

# Borough of North Wales

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## Message from the Mayor

In many meetings with the North Wales Borough Manager, Police Chief, Council members, police and staff – we often describe our community as “Small but mighty!”

I’m one of those people that rolls their eyes at clichés, but in this case, I think it’s a well-deserved term to describe our community. We are genuinely small – out of 58 census designated places in Montgomery County, we’re 44th on the list.

But being small doesn’t mean we have to act that way. We’re one of the smallest communities in the County with its own Police Department. In fact, the North Wales Borough Police Department is currently undergoing the process to become accredited through the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association’s Police Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (PLEAC) to strive for operational excellence.

North Wales Borough’s staff and police collectively have 115 years of experience serving the community. This extensive experience means that when elected officials work with residents, they can rely on the staff’s comprehensive knowledge. The staff’s expertise allows them to provide the best possible assistance in addressing various situations and concerns.

We take pride in our successful traditions and are committed to maintaining popular events. The North Wales Community Day and Egg Hunt have been longstanding fixtures in our community calendar, cherished by residents for years. At the same time, we embrace innovation. The Summer Kickoff event, launched in 2022, has grown and flourished each year, becoming an increasingly popular celebration.

Despite our town’s compact size, our businesses, residents and organizations are deeply invested in our community. Their sponsorship, volunteerism and support are evident at every event in the Borough.

Our community organizations take immense pride in their volunteers and services. The North Wales Community Project Alliance organizes our annual 4th of July Parade and Holiday Tree Lighting event. The North Wales Area Library offers far more than just book lending, while the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company’s services extend well beyond firefighting. These organizations are integral to North Wales’ unique charm and community spirit.

Whether you’re a lifetime resident or a new resident, we look forward to continuing our efforts to make this community your home. You can help us by sharing your ideas and your vision for that and getting involved in our Boards and Commissions!

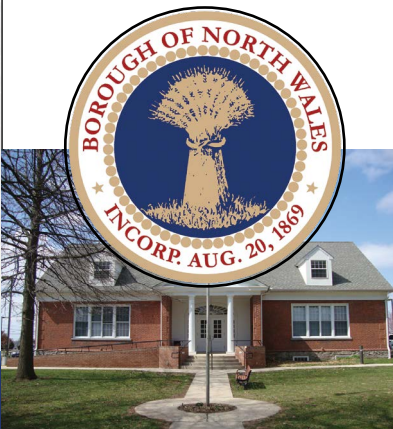


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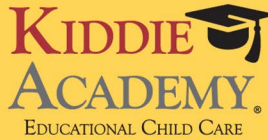
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# North Wales Borough is now using Savvy Citizen to communicate with residents!



North Wales Borough has recently subscribed to Savvy Citizen, a notification system which allows municipalities to easily and effectively communicate with their residents via push notifications, text messages, or e-mails. Savvy Citizen is more than a notification system, as it allows North Wales residents to keep up-to-date on community events, helpful information, road closures, alerts and much more.

Whether it is a road closure, a change in trash or recycling pick up due to a holiday, a fun local event, or significant municipal meeting, Savvy Citizen has a complete scheduling system that allows municipalities to communicate with residents of North Wales Borough!

Available on Android, iPhone/iPad, and desktop, residents of North Wales Borough can choose to receive notifications with push alerts on their smart phone, or they can browse in-app for a full listing of their notifications, alerts and community events. Those without smartphones can sign up via [www.savvycitizenapp.com/](http://www.savvycitizenapp.com/)/signup and select to have text notifications or e-mails sent to them.

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### Become a Savvy Citizen!



### Want to know what's going on in North Wales Borough?

Our new Savvy Citizen app will keep you better informed of important borough news and happenings in our community.

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or visit [SavvyCitizenApp.com](http://SavvyCitizenApp.com) for more info and download links

## ECode 360

Do you have questions about the laws, ordinances, and regulations that guide your experience here in North Wales? The Borough of North Wales is excited to introduce ECode360, a software our residents can use to access our governing codes.

Following the footsteps of many other local municipalities, this technology has made our code more accessible than ever. From Zoning to Parks and Recreation, it's important to us that our residents can read our code from any device, anywhere!

