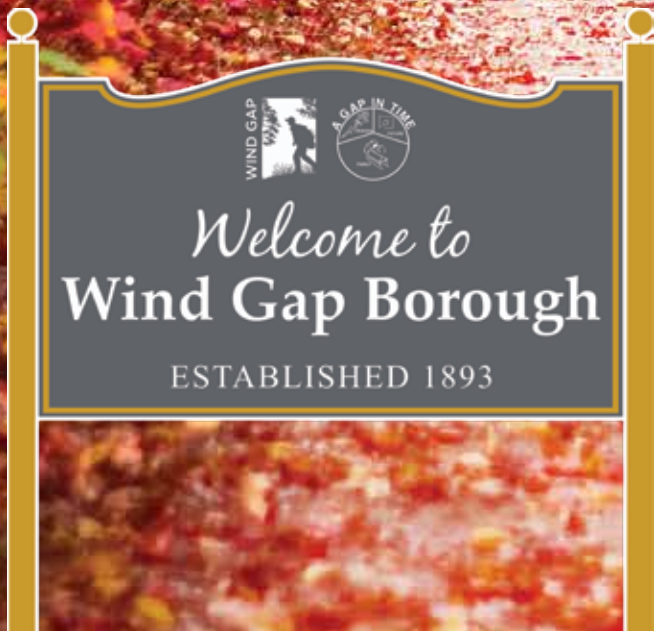


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# Wind Gap



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Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The Borough Office is closed Saturday & Sunday

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### WIND GAP BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE

BOROUGH COUNCIL - First Monday and Third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M.

PLANNING COMMISSION – First Thursday at 7:00 P.M. Based upon Plan Submissions and Reviews.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – First Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. Based upon a Variance Application Submission.

SLATE BELT REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION – The Commission is comprised of a primary representative and an alternate representative from each member municipality (Wind Gap Borough, Pen Argyl Borough, and Plainfield Township). Councilman David Hess is currently the primary representative and George Hinton is the alternate representative.

## LEAF COLLECTION

**ONCE AGAIN**, the Wind Gap Borough Street Department will **ONLY** be collecting leaves on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Leaf Collection will begin on Monday, October 23, 2023 and continue through Tuesday, November 21, 2023.



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## FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

As we look towards fall and winter, I think about the events held throughout the Borough this year. Wind Gap Fire Company held another successful carnival at the end of June. In partnership with Pen Argyl Borough, our Summer of Sounds Concert Series continues to grow in popularity. Wind Gap Borough was proud to host Slate Belt Regional Police Department's first National Night Out on August 1st. There was an amazing turnout for this event, and we look forward to partnering with Slate Belt Regional Police, along with Pen Argyl and Plainfield Township, to continue this tradition.

We are continuing to work on several projects to make progress in the Borough for its residents. We are exploring several different funding sources, both private and public, to improve Male Road, replace the Male Road Bridge and construct a safe pedestrian walkway, which leads into the Wind Gap Plaza shopping center. This is a major undertaking, and the Borough is being proactive in addressing this transportation issue.

Through grants and other funding sources, we continue to invest and make improvements at Wind Gap Park. Our street department recently sealed the basketball courts at Wind Gap Park and matched the color to the newly installed pickle ball courts, from last year. In addition, the bandshell and small kitchen were recently painted and the roofs were replaced this summer. These projects in the park are made possible from funds received from grants through Pennsylvania State Agencies and Northampton and Monroe counties and local business donations.

Back in 2022, I established the Mayor's Scholarship Award to a deserving Pen Argyl graduate residing in Wind Gap Borough, who excels academically, participates in co-curricular activities, and exhibits leadership and service in her community. Back in May during Pen Argyl's Senior Awards Night, my wife and I were happy to present the 2023 Mayor's Scholarship Award to Emily Stopfer. Please join me in congratulating Emily on this honor and wishing her the best as she starts her college career.

It is hard to believe I am halfway through my first term as your Mayor. My focus has been speaking on behalf of Wind Gap Borough at the local, county, and state levels of government and serving as an advocate for the Borough. It has been a humbling and great honor to serve as your Mayor and I am excited about the Borough's future in the months and years to come.



Take care,

*Wesley J. Smith*

## PARK HISTORY - DID YOU KNOW?

On September 7, 1945, In the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County, a Petition for Approval of Compromise of Delinquent Taxes for a Tract of land in the Borough of Wind Gap was heard.

