

Borough of North Wales

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Newsletter

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania



Spring/
Summer
2020

Council President's Message:



It's time for Spring Training. There's a spring in your step. Spring forward. I hope you spring back soon. Seems like Spring is in the air. Each of those has a place in our lives, but perhaps none as much so as that last. Indeed, after a long cold winter, that first whiff of Spring brings a welcome scent.

Most folks think of January 1st as the beginning of the new year. Chinese New Year this year was January 25th. Those of us who are educators always feel that September is the start of the year. But for many, the welcoming crocuses and daffodils and hyacinths signal a new year is truly upon us.

The changing of the seasons we experience in this part of the country certainly has its ups and downs. We huff and puff and wipe our brow in the heat of summer and we huddle up, bundle up and even cuddle up a bit more in the cold of winter. Fall brings the beauty of our changing trees. Yet it is really Spring that makes us feel that "newness" of the year.

This year, as our flowers begin to bloom and our trees burst forth with new life and color, let's take a deep breath. How about we pause to take in the longer days, the warmth of the early morning sunrise and the amazing colors of sunset. More than that, let's celebrate that our own small community awakens to new possibilities to grow together.

Take a stroll in one of our parks. Sit for a spell with a good book, from our library perhaps. Play for a while at Wee Whalers. Enjoy a round of tennis on our court. Better yet, why not join our Parks and Recreation committee and help plan the future of our programs.

Our community works best when we work together. Make a Spring resolution to learn more about your community. Come out to a Borough Council meeting (2nd and 4th Tuesdays) at Borough Hall. We promise we won't bite. Add your voice on the issues you feel are important. Help the community you have chosen to make your home a better place.

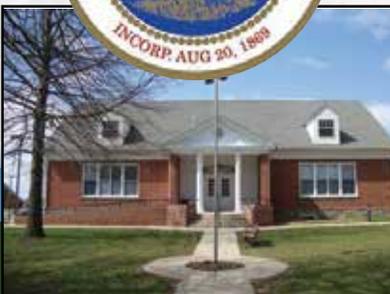
This Spring will no doubt bring both April showers and May flowers. Let's hope it also brings a renewed and growing sense of community for all of us.

Oh, and by the way, Play Ball.

Jim Sanda

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Message from the Mayor:



I don't know about you, but, even though we are now in 2020, I'm still basking somewhat in the afterglow of our wonderful Sesquicentennial Year. It was a great success; thanks to the efforts of the 150th Anniversary Committee and many other volunteers. Even God pitched in by giving us good weather for all of our events. BTW, did you know that everything relating to the Borough's 150th Anniversary was accomplished without any taxpayer funds?

Someone recently said to me that 2019 was the Year of Celebration and now 2020 will be the Year of R & R. Not quite. While there may be a few less meetings to attend, there is still much going on in our Borough.

On January 6, we said good-bye to Councilwoman Paula Scott and Councilman Dan O'Connell, who decided to "retire". We all should thank them for their many years of service to the Borough and its residents.

That same evening I had the pleasure of swearing in re-elected Councilwoman Wendy McClure and Councilman Sal Amato, former Councilman Mark Tarlecki, and new Councilman Sherwin Collins. As I said that evening, all of these individuals have shown that they are dedicated to the Community and I look forward to working with them.

In January Council appointed five residents to our new Human Relations Commission. This commission was created as part of a non-discrimination ordinance which was passed in October, 2019. After training by the State Human Relations Commission, they will be able to field complaints about discrimination against residents, businesses, and visitors to the Borough. As one newly appointed member said, hopefully we won't need it (the Commission).

The Planning Commission is working on implementation of recommendations from the Borough's Comprehensive Plan and Council is overseeing the process.

Plans are in the works for improved street lighting, road repair, and increased walkability.

Our Police Department has been working diligently to address speeding and careless driving in various parts of the Borough. This problem is a concern for all of us; however, for parents of young children it is a constant worry.

