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## BOROUGH CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

December 1.....Christmas Tree Lighting  
 December 11.....Borough Council Meeting  
 December 12.....Food Truck & Restaurant Rally  
 December 17.....Library Board Meeting  
 December 18.....Planning Commission Meeting  
 December 25.....Borough Office Closed

### JANUARY

January 1.....Borough Office Closed  
 January 8.....Borough Council Meeting\*  
 January 14.....Library Board Meeting\*  
 January 15.....Planning Commission Meeting\*  
 January 20.....Borough Office Closed

### FEBRUARY

February 12.....Borough Council Meeting\*  
 February 17.....Borough Office Closed  
 February 18.....Library Board Meeting\*  
 February 19.....Planning Commission Meeting\*

For more details and events, visit  
[newcumberlandborough.com](http://newcumberlandborough.com)

## FROM THE MAYOR . . .

I hope you have enjoyed, as much as I have, the beautiful fall weather, the turning of the trees, and all of the fall activities, including Vicki's Angel Walk, the New Cumberland Gala, and our first Octoberfest. As I walk with Ruthie around our neighborhoods, I am struck by how nice our homes are, the pride in the decorations, the lawns, and sidewalks. However, as we embark on the winter months, a few reminders; first, being a good neighbor also includes taking care of your pets. We have an influx of cats in our neighborhoods; fortunately, we have compassionate community members who have attempted to catch and release these cats or try to rehome them. If you have a cat or litter you can't keep; please, notify a local animal shelter; they can provide guidance; do not release them to the streets- it is cruel to pets and can become a challenge to our community. Additionally, dogs are to be on leashes, and it is the owner's responsibility to pick up their poop! I have seen more and more on my walks..... and finally, good neighbors also abide by the speed limit signs. In New Cumberland the speed limit is 25 MPH; and during school hours, speed limits are reduced to 15 MPH in school zones. Notably, there is no passing on Bridge St. or Brandt Ave. ( yes... it has occurred) and stop signs and red lights are not suggestions. Please stop and look. Let's keep all of us safe this winter!

*Mayor Joan Erney*

## STAY CONNECTED

### Subscribe to the Monthly eMessenger

Visit [newcumberlandborough.com](http://newcumberlandborough.com), select the "Sign up for eNews" yellow button under the "Living Here" menu to sign up to receive monthly Borough newsletters to your email. You will continue to get the printed quarterly Messenger.

### Sign Up to Receive Emergency Alerts

Our community notification system gives residents, businesses, and visitors 24/7 access to important emergency alerts. CodeRED is built on the Onsolve communication system to ensure efficient, secure messaging via phone, email, and text. Please register online at [newcumberlandborough.com](http://newcumberlandborough.com), select the "Sign up for E-Alerts" green button under the "Living Here" menu or text newcumberlandpa to 99411 for a link to be sent to your phone.

### Sign Up to Receive CRIMEWATCH Alerts

Receive alerts through email or a mobile app about crime and arrests in New Cumberland Borough. The app lets you browse nearby crime and anonymously submit tips to authorities. Please register online at [newcumberlandborough.com](http://newcumberlandborough.com), select "Sign up for CRIMEWATCH Alerts" under the Departments/Police menu.

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# GENERAL INFORMATION & DIRECTORY

## NEW CUMBERLAND BOROUGH OFFICE

1120 Market St, New Cumberland, PA 17070  
Hours are 8:15am-4:45pm Monday-Thursday, 8:15am-12:15pm Friday  
Email: [info@newcumberlandborough.com](mailto:info@newcumberlandborough.com)  
Phone: (717) 774-0404  
Website: [newcumberlandborough.com](http://newcumberlandborough.com)

### BOROUGH DIRECTORY

Unless indicated otherwise, the phone number for the following contacts is (717) 774-0404.

