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Council President's Message:

In the Spring, I planted my garden as usual. Potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, squash, pumpkins, onions, herbs, corn and cucumbers. As always, my asparagus and strawberries came up on their own.

I tended my garden through the Spring and into the Summer, watering, weeding and feeding when needed. Harvests of asparagus came first, followed by potatoes and peas and then slowly the rest.

Our town is much like that garden in many ways. It began as mostly a tract of land from the William Penn Charter, originally called Gwynedd. Farms dominated the area, with a few houses here and there.

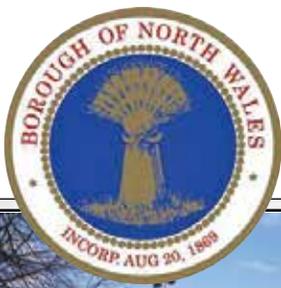
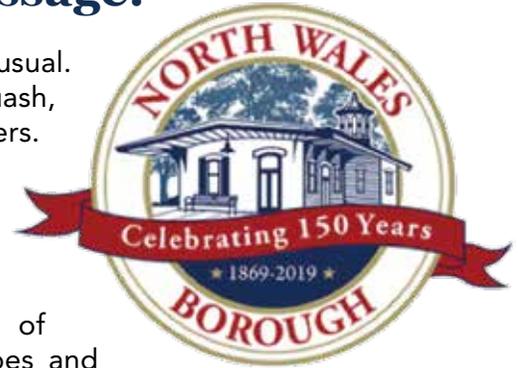
That was our beginning; our Spring. North Wales germinated as generations of families planted their roots here, grew and nurtured their children, their fields, their livestock, and their businesses.

The town sprouted, blossomed and then grew full. As it flourished, it became a summer spot; a getaway from Philadelphia, enabled by the train and trolley system of the day. One by one, stately homes were built, businesses were started to meet the needs of the residents and North Wales grew.

The community that we know and that we love didn't just appear as we see it today. It had to be tended and fed and watched over as it grew- season after season. The Fall harvest was followed by the blaze of tree leaves that colored our sky. Winter saw the cold that brought us closer together for a warm drink and family fun, readying us for the new Spring.

We have harvested generations of families and memories, made possible, both then and now, by previous "gardeners" of our town. Now, it's time for you to be that gardener for today. See to it that you tend it well, so that you can hand down to the next generation a healthy, happy and growing North Wales.

Jim Sando





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Message from the Mayor:



Forty years ago Joe Di Lullo notified the public that he was not closing his pizza establishment by placing billboards throughout the City of Philadelphia: "Joseph's Pizza is Alive and Well. Come and visit us".

While we've never considered closing the Borough; North Wales is definitely Alive and Well, and people have been coming to visit. We remain a vibrant borough that is rich in history and community. Those qualities have persuaded many of those visitors to stay; resulting in a high demand for housing in the Borough.

So, how Alive and Well is North Wales Borough?

Both new and long-time residents can always find the staff at Borough Hall ready to answer questions and provide help when needed.

Residents are always welcome when Borough Council and I meet at 7pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. These meetings provide an opportunity for residents to see their elected officials at work and to hear firsthand what is going on in the Borough (rather than whisper down the lane).

Despite no tax increase since 2017, the safety of our residents is never compromised. We recently added one full-time and three part-time officers to our Police Department. The North Penn Volunteer Fire Company continues its long tradition of serving our community. The Safe Routes to School Project has been completed.

The Borough is the beneficiary of a volunteer base that provides community service through various boards, commissions and committees. These volunteers preserve our history and historic architectural integrity. They help to keep our parks looking their best. They organize events and help to plan for the future of the Borough.

This year we have been celebrating our 150-year history as a Borough. Whether by an Anniversary Ball in February, steam train rides and the first fireworks display within the Borough in May, the ringing of church bells and sirens on Incorporation Day in August, or an Anniversary Parade in September; it's clear that this has been a celebratory year. It has been a year to remember.

At our July 4th Picnic (one of those events organized by volunteers) I said that while we are celebrating, we should also be appreciating. Just as our 243 years of Independence is the result of those who have fought and died for us; our 150 years as a Borough is the result of the efforts of all those residents who have called North Wales Borough home.

North Wales Borough is Alive and Well. May it remain so for another 150 years.

