

MEDICAL, FIRE OR POLICE EMERGENCY
DIAL - 9-1-1
Non-Emergency Dispatch - 570-628-3792

In any emergency, call 9-1-1. This will connect you to the Schuylkill County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) with trained staff and cutting edge communications to dispatch the necessary medical, fire or police services quickly and efficiently.

If there is a non-emergency need to contact a police officer, fire company or medical services, call 570-628-3792. This will connect you to a dispatcher who will determine the best responder to your need and can make that contact.

ORWIGSBURG BOROUGH POLICE
209 N. Warren St. • Orwigsburg, PA 17961
Office: 570-366-3101 • Fax: 570-366-3109

The Orwigsburg Police Department provides 24/7/365 police and emergency coverage. Headed by Police Chief John Koury, the department includes officers Brandon Bayer, Robert Bechtel, Bryce Lewis, Tanner Noecker and part-time officers.

SCHUYLKILL EMS - ORWIGSBURG
500 E. Market St. • Orwigsburg, PA 17961



Business Office & Non-Emergency Transport
570-622-2911



www.schuylkillems.org

Schuylkill EMS provides Emergency Medical Services and Advanced Life Support 24/7/365 to Orwigsburg and all of southern Schuylkill County from its headquarters in Pottsville and fully staffed stations located in Schuylkill Haven and Orwigsburg.

Residents are strongly encouraged to support Schuylkill EMS through an individual or household annual subscription, thereby greatly reducing the out-of-pocket cost for emergency service after insurance settlement. Scheduled Non-Emergency Transport back home or to a nursing/rehabilitation facility can be provided at discounted cost to subscribers.

ORWIGSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT
121 N. Liberty St. • Orwigsburg, PA 17961

Friendship Hose Co. No. 1 is the primary responder to fire and emergency needs in Orwigsburg Borough and surrounding townships. A mutual aid agreement with other volunteer fire companies in Schuylkill and Berks counties will rally the necessary response providing the highest quality fire suppression and rescue services available. Officers include Jesse Zimmerman, Fire Chief; Scott Rarick and L.T. Rarick, Assistant Chiefs. The Orwigsburg Fire Police are headed by Allan Shepler, Captain.

For general communications, safety checks, smoke alarm or other safety and membership information, call the non-emergency station number, 570-366-1500.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION TO YOU

In the event of a town emergency ... declared snow emergency, "boil water" advisory, critical information, etc. ... Orwigsburg Borough can issue warnings via an automated call system - SWIFT 911. Residents, businesses, and property owners are urged to sign up for this emergency notification system through the borough website or call the Orwigsburg Borough office.



ORWIGSBURG MUNICIPAL BUILDING
209 N. Warren Street • Orwigsburg, PA 17961 • Ph: 570-366-3103
Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
www.Orwigsburg.net

Barry Berger, Mayor

Borough Council

- Michele Rudloff, President
- Susan Murphy, Vice President
- Brian Baldwin, Pro-Tem
- Katie Bedway
- Paul Bedway, Jr.
- Rodney Schaeffer
- Angela Hoptak-Solga

Appointed Officials

- Robert Williams, Borough Manager
- Sherry Edwards, Borough Secretary
- Colleen Hoptak, Treasurer
- John Koury, Chief of Police
- Paul Datte, Solicitor
- Code Enforcement Officer
- Bill McMullen, ARRO Engineering



2018 ORWIGSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS - Front row from left, Councilors Angie Hoptak-Solga and Katie Bedway, Borough Manager Robert Williams, Borough Council President Michele Rudloff, Borough Secretary Sherry Edwards, and Mayor Barry Berger; back row, Borough Solicitor Paul Datte, Councilors Paul Bedway, Jr., Rodney Schaeffer, Council Vice President Susan Murphy, and Council Pro Tem Brian Baldwin; Fire Chief Jesse Zimmerman, and Police Chief John Koury.

