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Issue 1-January 2025 BOROUGH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. -Thurs. 7 am - 5 pm & Friday 7 am - 4 pm

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

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Sons of the American Legion 1016 Main Street, Watsontownpresents:

Bar Room Olympics SATURDAY, January 18, 2025 Pool-Shuffleboard-Darts TOURNAMENT 1st, 2nd & 3rd Cash Prizes Entry \$40/2 man team Open to the Public 21 yrs. + Double elimination.



Attention landlords-Don't forget to call the Borough Office for rental inspections.



Bob Frey Disposal 570-419-2162 Holiday Schedule:

Memorial Day—Monday, May 26th 4th of July—Friday, July 4th Labor Day—Monday, September 1st Thanksgiving—Thursday, November 27th Christmas—Thursday, December 25th New Years Day—Thursday, January 1st

Note: If your trash day falls on a holiday, you'll have a double pick-up on your next scheduled trash pick-up day. Don't forget your extra bag stickers.



SERVE & SUCCEED

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA *Remember*Honor*Teach*

Great News! The National Wreaths Across America Organization has announced that anonymous donors

have agreed to MATCH any wreath sponsorships dated & received through January 17, 2025. Please contact the Borough Office for more information.



Best Porch—510 Elm Street Community Choice—602 Elm Street Judges Choice—118 E 3rd Street Spirit of Christmas—8 Wyndmere Drive Christmas Whimsical—817 Main Street Christmas Traditional—911 Elm Street Best Door—34 Main Street Most Unique—707 Elm Street Best Lights—18 East 3rd Street Best Business- 819 Main Street

Congratulations to all who won! Thank you to all who entered & all who voted! Once again, this tradition is truly the Spirit of Christmas!!!

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



Council Meeting January 13th @ 7 pm Planning Commission January 20th @ 7pm Committee Workshop January 27th @ 6 pm

Meetings are held in Council Chambers unless otherwise noted.

Electric Meter Reading Day— Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Please keep the entrance to your electric meter free & clear of vegetation so the Borough crew can get in to read your meter.

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.

TREX Recycling Program
The Borough will continue collecting plästic indefinitely.

Thank you for your continued support!





WABA's 2024 Wreath Project Winner: The Milton/

Warrior Run Kiwanis was announced as 2024's best wreath. \$90 was raised & donated to the Watsontown Historical Museum. Thank you to all who participated & voted.

Norman Eisley, Tax Collector PO Box 32, Watsontown 570-412-4194 **MAIL ONLY !!!**

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.

News from the Luzerne County Community College & Greater Susquehanna Center (GSC) Save the Date!

January 21st - Spring Semester Courses Begin March 29th - Spring Open House at Main Campus, Nanticoke

April 25th - Central PA Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast Event Sponsorship, Watson Inn

Sons of the American Legion, 1016 Main Street, Watsontown \$7 Day on March 15th, 2025 from 1 to 4 pm FOOD~DRINKS~DRAFT BEER~50/50 RAFFLE Open to the Public 21+

Small games of chance (sold separately)



Located behind the Warrior Run Fire Department

 $5 \times 5 = $40/month$ $5 \times 10 = $60/$ month $10 \times 10 = \$80/$ month $10 \times 15 = $100/$ month

Call 570-538-5100 Ext. 3 for details.

Watsontown Seventh-day Adventist Church 1319 8th Street Drive, Watsontown web site: watsontownadventistchurch.org

Saturday Services: 9:15 am Bible Study

11:00 am Worship

Gym Nights: Saturday Nights at 6pm volleyball & basketball

Community Welcome!

Watsontown Baptist Church FREE Community Meal Wednesday, January 8th, 2025 Turkey corn sioup, dinner roll & dessert. Serving starts at 6pm. Dine in or take out is available as always.

MONTGOMERY HOUSE LIBRARY 20 Church Street

570-538-1381



McEwensville, PA 17749



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

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN Hower-Slote Farm Restoration Help the Warrior Run-Fort Freeland Heritage Society in cooperation with the Warrior Run School

District, preserve the Hower-Slote house & barn built in 1829 which resides on the

historic land of the battle of Fort Freeland that took place in 1779. Major restoration work

in the 1980's saved this landmark & we want to continue its preservation for future

educational & community visitation. Donate now at:

https://freelandfarm.org/hower-slote-campaign.

COME JOIN US AT OUR EVENTS!!! ALL SAFEKIDZ™ ACTIVITIES AT THE PUPPET HOME ARE FREE!



ALL SAFEKIDZ™ ACTIVITIES AT THE PUPPET HOME ARE FREE! **EACH TUESDAY NIGHT, 6:30-7:30, TEAM TRAINING**

JANUARY 11 & 25- SafeKIDZ™ at the Puppet HOME, FREE Puppet program followed by activity rooms, snacks, etc., 1-4pm Starts at 1pm PUBLIC FREE

FEBURARY-8 & 22 SafeKIDZ™ at the Puppet HOME, FREE Puppet program followed by activity rooms, snacks, etc., 1-4pm Starts at 1pm PUBLIC FREE

MARCH 8 & 22- SafeKIDZ™ at the Puppet HOME, FREE Puppet program followed by activity rooms, snacks, etc., 1-4pm Starts at 1pm PUBLIC FREE

The Mustard Seed Kidz internet program can be heard on Spotify as a Podcast. Search for MUSTARD SEED KIDZ for the NEW SEASON!!!

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.

We are looking for Volunteers who love working with children/youth, and have a passion to make a difference in their lives. Background checks are necessary.

FUNDRAISERS- TO PAY FOR A NEW ROOF ON THE EDUCATIONAL WING AND **PAINTING TIN ROOF OVER THE ORIGINAL BUILDING:**

January 2-17 Marianna's Pizzas and Hoagies. Pickup January 31. February 21- Ham Potpie, orders by February 14, Pickup February 22

Quality Family Programs "Creative Artistry Reaching Hearts of All Ages" 11 E. 3rd St., Watsontown, PA 17777 570-838-3133 www.hiskingdomkidz.org puppets@hiskingdomkidz.org

First Lutheran Church of Watsontown invites you to join us! Sunday Morning Worship: 9 am followed by coffee & fellowship. Sunday School for all ages: 10:30 a.m.

Watch all of our services on Facebook Live Stream at First Lutheran Church Watsontown or join us in person!



Presbyterian Church 401 Main Street, Watsontown www.watsontownpresby.org www.facebook.com/pages/ <u>Presbyterian</u> Church First/116034815090914/

Watsontown First

We are a friendly church and welcome you to join us for worship, Sundays at 10:30 am. Our Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. We are doing a video series "Mission of Jesus" by Ray Vanderlan. Come and join us in a Christ driven adventure, led by Brian Cieslukowski.

<u>Organist:</u> we are looking for a 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.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors has relocated to the **Seventh Day Adventist Church**

1319 8th Street Drive, Watsontown

Distribution days & hours are unchanged. We distribute the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 9:30-11:30 am. We serve residents in the WR School District that live in Northumberland County.

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First Lutheran Church of Watsontown invites you to join us!

Monday Morning Prayer Service: 9 a.m.



Holy Spirit Evangelical Lutheran Church 10275 State Route 44 about 2 miles west of Turbotville 570-649-5822

email: hselcturbotville@gmail.com

Remember you are always welcome at Holy Spirit!

Watsontown Memorial Community Center (Lions Club Youth Center) Rental available. Check us out at Lions Youth Center.Org or contact Wayne Greiner at 570-604-7451.

The Watsontown Historical Association's 7th pottery piece is now available for a cost of \$35. Contact Diana Johnson at 570-538-1939 for details or to place an order.