Greg



North Wales Borough Mayor Gregory D'Angelo and former resident Rebecca Forsythe Wargo, with a canvas reproduction of the flag Rebecca, age 10 at the time and a member of the local Girl Scouts troop, designed for the North Wales Borough 1969 Centennial.



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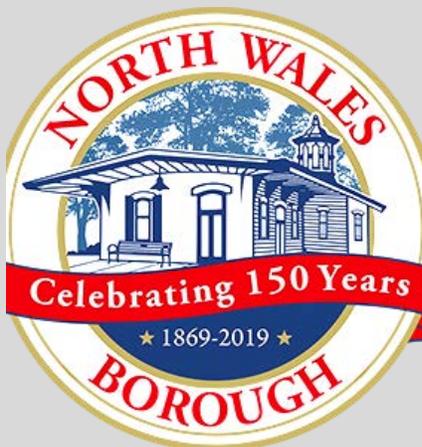
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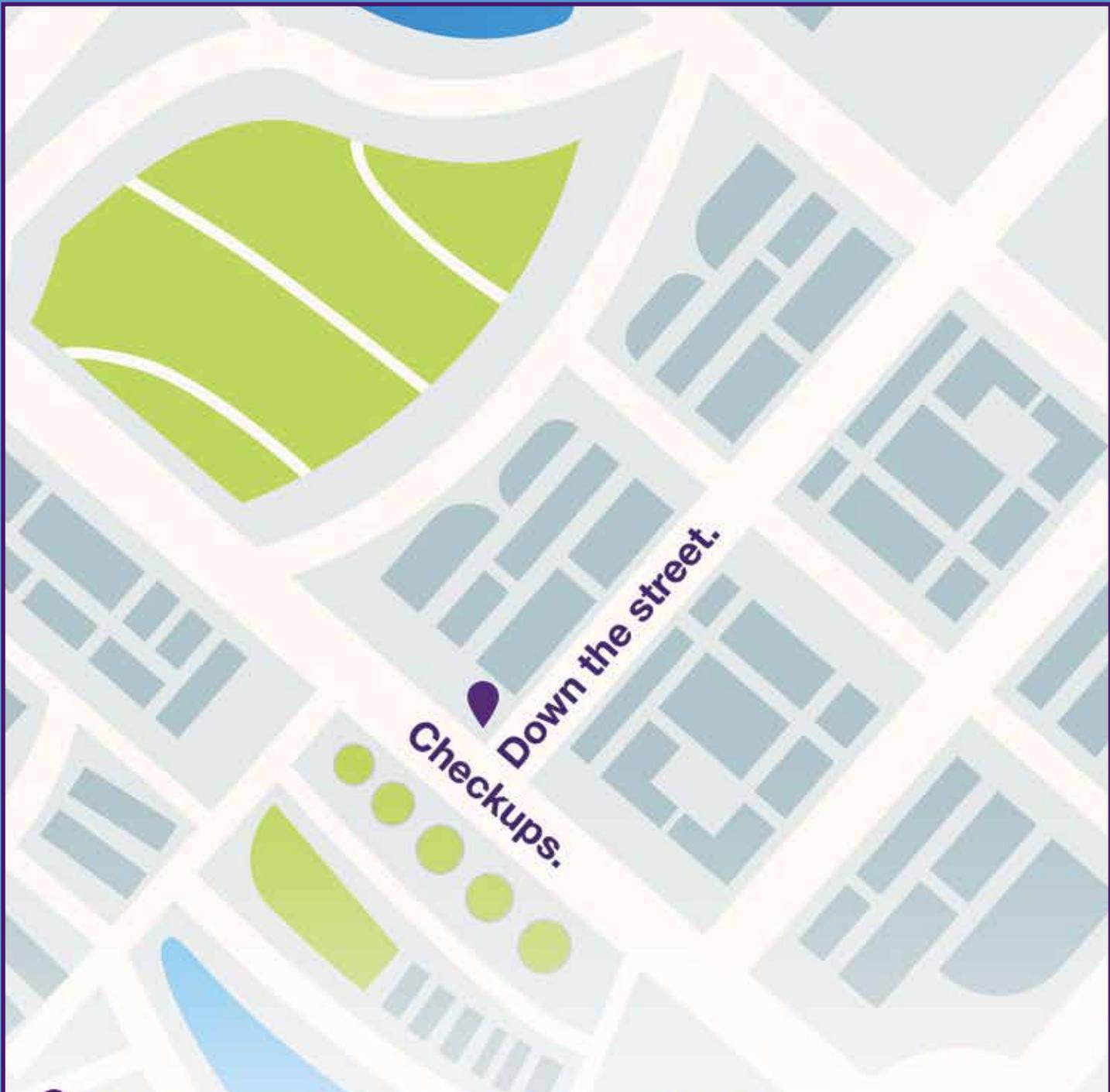
Celebrate North Wales Parade