Scan the QR code to the right to take a look! If you have any further questions, visit the Borough at 300 School St or call 215-699-4424.



## North Wales needs your input on our comprehensive plan!

**WE NEED YOUR  
FEEDBACK!**

North Wales Borough 2040, the borough's comprehensive plan, was adopted in late 2018. The plan was the result of extensive data and trends analysis conducted by a steering committee over the course of many months and relied heavily on public input. After five years of implementing the goals and recommendations of the plan, Borough Council wishes to reengage the public and ensure that future projects continue to align with the wants and needs of residents.

The purpose of this survey is to determine future projects for the borough to address. All of these projects were included in the implementation plan for North Wales Borough 2040. Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nwb2040> or scan the QR code to the right to view the current plan and complete the survey.

The survey will remain open until 12/31/2024. A summary report will be presented in early 2025, which will be made available on the Borough website.



## CELEBRATING 11 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY!

**Joe Rouse** has spent the past 11 years as a Part-Time Public Works Laborer for the Borough. He regularly sweeps our streets, cuts grass at our parks, and plows snow during the winter. Joe is proud to serve Borough residents and enjoys keeping North Wales clean and safe. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with family, playing golf, and riding his motorcycle. The Borough is grateful for the positive impact Joe has made on our Public Works Department and the community as a whole. *If you see him outside, be sure to say hello and thank him for his hard work!*



Joe Rouse at work



## North Wales Borough is on Instagram!

Scan the QR code to the left to follow us for important updates, photos, and historical facts about the Borough!

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## Get Your Parking Permit this January!



If you reside in the Permit Parking Zone, parking permits are required! If you do not have a parking permit already, please submit your application for permit parking by January 31.

Applications for a new or replacement parking permit can be made online or in-person at Borough Hall. Applicants must provide a driver's license and vehicle registration reflecting the Borough property address for which they are applying. Parking passes will be granted free of charge.

**Do I need to renew my parking pass?** As of 2023, permanent resident (homeowner) parking passes do not expire and do not need to be renewed unless the resident purchases a new vehicle, changes residences, or transfers property ownership. Those renting in the Borough will need to obtain parking passes every year.

**Are residential parking permits available to renters?** Yes! When applying, renters must provide an updated driver's license, vehicle registration showing that their property address is within North Wales Borough, and a copy of their rental agreement.

**When will I receive my permit?** Please allow 5-7 business days for delivery of your parking sticker if you apply online. In person, applications are typically fulfilled at the time of application, assuming proper proof of residency is accompanied with the application.


**Where do I display my permit?** The sticker shall be placed on the rear window of the vehicle. While most streets shall place the permit on the driver's-side rear window, residents of Fifth, Fourth, and Second Street shall place their stickers on the passenger-side rear window.



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### THANK YOU TO THE BUSINESSES!

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.



## Continued Sanitary Sewer Improvements On the Way

Clean water is our primary business – but not when it causes overflows in the community sewer system.

Stormwater from rainfall and snow melting, along with the illegal connections of sump pumps and yard drains to the sanitary sewer system, is an unwelcome cause of what is commonly referred to as INFLOW and INFILTRATION, or “I&I.” Another cause of I&I is leaking manhole covers and columns.

Although it might seem that clean water getting into the sanitary sewer system is helpful, it is not. These excess flows can cause manholes to overflow, allowing untreated sewage to flow into storm sewers and streams – known as Sanitary Sewer Overflows, or what the PaDEP calls “SSOs.” Not only does this create environmental and potential health issues, but it also increases the cost of monthly sewage treatment. It can also subject the Authority and our customers to excess costs due to fines and penalties.

In a continued effort to remedy this problem, we will be video inspecting many sections of our sanitary sewer system over the next few months and throughout 2025, making needed repairs to what is now estimated to include about 100 manholes located throughout the Borough sanitary sewer system.

This work may cause a temporary traffic disruption at each manhole being repaired, but in the long term, it will help us maintain the lowest sewer rates possible.

A schedule and location map will be made available on our website and to the Borough to keep you informed as the project proceeds. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and welcome your feedback as we proceed.

