BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA
“The Garden Spot of the Lebanon Valley”

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The officials of the Borough of Robesonia WELCOME all the new families that have chosen Robesonia as their place of residence. We hope you will support our Borough and use its many facilities.

At the Borough Hall you can:
Pay your trash bills, apply for building and zoning permits, pick up voter registration forms, Borough maps and dog license applications. The Borough issues one recycling container per property. We do not replace stolen or lost lids or wheels. If you move from the property, the recycling container must remain there. Trash pick-up is every Friday. Recycling pick-up is every Thursday. Large or bulk items may be contracted separately with County Wide Sanitation at 1-866-573-4893.
COME PLAY WITH US!
SUMMER PLAYGROUND AT THE CW POOL ...

Looking for some super fun summer activities for your kids? This year, the Borough of Robesonia is teaming up with the Conrad Weiser Community Pool to bring you the 2019 Summer Playground Program! And, NO, swimming in the pool is NOT the only thing we will be doing at Playground this Summer ...

Sponsored by the Borough of Robesonia and Heidelberg Township, the 2019 Summer Playground Program will be located at the CW Community Pool on Freeman Street in Robesonia. Over 6 weeks during Summer Break, the program offers children ages 4 to 12 a safe, self-contained recreational space between 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Registration is FREE! and will remain open until July 1st. Children who sign up may swim from noon to 1:00 p.m. Those who wish to enjoy the pool after 1:00 p.m. will need to be either
1. registered members of the pool OR
2. purchase a daily pass for $8.00 each; they must also be accompanied by an adult parent, guardian or baby-sitter, who must also be members or daily pass holders.

Playground is open to any resident minors of either the Borough of Robesonia or Heidelberg Township from ages 4 to 12 (by June 1st). The 6-week program begins on Monday, June 17th and ends Thursday, July 25th, 2019 and goes Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the CW Pool - 161 S. Freeman Street, Robesonia, PA 19551.

Sign up forms are available online at www.robesoniaboro.org or www.cwpool.org.

Summer is here and it's a great time to be outside with family and friends enjoying the longer days and warmer nights. We want you to enjoy summer safely but also stay safe and keep your family and pets safe too. Here are some tips for a safe summer!

Fireworks: Beautiful fireworks can be very dangerous, read these facts!
Children under the age of 15 suffered 45% of all injuries from fireworks. 72% of these injuries are to males of all ages. These injuries include trauma to the eyes, fingers, and face.
• Firecrackers cause the greatest number of injuries, followed by bottle rockets and sparklers.
• Parents can be criminally responsible for child endangerment if they permit their children to use fireworks.

Illegal Parties: Summer parties are fun, but there are guidelines and parties should be reported if you notice the following:
- Parties occurring in a vacant or abandoned building
  • Charging admission
  • Sale of alcohol without a license
  • Curfew violators
  • Overcrowding
  • Excessive noise
  • Drinking on the Public Way
  • Fights and other disturbances

Out Pets: Remember your pets in this hot weather, or if you see a pet you think might be abused or not taking care of well enough, report it to us:
• Responsible pet ownership starts with basic needs such as clean water, food and shelter.
• Keep your pet safe. Never leave your pet in a warm car. Temperatures can reach 140 degrees inside your car. Never leave your pet outside without proper shade and clean water.
• If you need your pet vaccinated, you can take your pet to your local veterinarian.

Also ……
• Secure your bicycles, homes and belongings.
• Keep a light on so you never come home to a dark home.
• Let the police department know while you are on vacation so we can help keep an eye out on your property.
• Check on your elderly neighbors especially during the really hot days!

Enjoy your family, your friends and your pets! Have a wonderful summer!!
preschoolers. Children of all abilities are welcome! Ages 2-5.

LEGO Club June 5th & 19th, July 3rd, 17th, & 31st, August 14th & 28th at 4 pm. At each meeting, there will be a new theme to BUILD on! For ages 0-100.

Little Friends Story Time Thursday at 11 am. Miss Jenn will share stories, songs and activities for children from birth to age 5. No Story Time July 18th & August 1st.

Read to Sheldon Thursday June 6th & August 1st from 3-4 pm. Read your favorite book to Sheldon the Russian Tortoise. All ages welcome!

Teen Time June 11th & 25th, July 9th & 23rd, August 6th & 20th at 4 pm. Enjoy snacks, crafts and games. For ages 11-16.

Family Movie Night June 24th, July 22nd & August 26th at 6 pm. Snacks will be available to purchase during the movie. All ages welcome!