"Upon inquiry at the office of the Delinquent Tax Clerk, an agent of the County Treasurer, a considerable sum is due in connection with this land for delinquent taxes. The property, originally noted to consist of twenty-seven (27) acres plus some building lots, is now recorded as consisting of seventeen (17) acres, assessed at Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00).

The tract of land in question was sold to the county at Treasurers' Sale on August 7, 1939, and the period for redemption thereof has expired.

The property in question at the present time consists largely of swamp land and is of little value. It is the thought of the petitioner that, subsequent to the war, this property be drained and improved for the eventual use of the Borough of Wind Gap and its' citizens as a public park. This will result not only in an improvement of the recreational facilities offered by the Borough of Wind Gap but will serve also as a post-war activity for the Borough of Wind Gap in conjunction with the extensive plans being made by the Federal Government and all municipal sub-divisions to provide work during the reconstruction period.

The petitioner has suggested to the County of Northampton, now the owner of the property through tax sale, that the delinquent taxes on this property be discharged and the tax title be released to the Borough of Wind Gap on the payment of the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

This agreement was duly signed and attested by Chief Burgess, James C. Clementson, President of Town Council, Luther Harding and Borough Secretary, Ralph H. Wagner."

# SNOW REMOVAL

Once again, winter is upon us. Thank you for your cooperation and patience throughout the whole year, not just through the winter months. Wind Gap Street Department would like to remind everyone of our "Plowing Procedures and Policies".

As you are already aware, during a snow storm, it is necessary to plow the same road several times. Please be patient when you see only one pass by and know that we will return when the snow subsides or stops. At that time, the roads will be cleared and intersections cleaned from curb to curb. Take this into consideration when clearing mailboxes out.

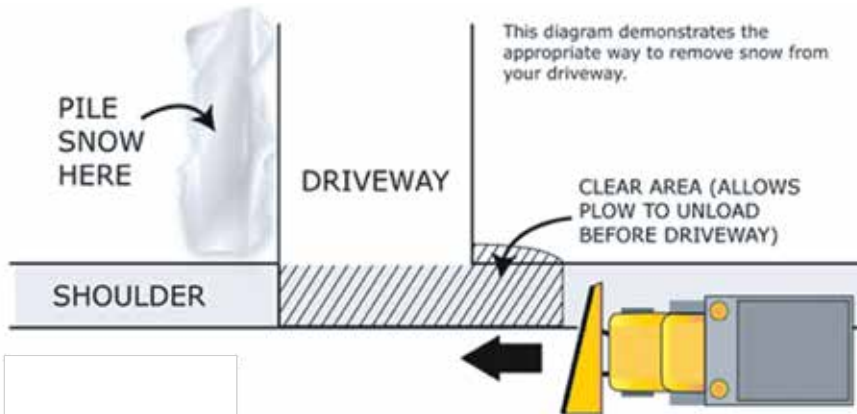
Below is a diagram of how to clear driveways and mailboxes properly. This will make both of our tasks easier with less frustration for residents and the street workers.

- Eliminate snow piles at the property entrance whenever possible. High accumulations of snow can obstruct the vision of motorists, posing a safety hazard.
- Do not push snow onto roadways at any time. This creates hazardous conditions for all vehicles.

WIND GAP BOROUGH ORDINANCE NO. 425

Enacted July 17, 2001

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF AND THE PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON STREETS WITHIN IN THE BOROUGH DURING SNOW EMERGENCIES, DURING SNOW AND ICE STORMS, AND DURING THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND/OR ICE FROM BOROUGH STREETS.



The Mayor of the Borough of Wind Gap, in the sole exercise of his or her discretion, shall declare a Snow Emergency if the actual or expected precipitation of snow, ice, freezing rain, or other weather conditions will create a hazardous or dangerous condition on the streets of the Borough of Wind Gap.

All Snow Emergencies declared by the Mayor shall continue until such time as he or she shall declare the Snow Emergency terminated, and the termination of the Snow Emergency by the Mayor shall be given to the public through the use of the media forms.

After the declaration of a Snow Emergency, no personal shall operate any vehicle or any nature without chains or snow tires on any Snow Emergency Route. Within two (2) hours after the declaration of the Snow Emergency, no person shall park or permit to remain parked any vehicle on a Snow Emergency Route.