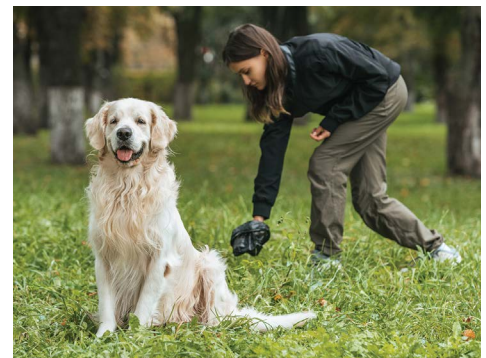
North Wales Water Authority  
Robert C. Bender, *Executive Director*

## 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.



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# Halloween Health & Safety Tips



Autumn holidays, like Halloween and Harvest Day, are fun times for children of all ages, who can dress up in costumes, enjoy parties, enjoy fall fruits and vegetables, and eat yummy treats. These celebrations also provide a chance to give out healthy snacks, get physical activity, and focus on safety.

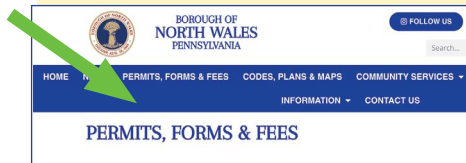
Check out these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for trick-or-treaters and party guests!

- **S** – Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- **A** – Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- **F** – Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- **E** – Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- **H** – Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. Always WALK and don't run from house to house.
- **A** – Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- **L** – Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
- **L** – Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- **O** – Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic, to stay safe.
- **W** – Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- **E** – Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- **E** – Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses. Never accept rides from strangers.
- **N** – Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

## Expecting Trick-Or-Treaters or Party Guests?

Follow these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for everyone!

- **Provide healthier treats for trick-or-treaters** such as low-calorie treats and drinks. For party guests, offer a variety of fruits, vegetables, and cheeses.
- **Use party games and trick-or-treat time** as an opportunity for kids to get their daily dose of 60 minutes of physical activity.
- **Be sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit** and free of obstacles that could result in falls.
- **Keep candle-lit jack o'lanterns and luminaries away** from doorsteps, walkways, landings, and curtains. Place them on sturdy tables, keep them out of reach of pets and small children, and never leave them unattended.
- **Remind drivers** to watch out for trick-or-treaters and drive safely.



## Updated Forms, Fees, and Permits

Looking to hang a sign, make a complaint, rent a community space, or honor a hometown hero? The North Wales Borough has recently updated its online forms, fees, and permits to make it easier for you to achieve these things. To access our forms, you can visit our website:

<https://www.northwalesborough.org>

You can edit them digitally and e-mail them, fax them, or drop them off at the Borough at your convenience.

## Did You Know?

### SHADE TREE COMMISSION

The Shade Tree Commission has the responsibility to advise Borough Council on the planting, replacement, removal, and maintenance of shade trees throughout the Borough. Shade trees include all trees that are within 10 feet of the edge of the paved surface of a street. The Commission issues orders in compliance with Chapter 174 of the North Wales Borough Code.

The Shade Tree Commission holds meetings every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Borough Council Room. Meetings are open to the public.

If you wish to trim, remove, or plant any trees within 10 feet of the edge of the street, you are required to submit a Shade Tree Permit to be reviewed by the Shade Tree Commission. The permit can be accessed online at [www.northwalesborough.org/government/boards-commissions/shade-tree-commission/](http://www.northwalesborough.org/government/boards-commissions/shade-tree-commission/). Please contact Borough staff with any questions.



# PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WINTER

*Give your home a once-over and tend to winter preparation tasks and repairs before the year's first frost. By being proactive, you'll lower your energy bills, increase the efficiency and lifespan of your home's components, and make your property safer.*