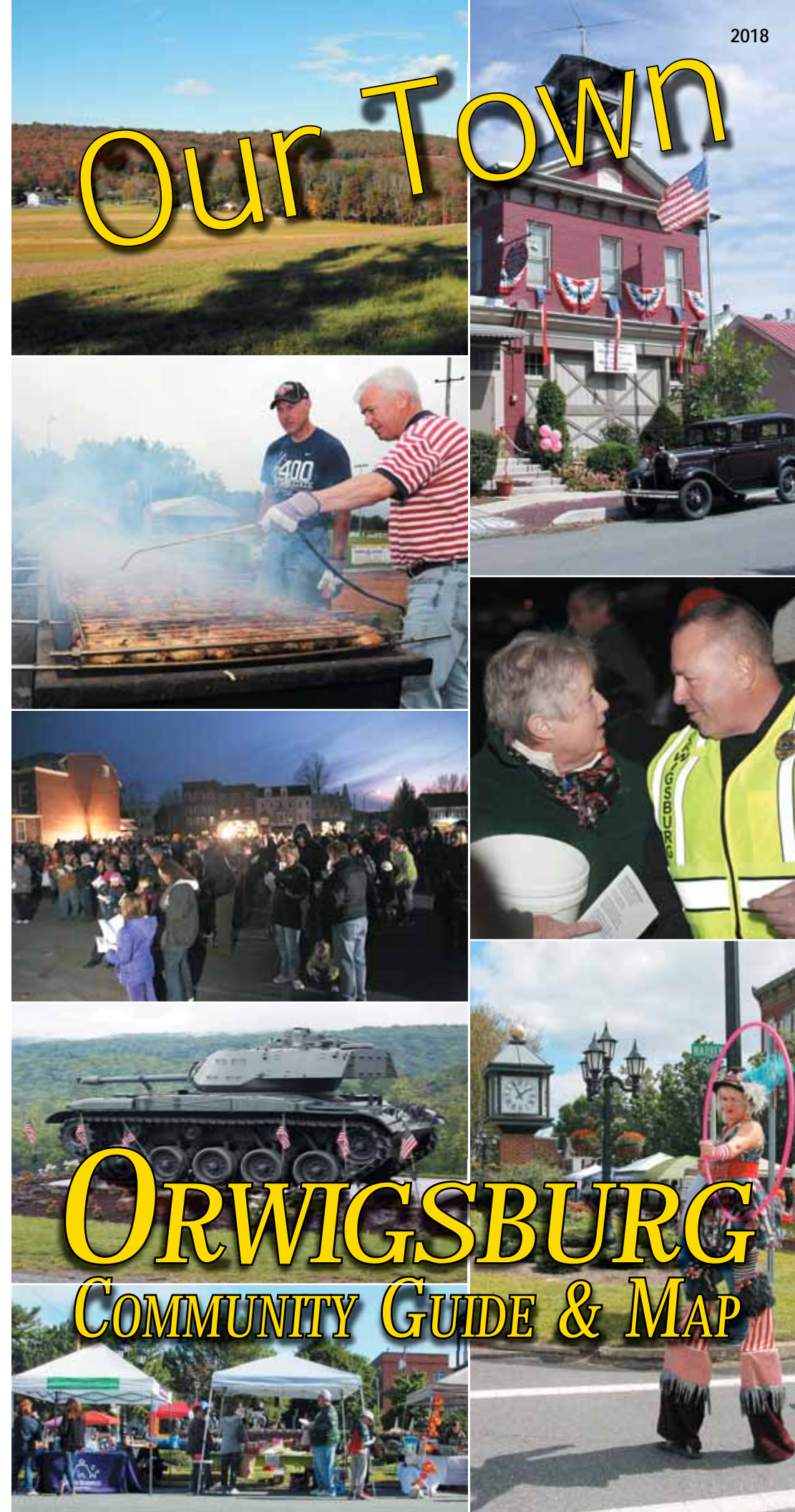
ORWIGSBURG PHONE NUMBERS - AREA CODE 570