September 14, 2019

The Celebrate North Wales 150th Anniversary Parade will feature the Ferko String Band, Mackay Pipe Band, Reilly Raiders Drum & Bugle Corps, military reenactors, horses, local fire companies, dignitaries, antique cars, and many floats with local clubs and organizations. Please join us in the form of a float, car, truck, or walking (use your imagination) all within the theme of Celebrate North Wales 150th Anniversary. The parade will begin at 1 PM and march down Main Street. Parade information and forms can be found on the North Wales Borough's website; registration deadline is August 29, 2019. Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of the grand finale of our historic 150th Anniversary year!

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2019 Earth Day Results



Items Collected at Borough Hall:

- Electronic recycling = (65) TVs and several other miscellaneous items
- Shred-a-thon = (6,400) lbs. of paper
- Used clothing, textiles and shoes = (2) bins
- Torn or tattered flags = (31)
- Used eyeglasses = (53) pairs
- Household batteries = (431)
- Items containing refrigerant = (2) truck loads
- Scrap metal = (2) trailer loads
- Used books = (75)

Electronic recycling provided by Tex-Mex Connection.

Auto Related Items Collected at Point Service Center:

- Auto parts = (7) items
- Wheels = (20)
- New or used motor oil/coolants = (43) gallons
- Car batteries = (7)
- Tires = (37)



**Thank
you!**



The Borough of North Wales would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize each of them as supporters and cornerstones of our community. It is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents.



Nor-Gwyn Pool Announces Changes to Their Registration Process



The Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission has announced an important change to how they will process pool membership applications beginning in 2020. Due to a significant increase in demand over the past few years, pool membership levels have had to be capped to prevent overcrowding. In the past, the number of new member applications was limited while applications from all returning members were accepted. Unfortunately, this approach did not provide enough control over membership numbers and created frustration for some patrons.

The new process will give prior members (within the last three seasons) a two week "head start" on securing a membership for the upcoming season. After that point, all memberships will be on a first-come, first-served basis and registration will close when the pool's capacity is reached.

Beginning with the 2020 summer season, pool registration will open around March 15th, but only for existing and recent members. Then beginning around April 1st, registration will be expanded to include everyone, regardless of prior membership status. Just be sure to register on time; available membership slots are likely to be filled earlier than usual, possibly even prior to May 1st.

Those interested in joining the Nor-Gwyn Pool should visit their website www.norgwynpool.com, where more information is available.



The North Wales Water Authority Continues As A Water Industry Leader

As evidenced in many media reports, the North Wales Water Authority has continued in its leadership role as our entire region addresses water contamination issues – primarily thought to be caused by the use of firefighting foam for many decades at the former Willow Grove Naval Air Base, as well as at the former Johnsville Naval Base in Warminster Township.

Over the past several years, NWWA staff has been asked to provide technical and managerial assistance to various nearby water providers and municipalities, as well as providing bulk water sales to communities such as Horsham, Warminster and Warrington, and Warwick Townships as an alternative to using well water, drawing from the contaminated underground.

These entities have sought out the NWWA in part, due to our long history of producing high quality water, and as we have never had any citation or violation of state or federal water quality standards. In fact, our Forest Park Water Plant has received many awards for water quality and efficient operations. Residents can view a link to a video about our Forest Park video by visiting the NWWA website at www.nwwater.com/go/videos.

More recently, the NWWA Executive Director has been appointed as Regional One Director of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Authorities Association, a statewide organization representing water, sewer, and other forms of Municipal Authorities on a statewide basis. Region One includes all Authorities in Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, Philadelphia, and Delaware Counties. Our Operations Manager currently serves on the Board of Directors of the PA One Call System. This helps to expedite many road opening permits and approvals.

However, you may ask, how does any of the above benefit the NWWA's existing customers?