## Windows and Doors

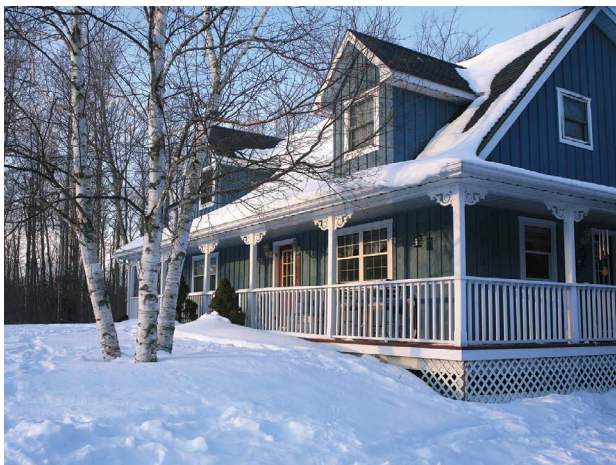
- **Check** all the weather-stripping around windows and doorframes for leaks to prevent heat loss. Replace weather-stripping, if necessary.
- **Replace** all screen doors with storm doors.
- **Replace** all window screens with storm windows.
- **Examine** wooden window frames for signs of rot or decay. Repair or replace framing to maintain structural integrity.
- **Check** for drafts around windows and doors. Caulk inside and out, where necessary, to keep heat from escaping.
- **Inspect** windows for cracks, broken glass, or gaps. Repair or replace, if needed.

## Lawn, Garden, and Deck

- **Trim** overgrown branches back from the house and electrical wires to prevent iced-over or wind-swept branches from causing property damage or a power problem.
- **Aerate** the lawn, reseed, and apply a winterizing fertilizer to promote deep-root growth come spring.
- **Ensure** rain or snow drains away from the house to avoid foundation problems. The dirt grade – around the exterior of your home – should slope away from the house. Add extra dirt to low areas, as necessary.
- **Clean and dry** patio furniture. Cover with a heavy tarp or store inside a shed or garage to protect it from the elements.
- **Remove** any attached hoses and store them away for the winter to prevent cracks, preserve their shapes, and prolong their life. Wrap outside faucets with covers to prevent water damage.
- **Shut off** exterior faucets. Drain water from outdoor pipes, valves, and sprinkler heads to protect against pipe bursts.
- **Inspect** decks for splintering, decay, or insect damage and treat, if needed, to prevent further deterioration over the winter.
- **Inspect** outdoor lighting around the property. Good illumination will help minimize the chance of accidents on icy walkways at night.

## Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning

- **Inspect** the firebox and flue system to ensure that they're clean of any soot or creosote and that there aren't any cracks or voids that could cause a fire hazard.



- **Check** fireplace for drafts. If it's cold despite the damper being closed, the damper itself may be warped, worn, or rusted. Consider installing a Chimney Balloon into the flue to air seal the area tightly.
- **Clean or replace** the air filter in your furnace for maximum efficiency and improved indoor air quality.
- **Clean** your whole house humidifier and replace the evaporator pad.
- **Bleed** valves on any hot-water radiators to increase heating efficiency by releasing air that may be trapped inside.
- **Remove** air conditioners from windows or cover them with insulated liners, to prevent drafts.

- **Install** foam-insulating sheets behind outlets and switch plates on exterior walls to reduce outside airflow.
- **Make sure** fans are switched to the reverse or clockwise position, which will blow warm air down to the floor for enhanced energy efficiency and comfort.
- **Flush** the hot water heater tank to remove sediment and check the pressure relief valve to make sure it's in proper working order.

- **Examine** exposed ducts in the attic, basement, and crawl spaces, and use a sealant to plug up any leaks.

## Gutters, Roof, and Drains

- **Check** for missing, damaged, or warped shingles and replace, as necessary, before you get stuck with a leak.
- **Check** for deteriorated flashing at the chimney, walks, and skylights around vent pipes. Seal joints where water could penetrate, using roofing cement and a caulking gun.
- **Check** the gutters and downspouts for proper fastening, and re-secure if loose or sagging. The weight of snow and ice can pull gutters off the house.
- **Clean** gutters of any debris. Make sure downspouts extend away from the house by at least 5 feet to prevent flooding of the foundation and water damage from snowmelt.
- **Clean** leaves and debris from courtyard and pool storm drains to prevent blockages.
- **Ensure** all vents and openings are covered to prevent insects, birds, and rodents from getting inside to nest in a warm place.



# Snowstorm Frequently Asked Questions

## **Which roads are plowed first?**

Plow routes are determined by a priority system established by the Borough.