Emergency	9-1-1	Blue Mt. Recreation	366-1190
Non-Emergency Dispatch	628-3792	Food Pantry	366-2255
Borough Hall	366-3103	Historical Society	366-8769
Police Department	366-3101	Library	366-1638
Non-Emergency Ambulance	366-2331	Post Office	366-0633
Non-Emergency Fire Dept.	366-1500	Tax Collector	366-0288

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Our Town

ORWIGSBURG
COMMUNITY GUIDE & MAP

A Friendly & Historic Community . . .

Government & Services

The earliest settlers arrived in the area that would become Orwigsburg in 1747 with the town later laid out in 1794 by Peter Orwig. Schuylkill County was created in 1811 with Orwigsburg designated the county seat of government when the Borough was incorporated two years later. Orwigsburg held that distinction for 36 years before relinquishing it to Pottsville. Part of the Blue Mountain School District, Orwigsburg celebrated its 200th anniversary in 2013.

Orwigsburg Borough meetings are open to the public, held in the Charles J. Sterner Council Chambers located on the second floor of the Orwigsburg Municipal Building, 209 N. Warren Street. The building and second floor are handicap accessible.

BOROUGH COUNCIL meets two times each month at 7:30 p.m. – a Work Session on the first Wednesday each month and the Business Meeting on the second Wednesday. Additional special meetings could be called with the public given notice by proper newspaper advertisement and website posting.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. when there are agenda items to discuss or act upon. Commission members are: Darin Brensinger, chairman; Paul Bedway, vice chairman; Chuck Ricketts, Kay Jones, Larry Dagna, Jeromy Guistwite, and Tom O'Brien. Planning consultant is Chris Bentz of Alfred Benesch & Company.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – Responsible for governing sewage collection and treatment operations, this board meets four times per year on the second Monday of March, June, September, and December at 1 p.m. Authority members are: Rod Schaeffer, chairman; John Boyer, vice chairman; Bill Bandholz, Randy Lindenmuth, Matt Baran, and Rick Bubeck. Authority solicitor is Ron Derenzo, Esq.



ZONING HEARING BOARD meetings are scheduled, advertised and posted when application for a zoning variation is received. Members are: Jeff Fanelli, chairman; Nick Badgonis and Bill Knecht. Board solicitor is Ilse Cooper, Esq.

MUNICIPAL APPOINTMENTS include Jesse Zimmerman, Emergency Management Coordinator; Cynthia Schoener, Vacancy Board Chair; Susan Murphy, delegate, Angie Hoptak-Solga and Katie Bedway, alternates, to the South Schuylkill Council of Governments (SSCOG); Roy Eiler, chairman, Richard Rarick, secretary, and Stan Peyakovich comprising the Civil Service Commission; John Boyer and Katie Bedway to the Blue Mountain Recreation Commission.

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER – The Borough publishes *Orwigsburg Happenings* newsletter four times each year. This popular communication contains pertinent information regarding Borough services, coming community events, and activities of local non-profit and church organizations. The newsletter is mailed to every household with additional copies available at public locations.

Water – Sewer – Trash & Recycling

Municipal utility services provided to residents and businesses within the Borough include water and sewage, weekly curbside trash removal, and curbside recycling pickup every other week. These services are billed quarterly by the Municipal Office. Current utility rates as of January 1, 2018 – per unit, occupied or unoccupied, are:



WATER – \$83 minimum per quarter (up to 5,000 gallons) plus \$5 for each 1,000 gallons above the minimum.

SEWER – \$95 minimum per quarter (up to 5,000 gallons) plus \$2.50 for each 1,000 gallons above the minimum; \$130 flat rate for non-water customers.

TRASH COLLECTION – \$60 per quarter.