First, by continually increasing our customer base, we have benefited and been rewarded through the inherent economy of scale as we now spread our fixed costs of many office operations, snow removal, electric, landscaping services, general insurances, and many similar fixed costs over the larger customer base. Secondly, by increasing our customer base, we now purchase many materials and supplies in greater quantities than ever before. This reduces costs to the Authority – and all customers. Lastly, by continuing as a leader in our industry, we have been able to attract some of the most qualified individuals in the water industry as members of our team. At this time, our staff at the NWWA and at our Forest Park facilities holds the highest level of water operator licenses available throughout the state.

All of the above results in our continued ability to provide you and our community with some of the best water available anywhere, at the lowest prices around. As you may know, the NWWA has not increased water rates for over 20 years, and actually decreased sewer rates by 10% a few years ago. Obviously, we will someday need to adjust rates, but by continuing our program of efficient operations and managed growth, our customers will continue to share in the inherent operational and economic benefits.

Our mission will continue to be providing the best water available - at the best possible rates.

North Wales Area Library

A wealth of resources, free of charge!

Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday: 10am - 10pm
Friday: 10am - 4 pm
Saturday: 10am - 5pm
Sunday: Closed

Online resources available 24/7

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Donate Your Car to Support the Library

The Library will benefit from the proceeds of the sale or salvage of your vehicle. Your donation is tax deductible. Contact Point Service Center and tell them you want to donate your vehicle to NWAL. Arrangements will be made to tow your vehicle, if necessary at no cost to you. Call Point Service Center at 215-699-TIRE (8473) or email pointservicectr@gmail.com

Library Book Sale!

Preview (\$5) the large selection of books for sale on Thursday, Oct. 24. The sale continues Oct. 25, 26 and 27 from 8-4 each day!

Red Cross Blood Drive-

Friday, November 22 from 10:30-3:30.
Please give the gift of life.

Holiday Cookie Sale -

Pre-order your homemade holiday cookies for pick-up December 10 and 11.

Please check www.northwaleslibrary.org for new teen events including special book events, art and creative workshops and movie showings.

Save the Date for the Library Taste of Montgomery County!

Thurs. March 26, 2020 from
5:30 to 8:00pm Montgomery
County Community College.

Ongoing and Special Events

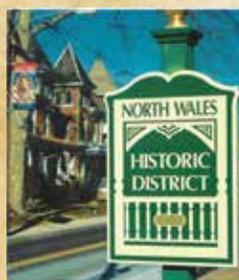
Story Time - Every Tuesday at 10 and Friday at 2!

Book Clubs for Adults - Held the third Tuesday at 7 pm and the fourth Wednesday at 2 pm.

Movies on Mondays 1:30pm. Check website for movies and special events when NPSD has days off for students.

Computer tutoring and Excel classes are available for adults.
Programming, coding, STEM activities for kids.

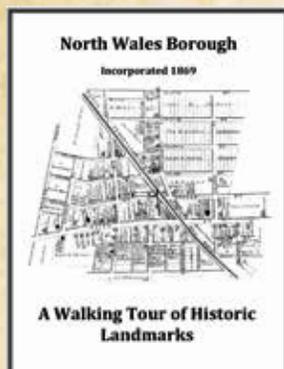
Attraction Passes are available through a partnership with the Library and UG Township!
Borrow a pass for one week for free entrance into area gardens, museums and other local attractions.



From the North Wales Historic Commission

Please visit us every 3rd Tuesday of the month at Borough Hall @ 7pm to hear a history lesson and to be a part of North Wales history!

How old is your house? Who owned it before you? What is the history? We can help you walk through the research to find out and you too can have a plaque telling your neighbors my house is part of North Wales History.



Take a stroll through 150 years of history as revealed by North Wales distinctive architecture.