The North Penn Volunteer Fire Company continues to serve our Community. Please note the word Volunteer in their name. They are not a municipal fire department. Did you know that in Pennsylvania the local government is required to provide fire protection? If we did not have the NPVFC, the Borough would have to fund its own fire department; adding \$millions to the budget (and much higher tax bills).

Lest you think that it's "all work and no play"; there are fun things going on. Our Earth Day Extravaganza will be held on April 25. We will be having our July 4th Parade and Celebration on (You guessed it) July 4. There's always something happening at the North Wales Arts and Cultural Center, located at 125 N. Main Street. Please visit the North Penn Art Alliance's website at northpennarts.org for more information on events and classes being offered.

Since becoming Mayor I have always invited you to attend Council meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm. My mantra has been that it's an opportunity to hear firsthand what is going on (rather than "whisper down the lane"). In today's world, perhaps I should add "or Social Media". There has been an increase in folks using Social Media to express concerns or wondering what is going on. Oftentimes their concerns have already been addressed at a Council meeting or they have received bad information. Please come to our Council meetings. There is a Public Comment period at the beginning of each meeting. You can ask questions; make suggestions, express concerns, etc. We do listen and try to effectively address all issues. Please come.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Mayor. I am available to meet with you during my regular office hours, or any time that is convenient for you. You can always reach me at (215) 219-8174.

One last thing: Only 22 more years before we begin planning for the Borough's 175th Anniversary in 2044.

Greg

North Wales Connection

A flurry of excitement ensued in early January as inquiries surfaced from someone in Belgium seeking information about Edward J. Van Landeghem. A Facebook inquiry and then emails to borough officials spurred calls for information to help a Belgian lady find facts about her great grandmother's grandnephew. Her research had apparently first turned up an item that appeared in a 2014 North Wales newsletter, *Progress!* It briefly told of the newly discovered identity of Van Landeghem as the long unknown sculptor of Montana's statue atop the state capitol.

Following many interesting emails from the Belgian, she received the recent book, *Whispers of the Past*. She was so anxious to read more details about her ancestor and the place where he lived for 37 years. She is now full of questions about North Wales... "What is a BOROUGH? What is North Wales like?!"

It is a happy thought that a newsletter and a book are carrying North Wales to far flung places in this country and beyond!



SAVE THE DATE

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Recycling News

Residents of Montgomery County can now recycle clothing and electronic devices directly from their home. Montgomery County has partnered with **Curb My Clutter**, a service that allows residents to easily schedule collection of clothing and electronic devices via text.

HOW IT WORKS

-  TEXT "pickup" to 610-TEXT-CMC (610-839-8262)
-  SNAP photos of your items
-  PICK an appointment time that works for you
-  BAG/BOX your used electronics and clothing
-  LEAVE them outside for pickup
-  EARN rewards
-  FEEL GOOD about reducing landfill waste!

Curb My Clutter collects most items for free except for televisions and microwaves (\$35-\$50 for TVs under 150 lbs.; \$100 for TVs 150 lbs. or greater; \$10 for microwaves). It does not charge for picking up other electronic equipment and clothing.

If you cannot text, call 610-839-8262, and they will call you back to schedule a pickup.
For more information, go to curbmyclutter.com.





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- Historic Commission – Term Expires: 12/31/2021
- Parks & Recreation Board – Term Expires: 12/31/2020
- Parks & Recreation Board – Term Expires: 12/31/2022
- Parks & Recreation Board – Term Expires: 12/31/2023
- Zoning Hearing Board – Term Expires: 12/31/2023

Please submit a letter of interest for any one or more of the above listed openings, addressed to the North Wales Borough Council in care of the Borough Manager. Letters can be submitted electronically to chart@northwalesborough.org.

Rainbows are for discovering pots of gold – Not pools of toxins!!

