



The Borough of Irwin is a unique town located 22 miles southeast of Pittsburgh in Westmoreland County. Originally and unofficially named "Irwin Station" the residents voted to incorporate the village as the Borough of Irwin in the summer of 1864 naming it after the area's founder, John Irwin.

Borough of Irwin

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Office Hours

Monday – Friday
7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

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THE BOROUGH BUZZ

FALL EDITION OF 2023

Recently, the Borough joined forces with Fight the Blight to clean up a paper alley and restore a drainage swale that was overgrown with vegetation and was malfunctioning. Before and after photographs of the swale are to the right. Following this clean-up event, the Borough established a partnership with Fight the Blight. They are a non-profit company that assists property owners who are no longer able to maintain their properties. For more information, you can visit their website at <https://www.fighttheblightinc.com/>



The Borough received a grant from the Pennsylvania DCED, through the Westmoreland Conservation District, for streambank restoration, with the goal of preventing erosion of the streambank adjacent to Irwin Park. Log vanes were installed to push the water to the center of the stream and create wildlife habitats. The photographs below depict the project, including the rip rap area by the ball fields, which create a relaxing view of the stream for a peaceful walk on the track. Retention ponds and a retaining wall next to the amphitheater were included in the project. Please leave the rocks where they are since they have a purpose.



Irwin Borough Police Department held their Annual Bike Parade on June 3, 2023. They were able to give away 2 bikes and 12 helmets. Thank you to everyone that attended. Please check the Borough Offices or website for when the next Bike Parade will be held.





Irwin Borough & The Turtle Creek Watershed Association held their Annual Duck Race on June 24, 2023, at Irwin Park. This annual event highlights ways to reduce stormwater, help the environment, and assist local non-profits. Check out our Facebook page “Borough of Irwin” to see all the photos from the event.



Watershed-Friendly Certification. Your home can be part of the solution for reducing stormwater runoff, reducing pollution, conserving water, and supporting wildlife and pollinators. These are all critical elements of a healthy, watershed-friendly property. You can find out more information at <https://watershedfriendlypa.org/>.



Irwin Borough Police Department is dispatched through Westmoreland County 911. All non-emergency and emergency calls should be placed through 911. While there is a non-emergency phone number listed on our website, Officers are typically with someone or patrolling. Please visit our website for educational materials on contacting 911 at <https://irwinborough.org/departments/police-department>.





Help Make a Difference with Stormwater!

- Keep leaves and sticks out of storm inlets before, during, and after rain events. This will help prevent flooding.
- Wash vehicles on gravel or grass with biodegradable detergents and soap. This allows the ground to naturally filter the water before it enters the water table.
- Report any illegal dumping into inlets. Items to report include fluids, grass clippings, dirt, litter, and any other debris.
- Use pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers carefully and sparingly, keeping them away from waterways. Excess can run off into streams where it can kill fish and promote overgrowth of algae.
- Clean up after pets. Feces left on the streets and sidewalks can wash into storm inlets and into the nearest stream.
- Repair leaks in your vehicle. Fluids leaking from a vehicle can wash directly into the stream, possibly killing fish and other aquatic life.
- Direct roof drains into a rain barrel or onto grass, as oils in the shingles can pollute the stormwater. Grass will filter out these oils.
- Sweep sidewalks and driveways instead of hosing them off. Using water washes dirt and debris into the streams.

You can see all our information regarding stormwater management on our website:

<https://irwinborough.org/community-resources/storm-water-management>



JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON PROGRAM



The intent of the JCP program is to provide the opportunity for high school and college students residing in the Borough of Irwin to gain first-hand experience in local government, public relations, communications, and community service by participating in Council-related activities, such as meetings and events, and guiding the newly created Junior Council Committee. This program is dedicated to promoting future leadership in the Borough, continuing a positive focus on youth outreach and, in a general sense, developing community resources and improvements in the best interest of Irwin residents.

Eligibility: Current high school junior or senior, or college freshman, sophomore, or junior

Two students serve per year: two-year term with optional summer participation.

Duties: Attend monthly Borough Council meeting and workshop; host monthly Junior Council Person committee meeting and provide report at each monthly Council meeting; propose, develop, and lead one to two projects per school year that are focused on resolving issues facing youth in our community; attend community and Borough-related events; shadow Borough officials and tour departments.

For more information about the program, you can reach out to Councilman Tyler Baum: t.baum@irwinborough.org, or Assistant Borough Manager Katelind Sartori: k.sartori@irwinborough.org



Meet Our Current Junior Council Members Raven Walker and Erica Fierle who are both Seniors this year.

The Junior Council Person Program was re-established in the Borough of Irwin in 2022.