## **What responsibilities do I have as a homeowner to clear snow?**

Per Ordinance 181-14, all homeowners and occupants of properties are responsible for clearing all snow and ice on all sidewalks in front of and alongside the property. This snow and ice must be removed within 24 hours of accumulation. Alleyways are also a source of confusion among Borough residents. Alleys belong to the abutting property owner and are therefore the responsibility of owners and/or occupants of the property to clear of snow and ice.

## **Why do plows push snow back onto my shoveled sidewalk and driveway?**

During and after snowfalls, Borough crews will be out clearing the roads at the same time residents are clearing their sidewalks and driveways. Sometimes, a snowplow truck will pass by and fill in the end of a freshly cleared driveway with snow from the road, which can cause frustration and more work for residents. Please understand that the Borough's top priority is the safety of the traveling public and clearing the roads of snow and ice. Pushing snow onto shoveled pathways is sometimes a consequence of ensuring that roadways are safe for travel. Keep in mind that snowplow trucks usually make one trip to open the road so that residents may get in and out. Then, the truck returns to widen the road and shoulders for future snow accumulation. To effectively clear all the roads in the Borough, trucks do not pick up their blades when passing by driveways and walkways.

## **Why does my street still have snow on it after being plowed?**

Plows push snow rather than digging it from the streets

as shovels do. Depending on the amount of snow that falls, plows may not be able to clear the snow all the way down to the bare asphalt.

## **Why do plows leave snow on the sidewalks, especially at the crosswalks?**

The Borough is aware that snow plowing can create difficulty for sidewalk clearance, especially at the corners. We work with plow drivers to reduce this situation as much as possible, but based on the volume of snow that accumulates, sidewalk corners may pile up in the same way the bottoms of driveways do. Residents may need to use salt and metal shovels if the snow becomes packed down. Residents should also be considerate when clearing snow and ice alongside sidewalk and crosswalk ramps and bus stops.

## **What needs to be considered when shoveling driveways and sidewalks?**

Property owners and snow removal contractors should be aware that plowing snow from private property onto or across public roads or sidewalks is illegal because it can present a serious traffic hazard to motorists. It is unlawful to deposit any snow from your sidewalk or driveway into the roadway. If there is a fire hydrant next to the sidewalk, please:

- Remove all snow and ice from the hydrant
- Make a path wide enough (about 3 feet) around the hydrant for firefighters to work
- Clear a path from the hydrant to the street

## **Who do I contact if my street isn't plowed within 24 hours of snowfall?**

All concerns regarding the clearance of snow and ice should be directed to the Borough. The Borough can be reached at 215-699-4424.



Winter is just around the corner and this can be a difficult time for aquatic life due to runoff of deicing materials to surface waters. Below are some ideas to help keep North Wales Borough's streams and groundwater clean.

Excess salt and other deicing chemicals can harm aquatic life in our streams and impact drinking water supplies. This winter, you can help by following these environmentally friendly snow removal practices:

- Shovel snow before it turns to ice to limit the need for deicing chemicals like rock salt.
- Shovel snow onto permeable surfaces including gently sloping and level landscape and grassy areas so as the snow melts it will soak into the ground rather than flow directly into a nearby storm drain or stream.

If you must use deicing chemicals, follow these suggestions...

- Control application of chemical deicers and avoid over application.
- Limit chemical applications near environmentally-sensitive areas including springs, streams, ponds, wetlands, and water supply areas and sensitive landscape and vegetation.
- Use salt substitutes that are less harmful including Calcium Chloride (CaCl<sub>2</sub>) and Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA).
- After snowmelt, sweep up residues, including sand, to prevent it from washing into storm drains and streams.

## **Why should I limit my use of salt and other chemical deicing products?**

Deicing products contain chemical constituents that can be harmful to the environment including water resources and drinking water supplies. For example, sodium can break down soil structure and decrease soil permeability, which adversely impacts vegetation and soil microbes; chloride mobilizes heavy metals and impacts fresh water supplies including ground and surface waters; and heavy metal components can adversely impact water quality, plant and aquatic life.





# TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION AND HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST



The North Wales Community Project Alliance (NWCPA) would like to invite you to the 21st Annual Tree Lighting Celebration! Please join us December 1, 2024, in the North Penn Volunteer Fire Co. for a fun evening with your family and neighborhood friends.