Borough Manager, Nathaniel Dysard  
Building Code Official, Approved Codes, (717) 506-0464  
Chief of Police, Richard Wiley, (717) 774-0400  
Codes & Zoning, Brian Searle  
EMS, Deputy Chief, Edward Erlsten, (717) 774-0193  
Fire Chief, Jeff Gouldy, (717) 774-0193  
Library Director, Vacant  
Public Works, Mark Hinton, (717) 774-7827

### BOROUGH COUNCIL – Four-year term

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Gennifer Richie (2025)  
Fred Miles (2025)  
Drew Lawrence (2027)  
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### OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Ambulance (non-emergency)..... (717) 774-0193  
Cumberland County Courthouse ..... (888) 697-0371  
District Justice..... (717) 737-3434  
Fire Department (non-emergency) ..... (717) 774-0193  
New Cumberland Library..... (717) 774-7820  
New Cumberland Post Office ..... (717) 774-7092  
Police Office (non-emergency) ..... (717) 774-0400  
Senior Citizens Center..... (717) 774-0409  
State Representative Sheryl Delozier..... (717) 761-4665  
State Senator Mike Regan ..... (717) 432-1730  
Tax Collector ..... (717) 774-7424  
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Penn Waste ..... (717) 767-4456  
PPL/Street Light Problems..... (800) 342-5775

### SCHOOLS

Cedar Cliff High School ..... (717) 737-8654  
Red Land High School..... (717) 938-6561  
Trinity High School ..... (717) 761-1116  
New Cumberland Middle School ..... (717) 774-0162  
Hillside Elementary ..... (717) 774-1321  
St. Theresa School ..... (717) 774-7464

### MAYOR

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Rebecca L. Parthemore (2025)  
John M. Repetz (2024)  
Michael J. Pykosh, Solicitor

# WINTER READINESS

## SNOW PLOWING

New Cumberland Borough's Public Works Department implements a wide variety of snow and ice control techniques depending on the exact nature of the winter storm. The borough typically has a two-phase action plan for performing winter maintenance services.

1. Open and maintain main traffic arteries.
2. Open and maintain access into and through all residential areas.

### Please observe the following tips:

- Before the snow starts to fall, park off the street in a driveway or garage if available.
- Plow or shovel snow to the right side of the driveway as you face the road. Having snow deposited away from the direction of the oncoming snowplows prevents the bulk of the snow from being pushed back into your driveway. However, please recognize that some snow will inevitably end up in front of all driveways as plows move down the street.
- There will be times that the snowplows will push the snow against traffic to the left along the curb line.
- Eliminate snow piles at the driveway entrance. Accumulated snow often obstructs visibility and creates road hazards by preventing drivers from seeing and being seen by other motorists.
- When you clear your driveway or sidewalk, DO NOT put snow in the street. It is unlawful to throw, place or dispose of any snow or ice upon any portion of any street, highway, avenue, or roadway. Shoveling snow onto public roadways creates hazardous driving conditions and property owners can be held responsible for accidents which result from snow being placed onto roadways.
- If you shovel out a parking space along the curb near your driveway, shovel out the area before the driveway (where the plow clears before it reaches your driveway).
- If you must park along the curb, try parking before your driveway.
- It is against the law to place chairs, sawhorses, buckets, or any other obstruction in a space you have cleared for parking in the street.
- Cleaning snow around fire hydrants is every citizen's job. As soon as the snow stops falling, clear the fire hydrant nearest to your home or property.
- Your cooperation is necessary and appreciated.

# CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION & REUSE OPTIONS

## Curbside Tree Collection

Christmas tree collection in New Cumberland Borough will begin on Thursday, January 2, 2025, and run through Monday, January 17, 2025 on your scheduled trash collection day.

- Trees must be placed curbside in front of your property, not more than 24 hours prior to your collection day.
- Trees must be free of all lights and decorations, including tree stands.
- If a commercial tree bag is used to remove the tree from your home, please be sure to remove the bag prior to collection.

## Sustainable Ways to Recycle/Reuse Your Tree

Here are eight ways you can reuse your Christmas tree long after the season is over.

1. Firewood for outdoors - The sap from evergreens is flammable, so never use it for firewood indoors. For outdoors it should be dried out a few months before cutting or burning.
2. Mulch - Whether it's with the wood chips or needles, mulch is a great way to keep your yard trees healthy and moist during the cold winter season.
3. Ash for your garden - After you've burned the wood from your tree, gather the ashes and spread them on your garden. Wood ash contains potassium and lime (among other nutrients), which help plants thrive.
4. Insulate your garden - Cut off the branches of your tree and lay them on your garden bed, the boughs will protect your plants from winter freezes and spring thaws.
5. Fresheners - If the needles on your tree are still green, strip the tree and store the needles in paper bags or sachets to use as fresheners.
6. Coasters - Cut the trunk into one-inch wood coasters. They're attractive, practical, and protect your wood tables from water damage. Let the tree completely dry before cutting and varnish the coasters before use.