Curbside trash collection is every Tuesday for properties on Market Street and north; every Friday south of Market Street. Trash should be moved to the curb after 6 p.m. the night prior to pickup. A maximum six bags of trash plus 10 bags of yard waste are allowed per weekly pickup. One large household item will be picked up once per month on the second collection week.

Single-Stream Recycling – Materials are collected curbside from designated containers every other week on trash collection day. No need to separate steel and aluminum, glass, plastic, and paper ... they all go in one container. Secure loose paper in a paper or clear plastic bag. Electronics (computers, peripherals, televisions, etc.) are prohibited from weekly refuse and bi-weekly recycling collection. Residents must store unwanted electronics awaiting special recycling collections of these items by the borough or county.



Taxes and Fees

Residents and property owners in the Borough may be subject to the following taxes (as of this printing – January 2018) imposed by Orwigsburg Borough, Schuylkill County, and the Blue Mountain School District.

REAL ESTATE – Property taxes are assessed on 50% of the appraised value of each parcel as recorded at the Schuylkill County Court House. Current rates are: Orwigsburg, 9 mills; Schuylkill County, 15.38 mills plus Funded Debt of 0.6 mills; Blue Mountain School District, 37.254 mills.

PER CAPITA AND OCCUPATION TAXES – Orwigsburg residents (18 years of age and older) are charged a Per Capita Tax of \$10, with no exemptions, plus a \$3.90 Occupation Tax, if employed. Schuylkill County Per Capita Tax (age 18 and older) is \$5 for all residents with annual Total Income (all sources) exceeding \$5,000. Blue Mountain School District charges an Occupational Assessment Tax (OAT) of \$230 on all residents with Earned Income exceeding \$5,000.

Orwigsburg Borough and Schuylkill County taxes are billed on March 1 each year.

Blue Mountain School District taxes are billed on July 1.

Tax receiver for Orwigsburg Borough is Colleen Hoptak, 413 N. Warren Street, Orwigsburg, PA 17961; (570) 366-0288.

LOCAL SERVICES TAX (LST) AND EARNED INCOME TAX (EIT) – Employed residents pay a Local Services Tax of \$52 per year, if income exceeds \$12,000 per year (\$47 to Orwigsburg and \$5 to Blue Mountain School District) plus a 1% Earned Income Tax (split evenly, 0.5% each to Orwigsburg and Blue Mountain School District) through payroll deduction by their employer.

Miscellaneous

Real Estate Transfer – 2% Tax (1% PA, 0.5% Orwigsburg, 0.5% Blue Mountain School District); Business Privilege Tax – Businesses are charged \$10 annually by the Blue Mountain School District; Amusement Tax – Orwigsburg charges \$25 per device.

Recreation Facilities

ORWIGSBURG COMMUNITY PARK AT ALBRIGHT'S WOODS – Playground equipment, picnic tables, a covered pavilion with kitchen facilities, and a nature walk are open to the public year-round. Supervised arts, crafts, and playground game instruction for children are offered in the summer. Residents can reserve the pavilion by calling the Municipal Office.

VETERANS COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HALL – This multi-purpose facility, located at Grove and North Washington (Rt. 443) streets, is a central focus for indoor and outdoor public events, recreation, parties, and private affairs for the greater Orwigsburg community. The building features a 500-seat gymnasium, large and small conference rooms, kitchen and banquet facilities, and cultural exhibit areas featuring an entryway honoring veterans and permanent home to the original Orwigsburg Court House clock. Facilities are available to rent by contacting the Municipal Office.



EAGLE RECREATION FIELDS AND LITTLE LEAGUE COMPLEX – Soccer, adult and youth softball, Little League, and Tee-ball are played at the Little League complex and Eagle Recreation Center fields stretching from Grove Street to Red Dale Road.

WALKING TRAIL – The Orwigsburg Lions 1.5-mile paved walking/jogging trail winds throughout the expansive athletic and school complex, through a portion of Albright's Woods, and ties into that area's nature path.