Wind Gap Borough has designated Route 512 and posted the Snow Emergency Routes with signs in accordance with PennDot requirements:

- SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE
- SNOW TIRES OR CHAINS REQUIRED
- NO PARKING DURING SNOW EMERGENCY
- VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED

Penalties for Violations - Unless another penalty is expressly provided by the Vehicle Code, every person convicted of a violation of a provision of this Ordinance or any supplement thereto shall be liable to a penalty or One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars and costs of prosecution.

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# STREET PROJECTS

## CONSTITUTION AVENUE

CMR Construction, Inc. was the successful bidder to complete the Constitution Avenue Project. Total Project is \$397,661.50 for work being completed in 2023.

Construction of storm sewers, inlet and paving along Constitution Avenue was put out to bid in May. The scope of work for the project includes excavation, removal and replacement of approximately 1002 lineal feet of 24" concrete curbing; excavation, removal and replacement of 8 miscellaneous size inlet boxes and tops; installation of 3 new standard inlet boxes and tops; excavation, removal and replacement of approximately 600 lineal feet of various size and types of storm sewer; installation of approximately 60 lineal feet of new storm sewer; installation of a Type 2 handicap ramp and approximately 363 Square Yards bituminous base course associated with trench restoration along Constitution Avenue from North Broadway to the Plainfield Township line.

The Borough Street Department in conjunction with the Borough Engineer utilized a QUES 550 Camera System in the pipe that crosses Constitution Avenue. The QUES 550 Camera System, which was purchased through grant funding, by the Slate Belt Council of Governments (SB COG) was rented to the Borough through an Inter-Municipal Lease Agreement for \$100/day.

The Borough anticipates completing the paving of Constitution Avenue in early 2024.



## ROOSEVELT STREET

Roosevelt Street project included the installation of four 24" X 45" Inlet Basins with C-top and PennDOT bike safety grates and 260' of 15" X 20' ADS N-R solid pipe. The cost of the materials for the basins and pipe was \$9,609. Under the supervision of the Borough Engineer, Robert Collura Engineers, the Wind Gap Borough Street Department completed the installation of the basins and the pipes in order to alleviate water issues in the summer and ice issues in the winter months.



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## RESIDENTIAL BASKETBALL HOOPS

The Borough requests that during the winter months, residents remove all basketball poles adjacent to borough streets in order to safely plow the streets. The nylon nets and/or hoops can accidentally become entangled on the top of the snow plows causing damage not only to the basketball poles, but also to the street department's equipment which can be costly to repair or replace.



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Average savings per household in 2022

Plainfield Township: **\$1,018\***

Pen Argyl Borough (free trash/recycling):  
**\$1,166**

Wind Gap Borough (free trash/recycling): **\$857**



Renewable Energy generated by the landfill provided enough biogas to **power 5,000 homes** in 2022 and helped the Green Knight Economic Development Corporation award **\$100,000** in grants and scholarships to **18 students & organizations** within the Pen Argyl Area School District

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community members  
at **12** waste &  
recycling educational  
events



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**\$156,000** voluntarily contributed to Northampton County Recycling & Sustainability Fund to offset the costs for electronic recycling and household hazardous waste events along with education programs and initiatives.

*\*this average represents funds provided to the municipality divided by the number of households*



## WHAT SIZE CONTAINERS SHOULD I USE?

Household waste containers should be 32-gallon containers and may not exceed 50 pounds in weight when loaded. Please use only sturdy plastic or metal containers with handles and detachable lid. **There is a 5-container limit.**

**Do not** use cardboard boxes for trash containers. They can become damp and fall apart at the curb.

Recyclables should be placed in a recycle bin or a container clearly marked as "Recycling".

**Do not** tie your recycling with string of any kind and please keep plastic bags out of the curbside recycling bin. Plastic bags and string (or tangles) jam our recycling equipment.

## WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

**Paper:** newspaper, magazines, catalogs, cereal boxes, flattened cardboard. This must be dry and free of any food waste. Nothing smaller than 2-inches

**Glass:** bottles and jars

**Metal:** food and beverage cans

**Plastics:** any household plastic containers with #1-#7 stamped on the bottom. (Except clam shell containers and k-cups. These are not recyclable)

## Unacceptable Trash items

Household hazardous wastes such as: gasoline, waste oil, paints, pesticides, drain cleaners, pool chemicals, bottle gas, car or truck parts are **NOT PERMITTED** with regular household waste.