Adapted from the Arbor Day Foundation's website.

# WINTER WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

Know the signs of hypothermia and frostbite, and how treat them quickly.



## Hypothermia

An unusually low body temperature. A temperature below 95° is an emergency.

**Signs:** Shivering. Exhaustion. Confusion. Fumbling hands. Memory loss. Slurred speech. Drowsiness.

**How to treat:** Go to a warm room. Warm the center of the body first; chest, neck, head, and groin. Keep dry and wrapped in warm blankets, including the head and neck.



## Frost Bite

Causes loss of feeling and color around the face, fingers and toes.

**Signs:** Numbness. White or grayish-yellow skin. Firm or waxy skin.

**How to treat:** Go to a warm room. Soak in warm water. Use body heat to warm. Don't massage or use a heating pad.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & CODES

### COMPREHENSIVE RECREATION, PARK & TRAIL NETWORK PLAN



New Cumberland Borough hired consultant Mahan Rykiel Associates to develop a Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Trail Network Plan. The project has been ongoing for about a year and is wrapping up the end of 2024. This plan supports the 2019 New Cumberland Borough Revitalization Strategy recommendations for park and recreation enhancements, multimodal connections, and the Borough's desire to provide the optimal mix of recreational opportunities that meet the needs of our growing community. This plan will provide recommendations to enhance and upgrade park and open space facilities; improve environmental sustainability; identify new recreational and trail opportunities; create a more walkable and bike-friendly community; and increase connectivity within the Borough and to neighboring communities and trail networks. The planning process has included public engagement

(through in-person meetings and a community survey) to develop a vision and framework for the Borough's parks and trail system as a whole and individually. Additional information regarding the plan can be found on the Borough website.

### SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

To promote safe sidewalks during winter months, the owner, occupant, or tenant of every property fronting upon or alongside of any of the streets in New Cumberland Borough is required to remove all snow or ice fallen or formed within 10 hours from the end of a weather event. Snow or ice that continues after 6:00 p.m. may be removed at any time before 10:00 a.m. of the next morning. Fire hydrants must always remain visible and accessible. The owner, occupant, or tenant of every property is required to remove all snow or ice and provide a three-foot clearance around the fire hydrant within the time limits above. Snow and ice removed from sidewalks, walkways and fire hydrants shall in no case be thrown onto any street.

For more information, please refer to the [Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance 698](#).

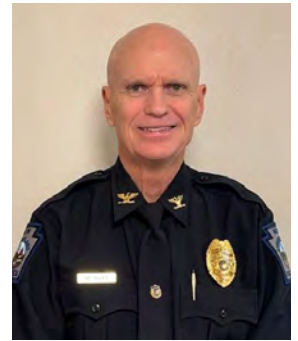


# POLICE, FIRE & EMS

## MEET RICHARD WILEY: YOUR NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

We are thrilled to introduce our new Chief of Police, Richard Wiley. Chief Wiley brings a wealth of law enforcement experience to our community, with a background that spans from serving as the Chief of Police for Lower Swatara Township to his extensive tenure at the Philadelphia Police Department.

With a career that boasts leadership roles in diverse and challenging environments, Chief Wiley is no stranger to implementing crucial changes and fostering a strong sense of community involvement. During his time as the Chief of Police in West Melbourne, Florida, he led an impactful transformation, focusing on crime management, proper supervision, and community policing. His dedication to these principles led to accreditation for the West Melbourne Police Department, a testament to his commitment to excellence.



Returning to Pennsylvania with a rich history of achievements, Chief Wiley's vision for our department is centered on fairness, training, recognition, and working conditions. His past successes in restructuring agencies, implementing new training programs, and achieving accreditation at the state level demonstrate his relentless pursuit of excellence and accountability.

Chief Wiley's tenure at the Philadelphia Police Department is marked by his progression through various ranks, from Patrol to Staff Inspector. His experience in diverse roles, such as managing a patrol district and serving on the Law Enforcement Advisory Council for the University of Pennsylvania, showcases his comprehensive expertise in law enforcement operations and community engagement.

As our new Chief of Police, Chief Wiley is committed to leveraging his extensive experience to enhance our policing operations, uphold ethical practices, and strengthen our community partnerships. With his proven ability to manage complex policing operations and a dedication to community-based policing, we are confident that Chief Wiley will be an invaluable asset to our borough.