Next time it rains, look down at your driveway or the nearest parking lot. See any colorful "oil rainbows" slicked across the pavement? It's a sign that someone's car is leaking fluids. The rainbows might look pretty, but these fluid leaks are composed of highly toxic materials such as antifreeze, motor oil, brake fluid and/or transmission fluid. When the toxins enter the storm drain system or leach into the soil, our surface and groundwater supplies are contaminated and that means your drinking water supplies are put at risk. You rely on your car for safe, convenient transportation. Why not treat it right and protect water quality at the same time?



- Repair auto fluid leaks right away. Use a drip pan to catch leaks if repairs are delayed.
- Collect and dispose of fluids from routine maintenance properly.

For help with the disposal of home toxic materials, search "Montco Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program 2019" to see the collection dates and sites and what can and cannot be disposed of at these events.

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NORTH WALES BOROUGH



EARTH DAY EXTRAVAGANZA



North Wales Business Owners and Library Team up with the Borough for Earth Day Celebrations on April 25th!

On Saturday, April 25th from 9 am to 1 pm Borough residents are encouraged to visit Borough Hall located at 300 School St. to recycle the following items:

- Electronics (see Borough Website for complete list)
- Paper Shredding
- Used Clothing, Textiles and Shoes
- Torn or Tattered Flags
- Used Eyeglasses
- Items containing freon/ refrigerant; air conditioners, water coolers, freezers, refrigerators and dehumidifiers
- Gently used household furnishings (no upholstered items)
- Household Batteries
- Scrap Metal
- Used Books, CD's and DVD's

Point Service Center

Located at 346 W. Walnut Street will be collecting the following items from Borough residents on April 25th from 8 am until Noon.

- Auto Parts
- Auto and/or Lawn Equipment Batteries
- New or Used Motor Oil, Coolant
- Used Tires (2 per Household)
- Wheels

Thank you to our Earth Day Sponsors:



Jeffrey L. Varner, O.D.



North Wales Area Library

DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM



Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal

Saturday, April 25, 2020

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Borough Hall | 300 School Street | North Wales



Nor-Gwyn Pool Preparing for the Summer Season



Big things are happening at the pool in preparation for the 2020 summer season! The heavy equipment rolled onto the site the day the last swimmer stepped out of the water, and excavation was begun to install new drainage channels around the entire pool. The new drainage system and concrete work completed last fall has helped reduce puddling and keep the pool safer and looking great for years to come. At the same time, the Nor-Gwyn Pool Commissioners took the opportunity to incorporate electrical upgrades to support much-needed new lighting for the pool. The existing light poles were reaching their expected lifetimes, and the new LED lights will be much more effective in keeping our pool brighter for our evening events.



IMPORTANT – Pool Registration has changed!

The Pool Commission announced last summer that the pool membership application process has changed this year. The registration period started earlier, on March 1st. For the entire month of March, only prior members (within the last three years) had a “head start” on securing a membership for the 2020 season. New member registration was not available during this March “head start” period. Beginning on April 1st, registration / membership purchases are now available for all – both new and returning families. Memberships during this general registration period are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis and registration will close when the pool’s capacity is reached. New and returning members are encouraged to register on time; available membership slots are likely to be filled earlier than ever, 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.

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Saturday: 10am - 5pm
Sunday: Closed

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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, May 14. The sale continues May 15, 16 and 17 from 8 am - 4 pm each day!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Fridays June 19, August 21 and November 20 from 10:00 am - 3:30 pm. Please give the gift of life.

Holiday Cookie Sale

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

Attraction Passes

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| Academy of Natural Sciences | Moravian Pottery and Tile Works |
| African American Museum | Morris Arboretum |
| Battleship New Jersey | Museum of the American Revolution |
| Bucks County Children's Museum | Mütter Museum |
| Chanticleer Garden | National Constitution Center |
| Eastern State Penitentiary | National Liberty Museum |
| Elmwood Park Zoo | National Museum of American Jewish History |
| Fort Mifflin | Penn Museum |
| Historic Hope Lodge | Philadelphia's Magic Gardens |
| Grounds for Sculpture Garden | Tyler Arboretum |
| Independence Seaport Museum | Woodmere Art Museum |
| John James Audubon Center | |
| Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle | <i>And more!</i> |

Ongoing and Special Events

Story Time - Every Tuesdays at 10 and Fridays at 2!