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SPOTTED LANTERNFLY



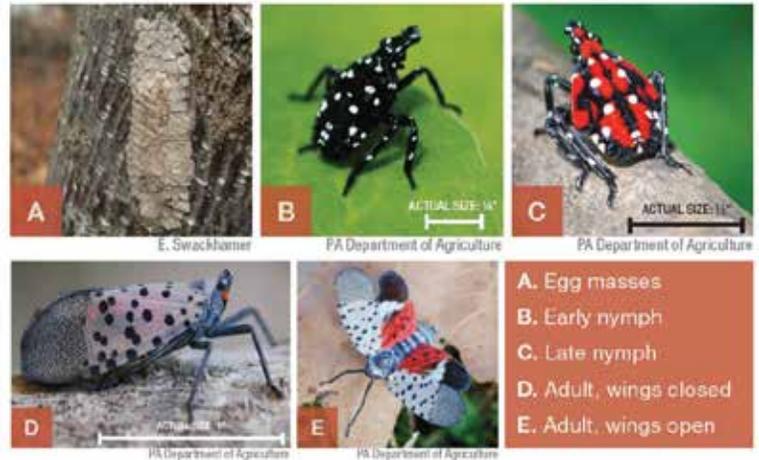
Spotted lanternfly (SLF), *Lycorma delicatula*, is an invasive planthopper, native to Asia, that was first detected in 2014 in southeastern Pennsylvania. It feeds voraciously on many plants, including economically important crops like fruit trees, grapevines, hops, hardwoods, and ornamentals. If you

think you have SLF, do not panic! First, make sure the insect you are seeing is the spotted lanternfly. Second, learn about its life cycle and habits. Third, determine what plants it is infesting and what it is not. Fourth, employ management strategies at the proper time of the year.

Quick Facts

- SLF is a destructive invasive pest, threatening agricultural, timber, and ornamental industries, and the plants in your backyard.
- SLF is currently under quarantine in 14 counties in Pennsylvania.
- SLF does not bite or sting.
- Stop the spread of SLF by checking your car and any outdoor equipment (grills, furniture, firewood, etc.) when going in and out of the quarantine zone.
- Manage SLF on your property by scraping eggs, banding trees, removing the favored host (tree-of-heaven), and using chemical control when appropriate.

LIFE STAGES



- A. Egg masses
- B. Early nymph
- C. Late nymph
- D. Adult, wings closed
- E. Adult, wings open

Smoke Alarm Safety at Home



Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

SAFETY TIPS

- **INSTALL** smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Larger homes may need **ADDITIONAL** smoke alarms to provide enough protection.
- For the best protection, **INTERCONNECT** all smoke alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.
- An **IONIZATION** smoke alarm is generally more respon-

sive to flaming fires and a **PHOTOELECTRIC** smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or a combination ionization and photoelectric alarms (also known as dual sensor alarms) are recommended.

- Smoke alarms should be **INSTALLED** away from the kitchen to prevent false alarms. Generally, they should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from a cooking appliance.
- **REPLACE** all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

FACTS

- ! Roughly **two thirds** of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or working smoke alarms.
- ! Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in **half**.

AND DON'T FORGET...

All smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month using the test button.



NORTH WALES COMMUNITY SATURDAY SEPT 28TH DAY



FEATURING

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VENDORS

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The North Wales Police Department



Hello, I'm Mike Eves, your Chief of Police for the Borough of North Wales. I'd like to thank the Borough's business owners, homeowners and public officials for the warm welcome I received when I took the position in October of 2018. I've enjoyed meeting many of you and look forward to meeting more of North Wales' residents.

School Crossing Safety and Safe Routes to School:

School is back in session and the Safe Routes to School improvements have been completed. I'm asking all North Wales Elementary parents and children on the south side of town to use the new, safer walking routes along Pennsylvania Avenue up to Crossing Guard Harry Goldbacher's crossing at Main St. and Summit Ave. This will route children away from busy Main Street and the train crossing at Main St. and Montgomery Ave.

Use of the 911 System:

The 911 system is now the "gateway" to all emergency services in Montgomery County. If you have a police, fire or medical emergency (or even a non-emergency), please use the 911 system for the fastest response.

Department Progress:

The North Wales Borough Police Department is now fully staffed with 4 full-time police officers, 5 part-time police officers, a part-time secretary and Chief of Police. Full staffing allows the Department to allocate manpower to peak-demand times and perform needed functions such as preventative traffic enforcement. We are now fully integrated into the Montgomery County Police Records Management System (RMS). The greatest advantage of the RMS is that we can now see contact information from all police agencies within Montgomery County, not just contacts within the Borough.

We will continue to invest in our personnel, training and technology to provide professional and efficient police services to the residents of the Borough of North Wales.

Respectfully,

Michael E. Eves, Chief of Police

Volunteering with Your Local Volunteer Fire Service



Have you ever pictured yourself running into a burning building or rigging a rope system to lift a stranded patient to safety? Or do you prefer something that's slightly less life-threatening, like planning an event or working with kids? Either way, we've got a job for you.