We are excited to welcome Chief Wiley to our community and look forward to the positive impact he will undoubtedly have on the safety and well-being of our residents.

Plan ahead for peace of mind.

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## STAY SAFE IN SNOW SQUALLS

Snow squalls are dangerous to encounter on the road. They severely reduce visibility and create hazardous conditions within minutes.

### What To Do

-  The best thing you can do is pull over and wait it out.
-  If you're on the highway, take the next exit and find somewhere safe to wait.
-  Snow squalls can't always be predicted but if they are in the forecast, try to avoid or postpone travel.

### In Case of a Pileup

Snow squalls can cause major highway pileups, putting motorists in danger. Here's what to do to stay safe:

- Get as far away from the road as possible, if you can safely do so.
- Slowly drive to the front of the pileup if you can.
- Don't stand on or near the roadway.
- Stay seated in your vehicle if you can't safely exit.



### Supplies For Your Car

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## CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



### PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



### PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



### LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



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## AFTER CHRISTMAS

- Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.
- Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

## FACTS

- ! **Almost one third** of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes more than **one in every five** of the fires.

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## BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR

- If serviced by a mortgage company, forward one portion of your bill immediately to the company. Keep the remainder for your records.
- Payments can be mailed or put in drop slot at the Tax Collector Office. If you require an official receipt, send your check, ALL COPIES OF THE TAX BILL and a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- No personal or business checks will be accepted after 12/15/24 for 2024 taxes. After 12/15/24, acceptable payment types are certified funds, cashier's check, money order and/or cash.
- After 12/31/24 your unpaid bill will be returned to the Tax Claim Bureau for collection and filing of a lien against your property.
- Notify the Tax Collector of address changes. Tax bills are not forwarded. Non receipt of a tax bill does not excuse the taxpayer from payment responsibility.
- No partial or postdated checks will be accepted, and payment must be received or U.S. postmarked by the due date.
- If assistance is required, please contact your Tax Collector prior to visiting the office.
- To ensure proper credit, a tax bill or tax bill number should be included with all tax payments and your phone number.

### Robin Gasperetti, Tax Collector

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### Remaining 2024 Office Hours

November 27th 7-11 a.m.  
December 11th & 27th 7-11 a.m.

### Office Closed

September, January & February  
Holidays & Election Days

*Hours are subject to change.*

# RECREATION

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- Hatha Flow Yoga Pilates
- Kickboxing & Abs
- Martial Arts (all ages4+)
- Muscle Pump
- SalsaTone
- Tai Chi
- Zumba Toning & Abs
- Zumba Step
- Ballroom Dancing

### KINDER TOTS

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### KINDER GYM

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### KINDERDANCE

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### YOUTH ART FUN (ages 4-10)

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### WORKSHOPS (age 18+)

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### CHALLENGE ISLAND

Programs are carefully designed to meet the needs of both today’s playful, imaginative child and tomorrow’s globally successful adult. Kids tell us Challenge Island feels like a party - and indeed it is a celebration of your child’s unlimited potential.

### ADULT CPR/AED RED CROSS CERTIFICATION

Be prepared to help provide assistance when someone is faced with a cardiac or breathing emergency.



# WEST SHORE SENIOR CENTER

West Shore Senior Center (WSSC) is a friendly social hub for adults 55 and better located in downtown New Cumberland Borough. Connect with others over coffee or lunch, enjoy a friendly card game with friends, take up crafting, join a pool league, and much more! WSSC also plans cultural excursions. Check their website for monthly activity calendars.

**Hours:** Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Location:** 122 Geary Ave, New Cumberland, PA 17070

**Phone:** (717) 774-0409

## West Shore Senior Center Website

Visit [messiahlifeways.org/ministries/westshore/](http://messiahlifeways.org/ministries/westshore/)

to download a monthly newsletter, calendar of events, and menu. WSSC will do their best to make updates as they have changes, which happens on occasion.