**Liquid wastes of any type will NOT be accepted for collection. All paint containers must be completely dry and lids removed.**

Construction project items such as a remodel or basement/attic cleanouts are **not permitted** with this free service. Please call 1-800-621-2100 to rent a dumpster.

## NO YARD WASTE, ELECTRONICS, OR MEDICAL WASTE

### What is Not Recyclable at the Curb or the Drop-off Center

Styrofoam	Plastic toys/car seats
Plastic grocery bags	Plastic Silverware
Window glass or drinking glasses	Metals
Aluminum Foil or Foil pans	Motor oil containers
	Pizza Boxes



## Bulk items

**Large items (furniture, cabinets, washers, dryers, etc.) are collected once a week.**

**There is a limit of one bulk item per week.**

**Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers containing CFC's will be collected the first Saturday in May and in November with an appointment only. Items must have the CFC's removed prior by an approved certified technician. Make an appointment via 1.888.373.2917 two weeks prior to the collection event.**

**Carpet must be cut into 4-foot lengths, tied and bundled.**

**Mattresses/box springs must be wrapped in plastic.**

## Holiday Schedules

If your trash and recycling collection day falls on a holiday, it will be picked up on the next scheduled collection day. Grand Central Hauling and Landfill are closed on:

New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day

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**NON CONTACT!! YOU MUST STAY IN YOUR CAR!!**

### Items that can be recycled **FREE** of charge are listed below:

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| ♻️ Desktop Computers (Fee for Monitors) | ♻️ DVD Players & VCR's              |
| ♻️ Keyboards & Mice                     | ♻️ Gaming Systems                   |
| ♻️ Printers/Fax Machines                | ♻️ String Christmas Lights          |
| ♻️ Cables & Cords                       | ♻️ Microwaves & Small Appliances    |
| ♻️ Cell Phone & Laptop Batteries        | ♻️ Metal Items & Water Heaters      |
| ♻️ Laptops                              | ♻️ Exercise Equipment               |
| ♻️ UPS Battery Backups                  | ♻️ Car Batteries (sealed lead acid) |
| ♻️ Toner & Ink Cartridges               | ♻️ Bed Frames & Rain spouting       |
| ♻️ Audio Visual Equipment               | ♻️ Filing Cabinets                  |
| ♻️ Telephones & Cell Phones*            |                                     |

\*Please Remove Cell Phone Batteries

### Additional Items that can be recycled for a Fee:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| ♻️ Washers & Dryers-\$20.00   | ♻️ Air Conditioners - \$25.00           |
| ♻️ Stoves \$20.00   | ♻️ Dehumidifiers - \$25.00              |
| ♻️ Dishwashers-\$20.00  | ♻️ Refrigerators - \$35.00              |
| ♻️ Computer Monitors \$20   | ♻️ Floor Freezers - \$35.00             |
| ♻️ Televisions under 42" - \$40.00 ALL Types                                    | ♻️ Floor Copiers-\$20.00                |
| ♻️ TVs (in wooden cabinet, Projection, Over 42", TV Tubes (Broken TVs") \$58.00 | ♻️ Console Stereos (in cabinet) \$35.00 |
|   | ♻️ Water Coolers & Dorm Fridge - \$25   |

### Destruction Services for a Fee:

- ♻️ Hard Drive Destruction (offsite) - **\$10** per drive, Includes a Certificate of Destruction
- ♻️ Document Destruction (offsite) - **\$10** per standard paper size box, Includes a Certificate of Destruction

**\*\*Cash or Checks ONLY\*\***

**Please have exact change or check prepared.**

**\*\*Please Make Checks Payable to Responsible Recycling Services or RRS\*\***



## WIND GAP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (WGMA)

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We are proud to serve our community and look forward to meeting or talking to our customers. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

WGMA Staff



# Surviving a POWER OUTAGE

A power outage is when the electrical power goes out unexpectedly. Extended power outages may impact the whole community and the economy.

### **A power outage may:**

- Disrupt communications, water and transportation.
- Close retail businesses, grocery stores, gas stations, ATMs, banks and other services.
- Cause food spoilage and water contamination.
- Prevent use of medical devices.

### **How to Protect Yourself During A Power Outage**

Go to a community location with power if heat or cold is extreme.

