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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.



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>

Borough of Irwin

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7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

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The Borough Buzz

Fall 2024 EDITION

New Junior Council Members were sworn in at the September 11, 2024, meeting of Council. They will have the opportunity to learn about and participate in local government by meeting with each Borough Department, touring the Westmoreland County Courthouse and WWMA facility, visiting the local Magisterial District Judge's office, and so much more. If you would like to learn more about this program, please visit our website at www.irwinborough.org



Projects are always happening throughout the Borough. In 2024, we completed our paving project, started the construction of the Fairwood Manor Bridge, paved the courts at Irwin Park, replaced fencing at Irwin Park, made upgrades to a retention pond on Victoria Lane, replaced the oldest traffic signal in the Borough at 3rd and Main Street, made upgrades to the welcome island on Route 30, and televised all the sanitary sewer lines in the Borough.

Upcoming projects for the Borough include replacing or lining sanitary sewer lines, which is fully funded through the statewide LSA grant, fixing the Caruthers Lane road dip and land slide, which is also fully funded through a Multi-Modal Grant, upgrading the fence at Penglyn Park, replacing street signs in the Borough (including alley ways), which is also fully funded through the ARLE grant, received a DCNR grant providing partial funding for stormwater facilities improvements and replacing the playground equipment, and conducting a Borough wide Blight Inventory Survey with the Westmoreland County Planning Division.

Please follow the Borough of Irwin Facebook Borough of Irwin for project information updates and general announcements.



Irwin Borough Police Department

News

Please join us in welcoming new Irwin Borough Police Officers Joel Aston and Ryan Krause!



Officer Joel Aston



Officer Ryan Krause

Irwin Borough Police Department purchased a new 2025 Dodge Charger



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>

New Businesses in Irwin Borough

- Completely Booked- Western Avenue
- New Horizons Counseling LLC- Pennsylvania Avenue
- Vanilla Concepts The Artisan Pantry- Main Street
- The James Room- Caruthers Lane
- Core Event Center- Colony Drive
- Clutch Center for Movement- Main Street
- Harts and Flours/The Bean Bar – 3rd Street
- Manor Grill LLC- Main Street
- Fast Track Moto Co- Penn Shaft Lane
- She’s All That and More- Oak Street

Borough Council, Mayor, and staff welcome you and your small businesses to the Borough of Irwin. Please shop small, stop in and welcome their new business.



Borough Events

The Borough of Irwin & the Turtle Creek Watershed Association held their Annual Duck Race on June 22, 2024, at Irwin Park. The Duck Race event showcases ways to reduce stormwater, help the environment, and local non-profits. Check out our Facebook page “Borough of Irwin” to see all the photos from the event.

The Borough of Irwin Police Department also held their annual Children’s Bike Parade. The Bike Parade is a great way for the Police Department to go over bike safety with the children and give away amazing, donated prizes!



The Beginnings of the Irwin Coal Industries

The founder of the Borough of Irwin, John Irwin, once used the building that became his home on the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Main Street as stagecoach business, including an inn. When that enterprise started to dwindle due to the construction of canals and railroads, he moved the inn and converted the building into his home. Around that same time, he started to sell his coal lands for \$100.00 an acre.

Around 1852, Irwin’s bituminous coal was being mined and shipped by rail to the markets. In 1853, Jonah Miles opened a small coal mine known as Grove Colliery at the foothills of Main Street on Brush Creek for Thomas Scott and William Coleman. The miners hand dug out the coal for \$0.30 cents a ton. They pulled the coal out of the mines with gears and harnesses over their shoulders, hooked to the front of cars between the shafts. Later in this area, the railroad station was constructed

In the same year, John Irwin, William Larimer Jr., Herman Haupt, John Covode, John Scott, and James Magee formed the Westmoreland Coal Company, opening a small mine called the Larimer Colliery No. One. The following year the business was incorporated.

For more information, please head over to the Norwin Library historical section and look for the Irwin 125 Anniversary book.