## WSSC Facebook Group

Type the following URL directly into your browser to join their Facebook group: [Facebook.com/groups/WestShoreSeniorCenter](https://www.facebook.com/groups/WestShoreSeniorCenter)

## Lunch Orders & Activity Sign Ups

Please contact the WSSC office by 12:00 noon the preceding day (Friday at 12:00 noon for Monday orders) to order your lunch for the next day. Please also indicate if you will be eating in or if you would like your meal to-go. If you prefer, you are also welcome to hand in your lunch calendar monthly to WSSC Manager, Erin Grable, [WestShoreSeniorCenter@messiahlifeways.org](mailto:WestShoreSeniorCenter@messiahlifeways.org)

The Cumberland County Office of Aging (CCOA) takes on the responsibility of paying \$4.92 for every meal served at Cumberland County Senior Centers. WSSC politely ask that everyone contribute a \$3 donation per meal they eat at WSSC or pickup to-go. This is not mandatory, but it does help give some money back to the County who helps keep the senior centers running. As WSSC increase the number of activities they're offering, it is also helpful for them to be prepared for the number of members they have participating in certain events. Please sign up ahead of time (monthly or weekly) for activities including Tai Chi, chair yoga, and bingo.



## Birthday Celebrations

WSSC celebrate birthdays once a month for anyone who has a birthday that month. Let them know what month your birthday lands on!

## Community Room Rentals

Messiah Lifeways is excited to continue renting out the community room to members, as well as anyone from the community. If you or someone you know is looking for a space to rent for a party, please contact Jenny for more information.

## Suggested Membership Fee

While the \$25 annual membership fee is not required, WSSC politely ask that everyone please consider making an effort to help keep the Senior Center running. As a member who donates the annual \$25 fee, you will also be able to receive discounts on certain trips. WSSC thanks you greatly for your consideration!

WSSC is a ministry of Messiah Lifeways and is supported, in part, by the Cumberland County Office of Aging and Community Services, the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, and New Cumberland Borough.

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# EVENTS IN THE BOROUGH

## CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

**Sunday, December 1** – Join the residents and guests of New Cumberland Borough at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at 5 p.m. at Elkwood Park (7th and Bridge Streets). Hosted by the New Cumberland Ministerium and the New Cumberland Olde Towne Association, there will be a Christmas service telling the story of the Nativity; and Christmas carols by the New Cumberland Town Band and we all try our best to sing along. Cookies and hot chocolate will be provided by the New Cumberland Olde Towne Association. The community tree is lit, and everyone wishes their neighbors a wonderful holiday. Join us and see what it is like to be part of the New Cumberland community.



## FOOD TRUCK & RESTAURANT RALLY & HOLIDAYS IN NEW CUMBERLAND

**Thursday, December 12** – The New Cumberland Business and Professional Group invite the community to attend Second Thursday and the last 2024 New Cumberland Food Truck & Restaurant Rally on December 12, 2024, from 5 to 8 p.m., in downtown New Cumberland. Catch a horse-drawn wagon ride through town and keep an eye out for Santa. Be sure to stop at the food trucks in Market Square for dinner before or after for savory fare from around the region. Find more information on <https://newcumberlandborough.com/events/food-truck-restaurant-rally-dec2024/>.



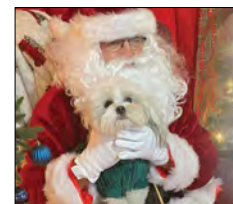
## OPERATION SANTA

**Saturday, December 21** – Santa is coming to town in style! Starting at 3 p.m., listen for the sirens as Santa rides a fire truck throughout the Borough to spread cheer to all our residents. The New Cumberland Borough firefighters escorting him are sure to have plenty of candy canes as well!

## NEW CUMBERLAND LIBRARY EVENTS

### Holly Luncheon: Sweet Adelines Barbershop Octet

**Tuesday, December 10, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM** – Foundation House, Join the Friends of the Library for their Holly Luncheon program which will feature entertainment by the Sweet Adelines Barbershop Octet. The program is free and open to the public. The cost for the luncheon is \$10. Reservations can be made at the main desk at the Library.



### Shelf Love

**2nd Floor Meeting Room, 6pm No Registration Required** – Treat yourself to shelf love! This book discussion group is designed for busy, working individuals. We understand – reading a book in one month's time is not always possible. We discuss a particular book every other month. We still get together once a month, though. On the off month, we check up on each other's progress and talk about how we feel about the book "so far" in a casual, zero-pressure environment. The book we will discuss in November is *Such a Fun Age* by Kiley Reid. November's program is sponsored by The Pennsylvania Bakery.