Being 100% volunteer means that our volunteer roles include and are not limited to finance, record keeping, fire prevention education, fundraising, event planning, marketing, project management and long-term planning. If you are interested in volunteering your non-emergency response talents, there is a place for you at the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company.

Perhaps you've thought you might be interested in emergency services, but never knew where to start. Our emergency services include a huge variety of opportunities, and you can tailor each one to the level of commitment to which you are comfortable. For those interested in fire scene support but not physically fighting fires, a position ensuring scene safety with the Fire Police may be a good fit. Or perhaps you have a passion for responding to medical emergencies – our Quick Response patient care team may be right for you. Or if you are willing to volunteer as needed in fire suppression and all matters of the fire service, a position as a firefighter would be perfect.

You would also help prevent tax hikes and reverse a national trend. While the majority of firefighters in Pennsylvania are still volunteer, volunteer staffing has decreased by 83% since 1970 and many municipalities, unlike ours, have been forced to hire paid staff.

And volunteering may have benefits you never knew existed. Studies show that volunteering improves quality of life, you will instantly gain over 60 friends right here in your neighborhood and you will join one of the nation's most historical organizations.

Even if you are only comfortable committing a small amount of time and you have no idea where to start, the first step is to say hello. Stop by the firehouse on any Monday in-between 7:00pm and 9:00 pm or call us at (215) 699-4337 to schedule an introduction. We're very excited to meet you!



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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
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We will be collecting the following items to send to servicemen and women overseas:

- Flip flops
- White socks for men and women
- Unscented soap, wipes, deodorant, shampoo, hand sanitizer, foot powder, Chapstick/Blistex, moisturizer (all products should be unscented)
- Saline eyewash, individual tissue packets, individual wrapped rolls of toilet paper
- Holiday decorations, individually wrapped non-chocolate candies, non-dairy creamer, small tubes of Crystal Light, 12 oz. bags or smaller of coffee, sugar/artificial sweetener packets, nutrition bars, small bags of chips or cookies (no peanuts)



TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION AND HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST



The North Wales Community Project Alliance (NWCPA) would like to invite you to our 17th annual Tree Lighting Celebration! Please join us on Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company for a fun evening with your family and neighborhood friends.

The evening begins with crafts for children 15 years old and younger, cocoa, and holiday music. After making crafts, we proceed outside to light our holiday tree and wait for Santa Claus to arrive by fire truck. Santa will be prepared to hear our holiday wishes!

Following the tree lighting, join us in the social hall for a game of Bingo for the kids 15 years old and under as well as complementary hot dogs and meatball sandwiches for everyone!

The House Decorating Contest will be judged on Sunday, December 15. The winner's home will be featured in the 2020 Fall-Winter Newsletter!

The North Wales Community Project Alliance (NWCPA) is a non-profit borough-based group of volunteers established to carry out activities that promote the well-being and pride of our community. The NWCPA proudly organizes the Fourth of July Parade and Picnic, Tree Lighting Celebration, and House Decorating Contest. These events are free to the public and are solely dependent on donations from generous local sponsors.



Congratulations to the family of 408 Smith Street for winning the 2018 House Decorating Contest!





BOROUGH DIRECTORY

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2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30pm

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OTHER BOROUGH BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB)

*meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month,
as needed*

Ray Tschoepe (Chairperson)
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Charles Guttenplan
Amy Smith
James Schiele
Erick Myers

Historic Commission

meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month

Daniela Hilpl (Chairperson)
Michael Szilagyi (Vice Chairperson)
Joanne Matthews
Beth Anne Sinotte
Ruth Black

North Wales Water Authority

*meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday
of every month*

Joan Nagel (Chairperson)
Sally Neiderhiser
Neil McDevitt
Donna Mengel
Albert Tenney

Planning Commission

meets the 1st Wednesday of every month

Lillian Higgins
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Linda McAdoo (Secretary)
Mark Tarlecki (Chairperson)
Greta Martin-Washington

Pension Committee

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Daniel O'Connell, Sr.
Lisa Hollister

Parks and Recreation Board

meets the 2nd Thursday of every month

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Shade Tree Commission

meets the 2nd Thursday of every month

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Martha Lottes
Lynne Fitzgerald (Secretary)

Zoning Hearing Board

meets the 1st Tuesday of every month, as needed

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