Book Clubs for Adults

The 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm and the 4th 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.

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

When nature calls, make sure you pick up. Clean up after your pet



Did you know that pet waste has bacteria that makes our lakes and rivers unsafe for swimming and other recreational activities? Most of us pick up after our pets to be a good neighbor and keep our yard clean. But there's another important reason to clean up after our pets. Pet waste contains bacteria that is harmful to our water. An average size dog dropping contains 3 billion fecal coliform bacteria and other pathogens that could be a health hazard! Leaving it on the sidewalk or in the yards means that harmful bacteria can get washed into storm drains and roadside ditches that flow directly into our lakes and rivers

untreated. Noting that 40% of households have a dog, you can imagine the potential problems if all, or even a portion of that amount of waste ended up in our surface waters that are being used for recreational and other purposes. So, what can you do? Simple. Whether you are in your yard or on a walk, dispose of your pet's waste promptly in the trash or toilet to prevent it from entering storm drains and roadside ditches.

Pick up after your pet...and help keep our water clean.





North Wales Arts & Cultural Center

Upcoming Classes

Sponsored by North Penn Arts Alliance

Address: 125 N. Main Street, North Wales, PA.
(Parking in rear of building off N. 2nd St.)

Phone: 215-393-9110

PEN & INK WORKSHOP

Instructor: Dan Fione

Thursdays, 7-9 pm, 4/9-5/28 (8, 2-hour sessions)

Cost: \$130

Description: Learn basic drawing techniques: line, tonal value, composition, perspective, and proportions from a professional illustrator. Black and white and color media to be explored. All skill levels welcome.

BAMBOO BRUSH PAINTING WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 9, 1-4:30 pm.

Cost: \$65 (includes supplies)

Instructor: Ashley Walter.

Description: In this fun, fast-paced, technique-based painting style, students will learn how to depict birds, bamboo, fish, trees and more using black Sumi ink and Bamboo brushes. All skill levels welcome. Please bring a smock or wear old clothes as ink is staining.

PRINTMAKING & MIXED MEDIA

Ages 15-Adult

Tuesdays, 6-9 pm, 5/26-6/30 (6, 3-hour sessions)

Cost: \$130

Instructor: Barbara Moss Buscher

Description: Building on printmaking skills, learn to utilize your prints along with a variety of other mediums and materials to create unique pieces of art based on your personal style.

PEN & INK WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS

Tuesdays, 7-9 pm, 5/12 & 5/19 (2, 2-hour sessions)

Cost: \$65 (includes most supplies)

Instructor: Barbara Moss Buscher

Description: Learn about types of pens, papers, and techniques of this versatile medium, while exploring various ways to create tonal value and texture to create your own masterpiece. All skill levels welcome.

PAINT PARTIES: PAINT & SIP NATURE SERIES:

"Summer Sunset Over Water w/ Flowers"

Thursday 6/11, 6:30-9 pm

Cost: \$40 (includes supplies)

Instructor: Vicky McGarry

Description: Paint along with Vicky while learning a variety of techniques and artist's styles, in a paint party atmosphere. Bring your favorite beverage and create a finished painting in each session.

Personal attention to each student. All skill levels welcome.

*Please arrive by 6 pm, so class can start promptly at 6:30pm.

WATERCOLOR FOR BEGINNERS & INTERMEDIATES:

Tuesdays, 1-3 pm, 5/5 - 6/23 (8, 2-hour sessions)

Cost: \$130

Instructor: Barbara Moss Buscher

Description: Learn color theory and basic composition. Utilize your own photos, still life and your imagination, to experiment with various painting techniques. Supplies to be discussed in first class along with a supply list. Returning students will continue their journey with watercolor by exploring texture and atmosphere. Please bring notepaper to class.