Art Attack July 8th & August 12th at 6:30 pm. Learn about a new artist and make your own masterpiece in that style. For ages 8 and up.

Special Events:
A Summer Read selection for 2019 is A Mother’s Reckoning by Sue Klebold. Stay posted for upcoming events.

STEAM Saturdays June 8th & August 10th at 10 am. Make a take home project using science, technology, engineering, arts and math. Ages 4 and up, parent involvement required. Only 20 seats available, must sign up at the library!

Paint Party Monday, June 10th from 6 to 8 pm. Stop by the library to see a sample painting and sign up, only 20 seats available! A $5 deposit required at sign up, $15 due at party.

Family Book Club will meet Monday June 17th, July 15th and August 19th from 4-5 pm. The summer selection is the One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate. Best for ages 6 and up.

Crafternoon Saturday, July 13th from 10 -11 am. Visit the library and make a funky, fleece octopus. All supplies provided. All ages welcome, parent involvement required.

Adventure Aquarium Bus Trip Thursday, July 18th. Bus leaves the library at 8:30 am and will return between 4:30 & 5 pm. Seats are $50 per person (ages two and up) which includes bus fare, driver gratuity and aquarium admission. We’ll be traveling on a fully-equipped coach which includes comfy seats, a restroom, air conditioning and wi-fi. To book your seats, call Peg at 610-693-8039, or email Leslie at lpirlroth@gmail.com. We will depart the library at 8:30 a.m. and return between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m. The Friends are sponsoring this fantastic trip to benefit the library, so be sure to join the fun!

Our fall general program, open to everyone, will feature a favorite presenter, Steve Heffner, with another fascinating account on the Battle of Gettysburg. That program is slated for Tuesday, October 22 at 7 p.m.

Our fall book sale is scheduled for October 26. Keep in mind that all fund-raising events we sponsor are posted in various locations around Robesonia and the surrounding area.

See you at the library!

“When I was young, we couldn’t afford much. But my library card was my key to the world.” ~John Goodman
Summer Worship Schedule begins May 26th:
Saturday Worship at 5:00pm
Sunday Worship at 8:00am & 9:30am, No Sunday School
Sundaes on Sunday after the late worship service on June 16th, July 28th, and August 25th! Yum!!

Trinity’s Music Camp
June 17th through 21st (9am to 3pm) with performances at all worship services June 22nd & 23rd. Open to all children having completed third grade and up. Minimal charge of $35. Pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is June 3rd.

Trinity’s cooking camp
Aug. 5th through 9th (9am to noon). Open to all children having completed fifth grade and up. Minimal charge of $20. Pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is July 15th.

Trinity’s Vacation Bible School
July 15th through July 19th (9:00am to noon) - open to all children ages four through 6th grade. Registration by July 1st guarantees child will receive a free T-shirt.

Trinity’s Senior Group Bus Trips
We call ourselves ABO (Anything but Old!). This group is for adults age 55 and older. We like to go on trips to enjoy dinner out and some kind of entertainment. We like fellowship – spending time with our friends and making new friends. Join us in our travels; you do not have to be a Trinity member to participate.

Here are our upcoming trips:
Dec. 2nd thru 6th – Christmas in Williamsburg: Five-day bus trip to experience the beauty of the season in Colonial Williamsburg. $875 per person with double occupancy. $1,110 per person single occupancy. Contact the Trinity church office for a complete and detailed itinerary.

December 10th – Christmas Trip: 1st stop – Hershey’s Chocolate World and then lunch in the circular dining room of the elegant Hershey Hotel. After lunch, we proceed to the theater for the annual holiday show at American Music Theatre. $95 per person all inclusive.

Girl Scout News
Spring is here and summer is around the corner. This is the time of year the girls start thinking about camping. We are returning to French Creek for our annual camporee weekend. We had so much fun last two years and are looking forward to this year’s weekend.

As always, girls K to 12 can join Girl Scouts any time during the year. Adult volunteers are also welcome. For more information contact Ann Reynolds – AnnR40@comcast.net 610-693-6640.

Reminder to Taxpayers
Marshall Reynolds, Tax Collector
276 S. Church St.
Robesonia, PA 19551
610-693-6640

Hello! On July 1 the School Real Estate and Per Capita tax bills will be sent out. July and August will be the 2% discount period, September and October flat rate period and after October 31 there will be a 10% penalty until December 31. I cannot accept any payments after December 31.