The evening begins at 4 P.M. with crafts and holiday music for children 15 years old and younger. 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!

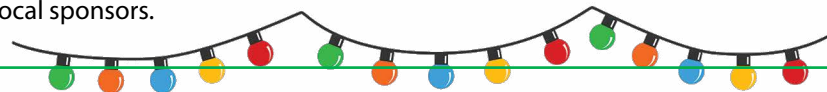
Following the tree lighting, Santa returns to the firehouse and joins us for holiday treats, hot cocoa with plenty of your favorite toppings, and surprises for everyone!



**Congratulations to the families of 410 School St. and 124 Highland Ave. for winning the 2023 House Decorating Contest!**

This December, we are also excited to hold our annual House Decorating Contest! The house judging will take place on Sunday, December 15, at 7 p.m. The winner's home will be featured in the 2025/2026 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.



## SOLDIERS CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

**We will be collecting items to send to Servicemen and Women Overseas**

**- Please drop off all items at Borough Hall before 12/9/24 -**



**Throughout December, stop by the Borough Hall to drop off Letters for Santa!**



Items we will be collecting:

- 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)

# **NORTH WALES COMMUNITY SATURDAY SEPT 28TH DAY**



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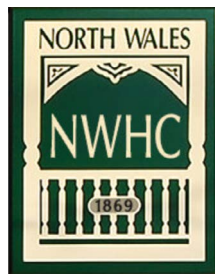
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# Frequently Asked Questions About the North Wales Historic District

## What is the Historic District?

Established in 2000 by Borough Council, the North Wales Historic Preservation District serves to protect the distinctive architecture that serves as a reminder of the Borough's rich history.



your property is in the Historic District. The map can be accessed at [www.northwalesborough.org/government/boards-commissions/harb/](http://www.northwalesborough.org/government/boards-commissions/harb/).

## What is HARB?

The Historical Architectural Review Board, or HARB, is a public advisory body created by state and local laws. HARB's purpose is to protect the distinctive and historic character of North Wales Borough by considering the effects of proposed changes to properties within the Historic District and ruling on their appropriateness. HARB meetings take place every 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Borough Council Room at 7:00 pm. These meetings are open to the public.

Properties in the Historic District are subject to special provisions provided under Chapter 130 of the North Wales Borough Code. Exterior alterations may require approval by the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB). Keep in mind any alterations to buildings inside the Historic District cannot proceed unless HARB has reviewed the application. Please contact Borough staff with any questions or concerns.

## I live in the Historic District, but not in a historic home. Do I still need to follow these guidelines?

All properties in the Historic District are subject to the provisions set in place by HARB, regardless of when they were built. The Historic District was created by Borough Council to preserve the Borough's history as extensively as possible.

## Do I live in the Historic District?

Please view the Historic District Map to determine whether

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Saturday 10 am – 5 pm



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This season, we're also asking for your support to ensure our library continues to thrive. Your donations, no matter how small, make a big impact on our ability to offer engaging programs and maintain our facilities. Consider these ways to contribute:

- Monthly or annual donations
- Donor-advised funds (DAFs)
- Employer matching programs

Every cent helps us serve you better. Your generosity allows us to upgrade our resources, expand our collections, and create new learning opportunities for all ages.

We hope you'll join us this fall and throughout the holiday season at NWAL. Together, we can keep our library a vibrant hub of knowledge and community for years to come.

Visit our website or stop by the library to learn more about upcoming events and how you can support our mission. Thank you for being a part of our library family!

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Your NWAL Team

## Donate your car!

The Library will benefit from the proceeds of the sale or salvage of your vehicle. Your donation is tax deductible. Contact 346 Automotive Group at 215-699-3461 or email [dan.donohue@346autogroup.com](mailto:dan.donohue@346autogroup.com) 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.



# COMING SOON!

Fall in love with reading at the North Wales Area Library



## September

Starting Saturday, September 7th  
GENEALOGY 101 - 10am-12pm  
"More details TBA"

Tuesday, September 17th  
VOTER REGISTRATION DAY - ALL DAY!