**CHECK BACK OFTEN,
AS NEW CLASSES ARE
ALWAYS BEING ADDED!**

*North Wales Borough Residents are offered buy one, get one free classes: Bring a friend and split the cost, or take a 2nd class of equal value for free!





HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

2020 MONTGOMERY COUNTY PA RESIDENTIAL EVENTS

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

DATES:

Saturday, April 25
Boyertown Middle School East
2020 Big Rd. • Gilbertsville

Saturday, May 2
Indian Valley Middle School
130 Maple Ave. • Harleysville

Saturday, May 16
Temple University–Ambler Campus
enter at 1431 E. Butler Pike • Ambler

Saturday, June 13
Norristown Area High School
1900 Eagle Dr. • Norristown

Saturday, June 20
Abington Junior High School
enter at 2056 Susquehanna Rd. • Abington

Saturday, September 26
Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center
400 South Lewis Rd. • Royersford

SUNDAY, October 25
Lower Merion Transfer Station
1300 N. Woodbine Ave. • Penn Valley

Free residential collection events are held outdoors from 9am-3pm. Residents may attend any Household Hazardous Waste event held by Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, or Philadelphia Counties.

For additional information and in case of severe weather:

Please visit MontcoPARecycles.org, email recycling@montcopa.org, or call the recycling line at 610.278.3618. Please do not contact the host sites, as they are not affiliated with the events.

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The North Wales Police Department



Please remember that with the spring weather comes more outdoor activities. Please be vigilant of kids at play and motorcycles on the road. Here are some tips from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

QUICK TIPS:

Things All Car & Truck Drivers Should Know About Motorcycles



- Over half of all fatal motorcycle crashes involve another vehicle. Most of the time, the car or truck driver, not the motorcyclist, is at fault. There are a lot more cars and trucks than motorcycles on the road, and some drivers don't "recognize" a motorcycle – they ignore it (usually unintentionally).
- Because of its narrow profile, a motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots (door/roof pillars) or masked by objects or backgrounds outside a car (bushes, fences, bridges, etc). Take an extra moment to look for motorcycles, whether you're changing lanes or turning at intersections.
- Because of its small size, a motorcycle may look farther away than it is. It may also be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed. When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into (or out of) a driveway, predict a motorcycle is closer than it looks.
- Motorcyclists often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize the effects of road debris, passing vehicles, and wind. Understand that motorcyclists adjust lane position for a purpose, not to be reckless or show off or to allow you to share the lane with them.
- Maneuverability is one of a motorcycle's better characteristics, especially at slower speeds and with good road conditions, but don't expect a motorcyclist to always be able to dodge out of the way.
- Stopping distance for motorcycles is nearly the same as for cars, but slippery pavement makes stopping quickly difficult. Allow more following distance behind a motorcycle because you can't always stop "on a dime."
www.msf-usa.org 5/13

Going on Vacation?

Ask the police to check your home and patrol your neighborhood more closely while you are away. If you contact the Department at 215-699-4424, x100 or NWPD@northwalesborough.org and request a vacation check while you are away, our officers will monitor your home each shift for unusual activity.



Police Update

We would like to update the Borough on some of the activities that have happened over the last few months.

- We have increased traffic enforcement in response to resident complaints. Officer's presence at these locations has slowed down traffic. We appreciate resident feedback on traffic issues.
- We have added a fuel-efficient Ford Explorer to our fleet to help reduce fuel costs.
- We transitioned our uniforms to cost effective Blauer Armorskin system. This system is tougher and longer lasting than previously issued uniforms.
- We have been updating our policies and related training to reflect "best practices" in accordance with county and state procedures.
- We have increased our staff by one full time officer and three part time officers to increase service level and reduce overtime.





North Penn Volunteer Fire Company

As the days get longer and the temperatures begin to rise, the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company (NPVFC) would like to extend our invitation for you to stop by our firehouse to meet the members and see what we're up to. Whether you're out for a walk with the dog (we always have dog biscuits), or would like to bring the kids to see the trucks and meet their neighborhood fire fighters, we'd love to see you. Or perhaps if you are more inclined for an adult beverage or game of pool, a visit to the

social club atop our engine bay is more your tune. Either way, you can generally find at least one member available on Mondays from 6pm to 9pm. If our bay doors are open, please stop in!

