

Watson town Borough Newsletter

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Issue 1—January 2024
BOROUGH OFFICE HOURS:
 Mon. -Thurs. 7 am - 5 pm
 & Friday 7 am - 4 pm

BOROUGH OFFICIALS
 Greg Miller
 Dan Folk
 Todd Moyer
 Fred Merrill
 Roy Smedley
 Thomas Hetherington
 Russ McClintock, Mayor
 Christopher Snyder, Chief of Police
 Jay Jarrett, Borough Manager
 Brent Frey, Public Works Foreman
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 Lisa Davis, Asst. Sec./Treasurer

PLANNING COMMISSION
 Mark Stankiewicz—Chair
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 Linda Daubert
 Carlee Jarrett
 Wayne Greiner
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 Greg Miller

TAX COLLECTOR
 Norman Easley 570-412-4194

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
 Tom Hetherington
 Harry Hefty
 Brian Harrison

VACANCY BOARD
 Virginia Wirth



2024

Bob Frey Disposal
 570-419-2162

Holiday Schedule:
Memorial Day—May 27th
4th of July—July 4th
Labor Day—September 2nd
Thanksgiving—November 28th
Christmas—December 25th
New Years Day—January 1, 2025

Note: if your trash day falls on a holiday, you'll have a double pick-up on your next scheduled trash day.

Electric Meter Reading Day—
 Thursday, January 18th
 Please keep the entrance to your electric meter free & clear of vegetation so the Borough crew can get in to read your meter.

Planning Commission
January 15th @ 7pm
Committee Workshop
January 22th @ 7pm
 Meetings are held in Council Chambers unless otherwise noted.



Christmas tree pick-up will continue through January 31st. Trees should be curbside, the Public Works Department will not come onto porches. When placing them, be sure sidewalks are not blocked. Feel free to contact the Borough Office with questions.

On Saturday, December 16th over 600 wreaths were placed at Watson town's first **NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY**. After a short ceremony, the wreaths were placed on the individual gravesites of veterans. You now have the opportunity to participate in early sponsorship of wreaths for 2024. Please contact the Borough Office for more information. Two wreaths sponsored during this early period ends up generating five wreaths for the Watson town Cemetery!

The early sponsorship deadline is 1/16/2024. Our mission is to **REMEMBER** the fallen, **HONOR** those who served and **TEACH** the next generation the value of freedom. Thank you for the tremendous community support!



WABA's 2023
Holiday Decorating Contest Winners

Christmas Whimsical—
 707 Elm Street

Best Door—
 34 Main Street

Best Business—
 125 Main Street

Best Lights—
 46 South Main Street

Christmas Traditional—
 111 East 4th Street

Spirit of Christmas—
 8 Wyndmere Drive

Best Porch—
 18 East 3rd Street

Most Unique—
 24 Plum Alley

Judges Choice—
 197 East 8th Street

Community Choice—
 602 Elm Street

Congratulations to all who won!
Thank you to all who entered & all who voted!
This tradition is truly the Spirit of Christmas!!!

Be sure to report power outages! During non-business hours please call 570-742-8772. If no answer, CALL 911 !!!

TREX Recycling Program
 The Borough will continue collecting plastic indefinitely. Thank you for your continued support!

Attention Landlords—
 Don't forget to call the Borough Office for rental inspections.

Pavilion Rental Policy as adopted by Council on 9/26/16:
 Reservations for the pavilions will be taken on the 1st working day of the New Year. All reservations are on a 1st come, 1st reserved basis. Call the Borough Office for more information.



Reminder: Snow & ice must be cleaned from sidewalks within 24 hours of winter storms. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in keeping Watson town safe.

Watson town Borough is looking for a volunteer to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board until the end of 2024. This board is responsible for reviewing, interpreting & applying the Borough Zoning Ordinance while granting or denying requests for relief brought before its members. Members must be Borough residents. If you're interested or would like additional information, please call the Borough Office at 570-538-1000.

**Holy Spirit Evangelical Lutheran Church, 10275
State Route 44 –
about 2 miles west of Turbotville 570-649-5822
email: hselcturbotville@gmail.com.**

Join us for worship at 9:00 every Sunday and stay for a time of fellowship afterwards.
Phone: (570) 649-5822

Imagine being able to travel around town with ease, regardless of mobility challenges. Find out if you're eligible for **Rabbitransit Shared Ride Service**, contact the customer service team at 1-800-632-9063.