### Selections for the 2024-2025 Season:

December 10 - Shelf Love Social

January 14 - *Maame* by Jessica George

February 11 - Shelf Love Social

March 11 - *Lovers and Liars* by Amanda Eyre Ward

April 8 - Shelf Love Social

May 13 - *The Push* by Ashley Audrain



### Book Sales

The Friends of the New Cumberland Public Library will hold pre-owned book sales on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM in the Foundation House located across the shared parking lot from the Library. Sales include hardback and paperback books in fiction and non-fiction, DVDs, music CDs, puzzles, children's books, 33 1/3 rpm vinyl records, and more. The Friends have large collections of all genres of books, DVD movies, a children's book corner, and "specials" during each sale.

• December 7 & 21 • January 4 & 18 • February 1 & 15

More events and details on the calendar at [newcumberlandlibrary.org](https://newcumberlandlibrary.org).



# CHARITABLE GIVING SCAMS AWARENESS

## Charity and Disaster Fraud

The FBI describes charity fraud as schemes that “seek donations for organizations that do little or no work—instead, the money goes to the fake charity’s creator.” These scams can come in many forms, for example, by phone, emails, internet and social media posts, crowdfunding platforms, and face-to-face contact. While these scams can happen at any time, they are especially prevalent after high-profile disasters. Always use caution and do your research when you are looking to donate to charitable causes. After a natural disaster or other emergencies, carefully vet any contractors before hiring them to work on your home or business (Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI], n.d.).



The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) collected some of the tricks scammers might use. Scammers may:

- Change the caller ID to make it look like it is from your local area code.
- Use names that sound a lot like the names of real charities.
- Rush you into donating.
- Trick you into paying them by thanking you for a donation that you never made.
- Ask you to donate in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money.
- Make vague and sentimental claims, but give no specifics about how they will use the donation.
- Claim that your gift is tax-deductible, when it is not.
- Guarantee sweepstakes winnings in exchange for a donation. This is not only a scam but also illegal.

When you see any red flags or are unsure how a charity will use your donation, consider giving to a well known organization instead (FTC, n.d.).

Furthermore, if a donation request comes from a group claiming to help your local community (for example, local police or firefighters), first contact the beneficiary and ask if they have heard of the group and are getting financial support from the funder.

Be aware when you use text to donate. There might be extra charges on your mobile phone bill. If you’ve asked your mobile phone provider to block premium text messages, you won’t be able to donate this way (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation [FDIC], 2021).

The FBI (n.d.) recommends these steps before sending any money:

- Give only to established charities or groups whose work you know and trust.

- Check the website’s address to make sure it is a legitimate charity organization, and make sure it ends with “.org”.
- Research and examine the charity’s track record using the FTC’s resources.
- Pay with a check or a credit card. It’s probably a scam if a charity or organization asks you to donate through cash, gift card, virtual currency, or wire transfer.
- Practice good cyber hygiene:
  - Don’t click links or open email attachments from someone you don’t know.
  - Manually type out links instead of clicking on them.
  - Don’t provide any personal information in response to an email, robocall, or robotext.

In addition, FTC suggests reviewing your statements closely and making sure you were only charged for the amount you agreed to donate. Pay attention to details, especially if it is a one-time-only or a recurring donation. Keep a record of all contributions (FTC, n.d.). The best practice is to make an annual donation plan and learn if the organization is eligible for tax-deductible contributions (FDIC, 2021).

## Report Fraud

Suppose you’re a victim of charity or disaster fraud with reportable information (name of the organization or fundraiser, phone number, and what the fundraiser said). In that case, you can file a report on any of these pages:

- Contact your state consumer protection office
- Report fraud to the FBI at [tips.fbi.gov](https://tips.fbi.gov)
- Report online fraud to the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center
- Report scams to [FTC.gov/complaint](https://ftc.gov/complaint)
- Find your state charity regulator at [nasconet.org](https://nasconet.org) and report it to them, too.
- Report suspected disaster-related fraud to the National Center for Disaster Fraud

In Pennsylvania, contact the Department of State online or by mail at:

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Harrisburg, PA 17120

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[ST-CHARITY@pa.gov](mailto:ST-CHARITY@pa.gov)

# Volunteers Needed



## OPEN BOARD POSITIONS FOR 2025

New Cumberland Borough is excited to announce that we will be looking for dedicated volunteers to serve on various Borough boards and commissions in 2025. Positions will be open on the Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, Library Board, and Vacancy Board. If you are passionate about shaping the future of our community and have an interest in contributing to these important areas, we encourage you to submit a letter of interest and/or resume to the Borough Manager. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a meaningful impact and be involved in decision-making processes that directly affect the Borough.