If you've always considered the possibility of helping out, there are many ways to volunteer even a small amount of time with the NPVFC. Because we are fully non-profit and a volunteer operated fire company, we are responsible for every aspect of operations. This includes the obvious positions such as firefighter and apparatus operator (driver), but also not-so-often thought of positions such as social media writer, event planner, long-term planning strategist and accounting assistant. All of these positions are equally as important for a functioning organization and are all opportunities to which folks from all walks of life to contribute. If you are interested in putting your skills to work, even for short amounts of time, give us a call at (215) 699-4337 or email us at publicrelations@northpennfire.com

Lastly, as you click your grill tongs (at least three times before doing any actual grilling), we remind you to reference Borough Ordinance #778 to ensure your grill is the appropriate distance from combustible materials. This ordinance also includes guidance for open burning such as chimeneas and the like. While we highly recommend referencing the full details, we will clue you in on a main point - keep grills and chimineas at least 15 feet away from any structure. Find the full ordinance at www.northpennfire.com/burn-regulations

Bonus points: Our annual calendar fundraiser is wrapping up, you still have a chance to purchase yours! While the calendar is, well, a calendar, it also is an entry in a raffle where the average winner brings home up to \$100 or more. At only \$20, how could you say no? Stop by our Main Street fire station Monday at 7pm to pick one up or contact Fundraising@NorthPennFire.com to arrange your purchase.

Thank you, and we will see you around town!

***The members (your neighbors) of the
North Penn Volunteer Fire Company***



**Easier Than Before!
Register to Vote Online!**

**- Primary Election -
Tuesday, April 28, 2020**

Voting Locations for Borough Residents:

- **Ward 1:** Water Authority: 200 West Walnut Street
- **Ward 2:** Borough Hall: 300 School Street
- **Ward 3:** North Wales Elementary School:
201 Summit Street



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Fill out the form and
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Use the application number
to track your submission.



Get your voter registration
card in the mail.

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This year's Fourth of July Parade will be held rain or shine on July 4th at 11:00 am. It will be followed by the traditional picnic celebration in Weingartner Park, complete with a tug-of-war, balloon toss, sack races, and many more fun-filled games and prizes for children of all ages! Don't miss it, it's sure to be a blast!

The North Wales Community Project Alliance (NWCPA) is a non-profit, Borough-based citizens 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, and December's Tree Lighting Celebration. Both of these events are free to the public and are solely dependent on donations from generous local sponsors.



All Veterans, antique cars, decorated bicycles, scooters, wagons, floats, trucks & performers meet at 10:30 am in the parking lot behind Action Karate (122 North Main St., North Wales)

Don't Let Someone Else Shred Your Identity, Do It Yourself!



The Borough will be hosting a Shred-A-Thon free of charge to Borough residents and businesses in recognition of Earth Day and also to help combat identity theft.

The Shred-A-Thon will take place at Borough Hall. Enter from Fourth St., 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday April 25th. **No Cardboard, Proof of Borough Residency Required**

HINTS TO HELP AVOID IDENTITY THEFT

- Do not sign the back of your credit card. Instead put "Photo ID Required"
- When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card account, DO NOT put the complete account number on the 'For' line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the numbers.
- Put your work phone number on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box, use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your social security number printed on your checks.
- Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place.
- It is important that you cancel your credit cards as soon as possible. It is helpful to know the number to call and your credit card number.
- Call the police right away to report the theft of your wallet and contents.
- Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number.
 1. Equifax – 1-800-525-6285
 2. Experian (formerly TRW) 1-888-397-3742
 3. Trans Union – 1-800-680-7289
 4. Social Security Administration – 1-800-269-0271





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meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month

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Historic Commission

meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month

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Ruth Black (Vice Chair)