### **Preparing for a Power Outage**

Take an inventory of the items you need that rely on electricity. Plan for batteries and other alternative power sources to meet your needs when the power goes out, such as a portable charger or power bank. Have flashlights for every household member. Determine whether your home phone will work in a power outage and how long battery backup will last.

### **Know Your Medical Needs**

Talk to your medical provider about a power outage plan for medical devices powered by electricity and refrigerated medicines. Find out how long medication can be stored at higher temperatures and get specific guidance for any medications that are critical for life.

### **Food Storage**

Have enough nonperishable food and water. Keep freezers and refrigerators closed. The refrigerator will keep food cold for about four hours. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours. Use coolers with ice if necessary. Monitor temperatures with a thermometer. Throw out food if the temperature is 40 degrees or higher.

### **Using Appliances During Power Outages**

Install carbon monoxide detectors with battery backup in central locations on every level of your home. Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Generators, camp stoves or charcoal grills should always be used outdoors and at least 20 feet away from windows. Never use a gas stove top or oven to heat your home. Turn off or disconnect appliances, equipment, or electronics. Power may return with momentary surges or spikes that can cause damage.

### **Returning After A Power Outage**

- **When in doubt, throw it out!** Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures 40 degrees or higher for two hours or more, or that has an unusual odor, color or texture.
- **If the power is out for more than a day, discard any medication that should be refrigerated,** unless the drug's label says otherwise. Consult your doctor or pharmacist immediately for a new supply.





## THE WINTER FOOD WEB

### NURTURING NATURAL BIRD FOOD IN THE COLD SEASONS

By Steven Saffier, Audubon, Pennsylvania



Birdfeeding is enjoyed by millions of people across the country and by many in our area. Seeing a variety of birds close to our windows, especially in winter, provides hours of viewing pleasure. But there are ways to go beyond simple birdfeeding while providing natural food and protection during the winter. Here are two:

1. Stop cleaning up: A landscape that contains leaf litter, spent perennials and other "dead" elements actually host countless overwintering insects (including pupating caterpillars!) that will eventually feed the birds. Entomologist Doug Tallamy writes, "The easiest way to preserve over-wintering insect populations is to relax our neatness standards whenever possible." That's good news for many of us!
2. Plant native fruiting shrubs and seed producing trees which will provide cover and a food source into late fall and winter: Chokeberry, winterberry holly, dogwood, pines and birch are good choices.

Instead of being down time, fall and winter can be viewed as an integral part of nature's yearly cycle and your backyard can play a part. Author Sara Stein may have put it best in Noah's Garden(©1993):

By thanksgiving it will seem as though the clock (has) wound down and stopped. But the pendulum has in fact reached the height of its swing, has stored more energy than at any other time of the year, and is poised to descend with all the gathered momentum of warm summer days downward through the cold to spring.

So despite a seemingly lifeless backyard, winter can be one of the most active times for birds looking for refuge in your private sanctuary.



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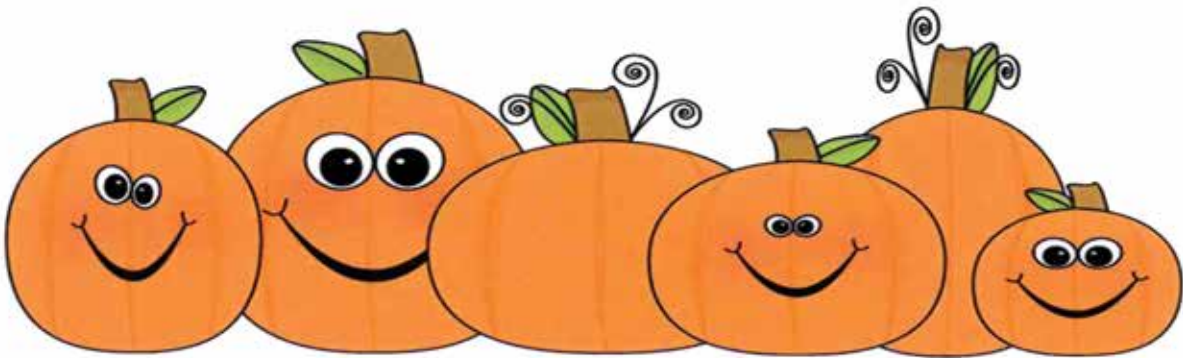
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