Watsonstown Seventh-day
Adventist Church
1319 8th Street Drive,
Watsonstown
Community Invited Events:

Saturday Services:

9:15 am Bible Study
11:00 am Worship

Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm

Saturday Evening Family Games

6:00 pm Volleyball
7:30 pm Basketball

January Diabetes Undone Workshop

Featuring lifestyle experts who will help you prevent or reverse diabetes. Excellent also for undoing obesity and high blood pressure. Workshops start Jan 9 -Feb 1 Tues & Thurs
8 sessions 6:30 pm -8:00 pm
\$50 Fee for workbook, cookbook, & more.
Register Today 570-538-5668
1319 8th Street Drive, Watsonstown



First Presbyterian Church
401 Main Street, Watsonstown
www.Watsonstownpresby.org
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Church-First/116034815090914/](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Presbyterian-Church-First/116034815090914/)

We welcome all to join us for worship, Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
Our Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. We are a small congregation exploring new ways to worship our Living God. Come & join us in our new Christ-driven adventure, led by Brian Cieslukowski.

Knitting/Crocheting Group -Every Tuesday, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Come with needles ready to learn how to knit or crochet. If you have yarn that is great.

Organist -We are looking for an organist/pianist. If you can play piano or organ and can give us even 1 of 2 weeks per month we are grateful. If interested please call the church at 570-538-1491.

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 14	Charlie Fisher will lead worship
Jan. 28	Congregational meeting with meal, after church
Feb. 4	Healing Service 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 10	Soup & Bake Sale 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Mar. 28	Maundy Thursday, soup & communion 6 p.m.
April 13	Soup & Bake Sale 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Montgomery House Library
20 Church Street
McEwensville 570-538-1381

9th Book Club 6PM
10th All in Uno 1-3PM
12th 13 Cards 1PM
15th No School Wii Bowling Party 1-3PM
16th Crochet With Deb 6PM
22nd Duct tape art 4PM
23rd Family Story Time 6PM
24th Foil Art with Crayons 1-3PM
30th Origami Lunar New Year 6PM

Fine Free whole Month Of January Come in and get your Library card up to date for the New Year.



Watsonstown Area Historical Museum

The Watsonstown Area Historical Museum will be closed until April 1st. Unfortunately, we had a set back that prevents us from remaining open to the public. The staff and workers will be available at the Museum if you need something. Follow our Facebook page for updates. We appreciate all the support from our community. We wish everyone a prosperous New Year!"



Kingdom Kidz, Inc.
11 E Third Street, Watsonstown, PA
570-838-3133 www.hiskingdomkidz.com

Miss Curly's Right-Hand Club – Fundraiser for a monthly subscription of \$15 or more to help pay for our monthly utilities and insurances. Go to: <https://hiskingdomkidz.networkforgood.com/projects/150483-2022-giving>

Hand-up Bins – Cleaning out closets, having yards sales, don't want to keep the clothing left over. We have your solution. Clothing and shoes ONLY. Located behind our Building. **If the bins are full, call 570-768-1910 and we will store the items in the building until they can be picked up.**

Are You a Thrivent Financial Member? Fundraiser. Help Kingdom Kidz with your donation of Thrivent Choice Monies and/or Thrivent Action Team funds. Call us at 570-838-3133 or 570-768-1910 for more information.

Due to the untimely passing of Lisa Derr, our general manager, we will "reset" our programs beginning January 1. The SafeKIDZ program (Friday and Saturdays) will return April 13.

The "traveling" team will continue to accept program dates for religious and educational programs. If you are sensing a "call" to volunteer as a puppeteer, set designer, or learn the media aspects of our programs, contact us!

The Mustard Seed Kidz internet program will continue to record the FIRST SATURDAY of each month. Broadcasting can be heard on Saturdays (10am), Sundays (6pm) and Tuesdays (7pm). Visit [www.shoutcast.com/search KINGDOM KIDZ](http://www.shoutcast.com/search/KINGDOM_KIDZ) to listen. If you sense a "call" to be a voice character once a month, contact us!

Our social hall is available for your event. Come see all the activity rooms available if you need them for your children during your event. Contact us.

Kingdom Kidz is looking for volunteers. We will train. Clearances are a requirement. **MUST HAVE A HEART TO SERVE AND MINISTER TO OTHERS.**

Follow us on Facebook at Watsonstown Rants and Raves, Friends of Watsonstown, Newky Crows and Donna Bridge