LOUIS FANELLI JR. PARK – Youth baseball is played at this Borough park located off South Liberty Street.

FISHER'S DAM – A quiet, park-like retreat, Fisher's Dam features benches and a stocked fishing pond. Open year-round, a children's fish rodeo is held each spring.

PLAYGROUNDS – Children's play equipment is available at the Albright's Woods Community Park, the Little League / Veterans Community Memorial Hall complex, and at Walborn Community Playground. Outdoor basketball courts can be found at or near these sites.

. . . Serving Its Residents, Welcoming Its Visitors!

SWIMMING, ORGANIZED PLAY & TENNIS – The Blue Mountain Recreation Commission provides organized community, youth, and adult recreation programs throughout the year utilizing school district and borough facilities. Swim lessons and public swim times are available at the Blue Mountain Middle School indoor pool. Tennis courts, located at the Blue Mountain High School west of the borough, are open to the public during selected days and times.

GOLF – Designed by renowned golf course architect Donald Ross, the Schuylkill Country Club's 18-hole expertly-maintained traditional course sprawls on the western edge of Orwigsburg. The private, membership-based club offers golf, swimming, fine dining, and banquet facilities for events and tournaments.

Destinations

ORWIGSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM – Featuring an expansive collection of memorabilia, published works, a genealogical library, and artifacts representing Orwigsburg and Southern Schuylkill County, the society is housed in the original 1891 Friendship Hose Company building at 109 East Mifflin Street. Open to the public Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12 to 4 p.m. and by appointment, the collection is highlighted by a detailed archaeological exhibit. Groups are always welcome and a community room is available for programs and meetings.

ORWIGSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY – Located at 216 West Independence Street on the ground floor of the Independence Square Senior Living Apartment Building, the library offers an extensive book selection, children's programming, periodicals, local authors, books on CD, DVDs, e-books, computers and Internet access.



CHURCHES – Three churches are located within Orwigsburg's borders and numerous denominations are located nearby in surrounding townships.

CENTRE SQUARE – Focal point for celebrations and parades, Centre Square is the heart of downtown Orwigsburg. It features the town's iconic clock, historical markers, monuments commemorating key "firsts" and notable accomplishments by the town's residents. Bicentennial Park, a contemplative respite area, is located on the square's northwest corner.

Organizations

Orwigsburg is blessed to have many active youth, social, service, fraternal, and veteran organizations – including the Lions, Rotarians, Masons, Boy and Girl Scouts, church, youth sports, American Legion Post 369, VFW Post 2198, and auxiliaries – all working to improve the community and better the lives of its residents.

OBPA – The Orwigsburg Business & Professional Association represents the greater Orwigsburg business community. Its mission is to advance commerce and economic development in the Borough and surrounding communities, promoting the town of Orwigsburg as a premier business, professional, education and lifestyle destination for all. The group meets monthly, shares networking opportunities, and plans/sponsors community events. (www.orwigsburgbusiness.org)

OCRC – An extension of the OBPA, the Orwigsburg Community Revitalization Committee is a non-profit neighborhood organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for all residents and property owners in the community. Its mission is to create and maintain a sustainable, inviting, accessible, and walkable community, thereby attracting families and businesses that thrive in a live, work, and play environment.

ORWIGSBURG LIONS CLUB – A chartered club of Lions International since 1935, this vibrant group serves the community and its residents through beautification, support for parks and public facilities, health aid services, and event sponsorship/coordination. Meetings are held bimonthly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.

ORWIGSBURG VETERANS MEMORIAL DEVELOPMENT TASKFORCE – Since 2005 community leaders and taskforce volunteers have guided a critical restoration of Veterans Community Memorial Hall, built following the end of World War II in tribute to service personnel and their families back home. The building is a first class community center open for public and private use. The work of the taskforce continues with funds and final development still needed. (www.orwigsburgmemorial.org)