## Replace your alarms after 10 years.

Smoke alarms do not last forever. If your alarms are 10 years old or older, replace them with new alarms.







# Safe Winter Driving

Winter driving can be hazardous and scary, especially in northern regions that get a lot of snow and ice. Additional preparations can help make a trip safer, or help motorists deal with an emergency. This sheet provides safety information to your residents to help prevent motor vehicle injuries due to winter storms.

## THE THREE P'S OF SAFE WINTER DRIVING:

**PREPARE** for the trip;  
**PROTECT** yourself;  
and **PREVENT** crashes on the road.

### PREPARE

- **Maintain Your Car:** Check battery, tire tread, and windshield wipers, keep your windows clear, put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir, and check your antifreeze.
- **Have On Hand:** flashlight, jumper cables, abrasive material (sand, kitty litter, even floor mats), shovel, snow brush and ice scraper, warning devices (like flares) and blankets. For long trips, add food and water, medication and cell phone.
- **Stopped or Stalled?** Stay in your car, don't overexert, put bright markers on antenna or windows and shine dome light, and, if you run your car, clear exhaust pipe and run it just enough to stay warm.
- **Plan Your Route:** Allow plenty of time (check the weather and leave early if necessary), be familiar with the maps/ directions, and let others know your route and arrival time.

#### **Practice Cold Weather Driving!**

- During the daylight, rehearse maneuvers slowly on ice or snow in an empty lot.
- Steer into a skid.
- Know what your brakes will do: stomp on antilock brakes, pump on non-antilock brakes.
- Stopping distances are longer on water-covered snow and ice.
- Don't idle for a long time with the windows up or in an enclosed space.

### PROTECT YOURSELF

- Buckle up and use child safety seats properly.
- Never place a rear-facing infant seat in front of an air bag.
- Children 12 and under are much safer in the back seat.

### PREVENT CRASHES

- Drugs and alcohol never mix with driving.
- Slow down and increase distances between cars.
- Keep your eyes open for pedestrians walking in the road.
- Avoid fatigue – Get plenty of rest before the trip, stop at least every three hours, and rotate drivers if possible.
- If you are planning to drink, designate a sober driver.





**Penn Waste accepts unlimited amounts of recycling!**

## Acceptable Items



### METAL:

- Aluminum beverage cans
- Steel food & beverage cans, aerosol cans, paint cans

### GLASS:

- Clear, brown, blue, and green glass food & beverage containers

### PLASTIC:

- #1 through #7 – *All materials must be thoroughly cleaned before placing them in your recycle container.*

- ✓ Remove caps/lids
- ✓ Rinse thoroughly to remove all contaminants
- ✓ It is OK to leave on labels and neck rings

### PAPER, PAPERBOARD & CARDBOARD:

**Recycle Any Size. Any Quantity.**

*Please break down boxes as flat as possible and put them out next to your recycle bin(s) on your pick-up day.*

- All sizes of cardboard boxes
- Clean pizza boxes
- Food boxes (i.e. cereal & gelatin boxes)
- EMPTY paper towel and toilet paper rolls
- Paperboard packaging (i.e. tissue boxes)
- Office paper (any color)
- Shredded paper (in CLEAR plastic bags)
- Newspapers and inserts
- Magazines, catalogs, and brochures
- Envelopes & junk mail
- Paper bags
- Phone books & other soft cover books

- ✓ Remove all packaging (Styrofoam, peanuts, plastic bubble wrap, plastic liners, etc.)
- ✓ Flatten ALL boxes
- ✓ Bundle all cardboard that does not fit into the recycling bin
- ✓ Cover loose paper with heavier items to prevent it from blowing away
- ✓ If the weather forecast calls for high winds or wet weather, if possible, keep your paper recyclables until the next week. Wet paper products are difficult to process.



# Are You Maximizing the Capacity of Your Recycle Container?



*Try these simple tips to get the most out of your recycling container:*

- ✓ Crush your aluminum cans and all plastics.
- ✓ Break down and flatten all cardboard boxes. Any cardboard that cannot fit into your bin should be flattened, bundled, and placed beside the bin.

*Follow these 3 simple steps to ensure your contaminated items are ready to be recycled:*



**1** Remove caps or lids and dispose of them in the trash.



**2** Rinse thoroughly to ensure all recyclables are clean and free of contaminants and residue.



**3** You may leave on the rings and labels.

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