I will be available at the Borough office on:
August 19 – 10 AM to noon
August 21– 10 AM to noon
August 26 – 10 AM to noon
August 28 – 10 AM to noon

I will also be available at my home at 276 South Church Street on:
July 8 – 10 AM to noon
August 23 – 5 PM to 7 PM
August 28 – 5 PM to 7 PM
August 30 – 5 PM to 7 PM
October 31 – 10 AM to noon
December 31 – 10 AM to noon
Please make checks payable to Marshall C. Reynolds, Borough of Robesonia Tax Collector.

You can also call me at 610-693-6640 for an appointment if these times do not work for you. If you prefer, you can mail your payment to me. When mailing your payment, if you require a receipt you will need to enclose a self addressed, stamped envelope along with your bill and check.

Another option – I have a locked drop box next to my office door at 276 S. Church St. Please, please do not drop payments in my mailbox at the curb – I cannot be responsible if the postal service picks it up in error.

CW COMMUNITY POOL --

Another Summer and another great year to join the CW Pool.

The Conrad Weiser Community Pool, formerly the Robesonia Pool, is back and better than ever!

Following a restructuring of our business model and a new team of volunteers working closely with the old, the CW Pool is looking forward to another great season serving residents of the Conrad Weiser School District and surrounding areas.

Memberships are still available at [www.CWPool.org](http://www.CWPool.org)

PLAYGROUND TOO! This summer, the Robesonia Borough Playground Program will be managed by the CW Pool. For children of residents of Robesonia and Heidelberg Township, ages 4-12 as of June 1st, the FREE playground program will continue to offer local youth a safe and fun recreation space for 6 weeks over the Summer. Playground at the CW Pool will run from Monday, June 17th to Thursday, July 25th, 2019 and goes Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the CW Pool - 161 S. Freeman Street, Robesonia, PA 19551. Sign up forms are available online at [www.robesoniaboro.org](http://www.robesoniaboro.org) or [www.cwpool.org](http://www.cwpool.org).

MORE HELP IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED!! You know what REALLY makes the CW Pool a fantastic local hot spot?? YOU DO! Ask a lifeguard about how you can get involved and help make the CW Pool even better. You won't regret it!

To find out more, visit [www.cwpool.org](http://www.cwpool.org).

This Spring's Robesonia Townwide Yard Sale is **Saturday June 15th**. Event pages may be found now on Facebook at - Robesonia Townwide Yard Sale-Western Berks County, PA. Event pages are public so you may share them with your family and friends or invite them to like the page as well. If you are not on Facebook you may email me your Yard Sale listing with highlights. Email me at [Robesoniayardsale@hotmail.com](mailto:Robesoniayardsale@hotmail.com). I will also again this year be using the Yard Sale Treasure Map App where buyers can find your location on the map with highlights of what you are selling with their smartphones. So make sure you post up on event pages or send me your location with highlights of what you are selling. Reminder for Town residents off of Penn Ave/Rt 422 to put up a sign on Penn Ave/ Rt 422 letting buyers know you have a yard sale down your street.

**ORDINANCE REMINDERS!!**

**CURFEW:** All minors under the age of 18 must be off the streets between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM, unless accompanied by a parent, guardian or other person having legal custody of such child.

**GRASS & WEEDS:** Grass and weeds cannot exceed 6” in height and may not be blown into the street!

**PETS:**

Confinement: All dogs must be kept confined within the premises of the owner either by means of a fence or collar and chain. (The sidewalk is considered a public thoroughfare therefore dogs should not have access to the sidewalk unless under the control of the owner at the time.) Animals MUST now be kept on a leash no longer than 6’ when walking them off your premises!

Cleaning up: It is unlawful to allow your pet to defecate upon any street, sidewalk, passageway, park or other public place, unless the owner immediately removes and disposes of, in a sanitary manner, all feces deposited by the animal.

The keeping of animals shall not create a serious nuisance (including noise or odor), a health hazard or a public safety danger.

Numbers: A maximum combined total of 6 dogs and cats shall be permitted to be kept by residents of each dwelling unit. Such limits shall apply to dogs or cats over 6 months of age. Any greater number shall need to be approved as a “kennel”.

**JUNK:** It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to store or allow to be stored any scrap
metal, including old, inoperable or unlicensed vehicles or vehicles not displaying a current registration sticker, safety inspection sticker and emissions control sticker (if required), or any excessive amount of scrap, refuse or rubbish, in such a manner as to constitute a nuisance or which tends to depreciate adjoining properties.