North Wales Water Authority

meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday
of every month

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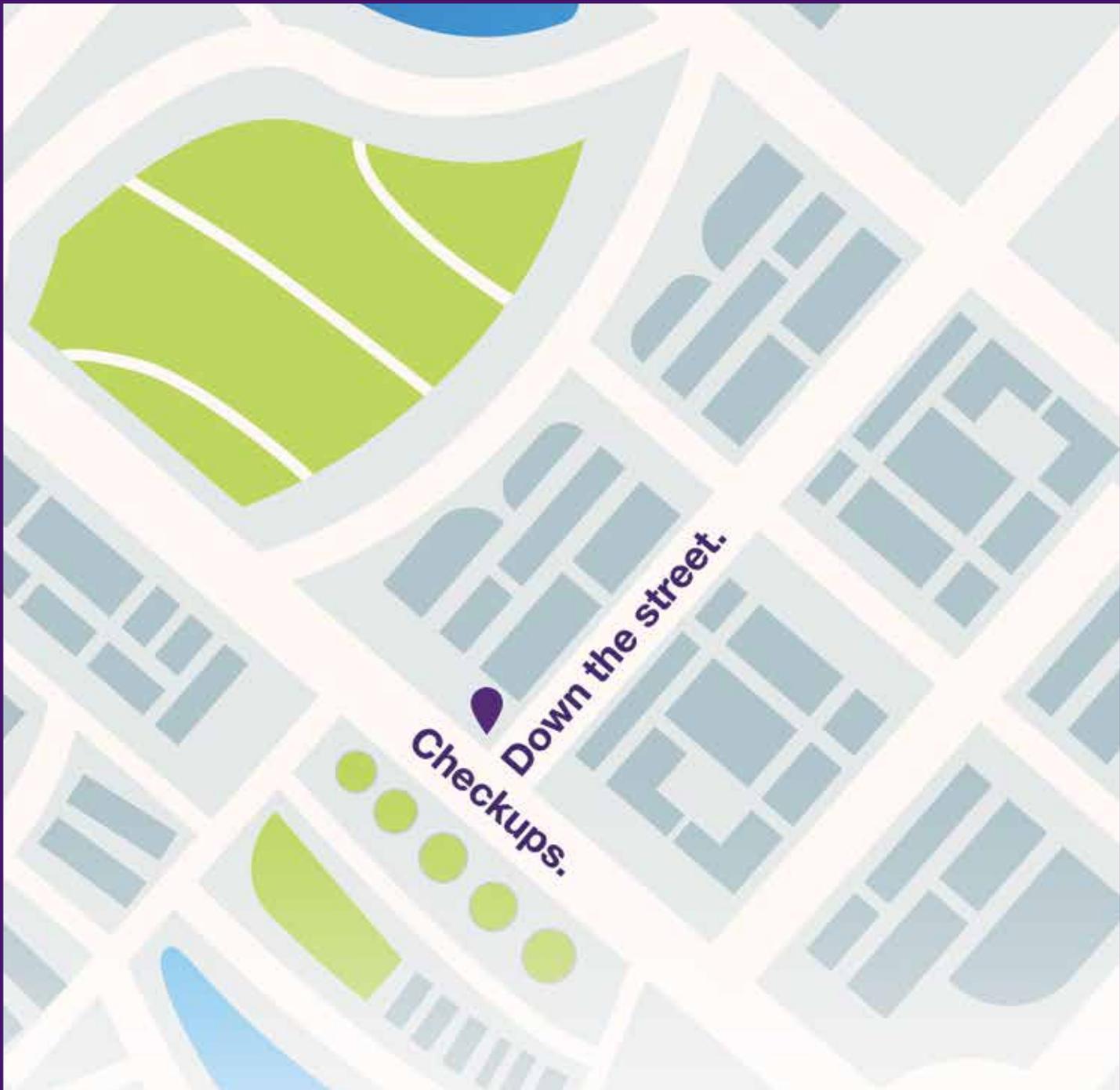
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