.

WABA Committees and Chairpersons:

President: Casten Kiersch, Phoenix Rehabilitation

Vice President: Pam Showers, Norman's Watson Inn

Corresponding Secretary: Jeannette Calhoun, RE/MAX West Branch

Treasurer: Diana Johnson, First National Bank

Assistant Treasurer: Crystal Harriman, Lingle's Bi-Lo

Recording Secretary: Rene Toro, Rene's Barber Shop