PARKING OF MAJOR/RECREATIONAL VEHICLES: No major recreational equipment and major vehicles shall be parked or stored on any lot in a residentially zoned district except in a carport, or an enclosed building, in a rear yard, or on that portion of a private residential driveway not within the road right-of-way for a period in excess of forty-eight (48) consecutive hours. Major Equipment & Recreational Vehicles may be parked for purposes of loading and unloading along public streets for a period of time not exceeding 48 hours. Additionally, no Major Recreational Equipment shall be used for living, sleeping or housekeeping purposes when parked or stored on a residential lot for a period in excess of 96 consecutive hours.

THE MAYOR’S MUSINGS
Mayor Randy Gartner

The Annual Robesonia Craft Show will be held the 3rd Saturday in August from 9am to 3pm at the Furnace Firehouse Pavilion.

The 3rd Annual Robesonia Car Show will be held on Labor Day, Monday September 2nd. This year it will be sponsored by the Borough of Robesonia. All makes of cars welcome. Prizes will be awarded in 8 categories. Door prizes, food and music by Flamin Dick and The Hot Rods. The show starts at 9am and the Hot Rods play from 1 to 4 pm. Proceeds benefit the Fire Company. Major sponsors are WD Zwicky and Son and Savage L&B, Dodge and Jeep.

As you may have heard, Robesonia will be withdrawing from the Western Berks Police Department effective December 31, 2019. We are currently looking at a few alternative options to having police protection beginning on January 1, 2020. You will not be without police protection and we are doing our best to find the most cost-efficient community policing available.

Friends of the Robesonia Furnace Summer Show
Saturday August 24, 2019
9:00am to 3:00 pm
To be held at the Friends of the Furnace Museum
430 Freeman Street,
Robesonia, PA

Folk Art, Vintage, Food and Music
MS4 MATTERS

- Did you know that because of impervious surfaces like pavements and rooftops, a typical city block generates more than 5 times more runoff than a woodland area of the same size? In urban and suburban areas, much of the land surface is covered by buildings and pavements, which do not allow rain and snowmelt to soak into the ground. Instead, most developed areas rely on storm drains to carry large amounts of runoff from roofs and paved areas to nearby waterways. The stormwater runoff carries pollutants such as oil, dirt, chemicals, and lawn fertilizers directly to streams and rivers, where they seriously harm water quality. To protect surface water quality and groundwater resources, development should be designed and built to minimize increases in runoff.

- Stormwater is a leading cause of poor water quality. Rain or melted snow runs down driveways, sidewalks and streets carrying oil, dirt and other pollutants into nearby waterways. Polluted runoff, which can cause erosion and flooding, runs into waterways and degrades plants, fish, shellfish and other wildlife. In water used for recreation, the runoff can lead to illness, and people who eat contaminated fish can also become sick. Untreated stormwater can also contaminate drinking water sources.

- Did you know that herbicides and pesticides are harmful to our kids, pets and the environment? The chemicals in these materials pollute our waterways if washed from our lawns and gardens into storm drains or roadside ditches that lead directly to our lakes and rivers. Practicing earth-friendly landscaping in your yard and garden can help to protect kids, pets and our waterways.

FREE COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT!!
Sponsored by Tompkins VIST Bank

Saturday, June 22, 2019
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Lower Heidelberg Township Building
720 Brownsville Road

Confidential, on-site shredding
Provided by:
United Document
10 boxes per vehicle (maximum)

WERNERSVILLE WOMEN’S CLUB

LONGWOOD GARDENS BUS TRIP!!
Friday, June 7

Leaving Wernersville at 8 AM
Arriving at the Gardens approximately 9:30 AM

Leaving the Gardens at 3:30 PM
Arriving at Wernersville approximately 5:00 PM

Gardens: $60 person
Includes Bus and Group Rate Admission
If you have a membership it will be $17 less

We have 30 seats available, 1st come, 1st serve
Checks payable to Women’s Club of Wernersville

If interested, please contact Donna Golding
Ddmg1230@yahoo.com
201-396-0552

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time." - John Lubbock

"Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August." - Jenny Han, The Summer I Turned Pretty
Robesonia Borough Car Show
Monday, September 2nd 2019
75 South Brook St
Robesonia, Pa 19551
Music by “Flamin Dick and The Hot Rods”
Proceeds go to Pioneer Hose Fire Company
Check in starts at 9 am.
Any car, any year allowed. $10 pre- registration. $15 day of show.

Main Show Sponsors - WD Zwicky and Son
Savage L&B Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram
Send form along with check made to Robesonia Borough to
75 South Brook St, Robesonia, Pa 19551
Prizes, food, music.

Name _________________________________________________
Address ________________________________________________
Phone number___________________________________________
E-mail__________________________________________________
For more information call Randy Gartner @ 484-955-7381 or e-mail at
RGartner@verizon.net