Saturday, September 21st  
AUTHOR SHOWCASE - TIME TBC

Thursday, September 26th  
TEDDY BEAR SLEEPOVER - ALL DAY!

### AND SO MUCH MORE!

Check our calendar & website for details on what we have going on at the library anytime!

## October



Friday, October 18th & Saturday, October 19th  
USED BOOK SALE - 8am-3pm both days  
\*Saturday will be the \$5 bag sale

Tuesday, October 29th  
ALL TREATS NO TRICKS:  
HALLOWEEN BASH AT THE LIBRARY - 5pm



## November

Saturday, November 2nd  
HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE - 10am-3pm

Friday, November 8th  
A NIGHT OF PARANORMAL EXPERIENCES  
6:30pm-9pm

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# Parks and Recreation Events



## Pumpkin Crawl - October 26, 2024 - 5-7pm

Bring your carved pumpkins and put them on display! 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded for best Jack O'Lantern! Come put your pumpkin art on display or come to stroll and vote on your favorite pumpkin!

## Fall Park Cleanup - November 16, 2024 - 10am

Our Public Works Department works throughout the year to maintain the parks and keep them beautiful. Let's show them our appreciation by pitching in and helping with the project of the year. Public Works will identify a project that needs extra hands — look for project details on the Borough website at the beginning of November.



## Soldier Christmas Donations - Ends December 9, 2024

Holiday cheer and warm wishes! Brighten a soldier's holiday by donating needed items to be shipped to active military men and women overseas. Donations will be given to Military Living History Association for distribution. Details regarding items being collected will be provided on the Borough website.

## Egg Hunt - April 12, 2025 - 11am

Bring your little chicks and bunnies! The Easter Bunny will be bringing eggs filled with candy and prizes galore. Arrive at 10:45 to find the starting point for your child's age group. The hunts are broken into groups: Pre-K, Grades K-1st, Grades 2nd-3rd. Bring your baskets!



## Community Garden Spring Planting - May 17, 2025 - 9:30am

Calling all gardeners young & old! It's time to get the community garden shaped up and planted. Gardening tips and demonstrations for seasoned planters and beginners. Bring your children and introduce them to the life-long love of gardening. Children will plant seeds to take home.

## Summer Kickoff - June 14, 2025 - 5-9pm

Let the summer fun begin! Bring your family, friends, blankets, and chairs for the start of summer celebration. There will be food trucks, beer, and music. Come and create some great North Wales memories!



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After-School Art Club is an after-school art program for students in grades 2nd-6th who love art. Each session we will work with a variety of materials including air-dry clay, paint, pencil, markers, oil pastel, printmaking & more! New projects each year! We hope you can join us as we have a great time creating art & making new friends!



### Session 1: **Fall into Art!**

Saturday 9-10:30 am 6 Weeks

Dates: Sept.: 14, 21, 28, Oct.: 5, 12, 26.

**Sign-Up Deadline: Sept. 13**

Leaves ablaze with autumn colors! Get inspired by the brilliance of fall!

### Session 2: **Warm-up with Art!**

Saturday 9-10:30 am 6 Weeks

Dates: Nov.: 2, 9, 16, 23, Dec.: 7, 14.

**Sign-Up Deadline: Nov. 1**

Winter's stark beauty, thick, crisp snow! Warm up to new art projects!

### Session 3: **A New Year with Art!**

Saturday 9-10:30 am 6 Weeks

Dates: Jan.: 11, 18, Feb.: 1, 8, 15, 22.

**Sign-Up Deadline: Jan. 10**

Silhouettes of trees stretch across the snow! Sharpen your skills this New Year!

### Session 4: **Spring into Art!**

Saturday 9-10:30 am 6 Weeks

Dates: March: 1, 8, 15, 29, April: 5, 12.

**Sign-Up Deadline: Feb. 28**

Radiant colors and cool rains: Spring inspiration is here as nature comes alive again!

Mrs. Erwin is an award-winning illustrator who has taught After-School Art Club since 2014.

Mrs. Erwin is a PA Certified Art Educator pursuing her M.Ed. in Art Education from Kutztown University of Pennsylvania.

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- Session 1
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