

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

424 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642
724-864-3100

Office Hours

Monday – Friday
7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Police/Fire/Ems

911

Mayor

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THE BOROUGH BUZZ

FALL EDITION OF 2025

New Junior Council Members, Kayley Kelly and Preston Montag, were sworn in at the Council meeting on September 10, 2025. They will have the opportunity to learn about and participate in local government by meeting with each Borough Department, touring the Westmoreland County Courthouse, visiting the local Magisterial District Judge’s office, meeting with various non-profits and regional agencies, and more.



The Borough of Irwin has received grants to complete the following projects in 2025:

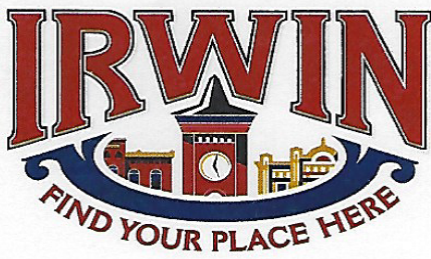
Sewer Lining Project – Fully funded by a \$1,000,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority (“CFA”).

Street Sign Replacement – Fully funded through a \$101,000 ARLE Grant from PennDOT.

The Irwin Borough building at 424 Main Street, which the Borough has owned since 1910, is undergoing renovations to ensure ADA compliance and complete necessary upgrades. This project is funded by a \$450,000 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Borough savings of \$451,000, and a \$350,000 loan.



Did you know that Irwin Borough Council meetings are now livestreamed? You can follow us on YouTube @BoroughOfIrwin.



Irwin EMS continues to grow and evolve, with an overall call increase of 80% over the past four years. To keep pace with this growth, we regularly adjust our staffing strategies to meet operational demands. We are also advancing initiatives that enhance our ability to serve the community, such as the recent addition of a UTV, which now enables us to reach patients in areas that were previously inaccessible.



Overview

The **Irwin Volunteer Fire Department**, located at 518 Western Avenue in Irwin, serves the Borough of Irwin and surrounding areas. It is a volunteer-based organization focused on fire suppression, rescue operations, and emergency medical services.

History

The Department traces its roots back to 1873 when it was founded under the name “Capitol Fire Department.” Throughout its history, the Department has grown and evolved to meet the changing needs of our community.

Services & Mission

Irwin VFD’s primary mission is to protect residents from the devastation caused by fires and to provide ambulance/EMS services in the local area. We emphasize community safety, rapid response, training, and volunteerism.

Leadership & Structure

Current leadership includes Fire Chief Justin Mochar, Deputy Chief Shawn Stitely, Assistant Chief Josh Helfmann, and other officers. We maintain a roster of apparatus and equipment, including a 1997 Pierce Engine, 2003 KME Heavy Rescue, and a 2014 Smeal 105’ Ladder Truck.

Community & Nonprofit Status

The **Irwin VFD** is registered as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, enabling it to receive grants, donations, and support for equipment and operations. It remains rooted in the local community, both in terms of service and volunteer involvement.



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>.



The **Irwin Borough Police Department** recently joined the Westmoreland County SWAT Team, with upfront equipment and membership costs partially funded by a generous donation from a local family.

Other participating municipal police departments include Allegheny Township, Greensburg, Lower Burrell, Murrysville, New Kensington, North Huntingdon, Vandergrift, and Washington Township.

The **Irwin Borough Police Department** will also begin inspecting commercial vehicles and their drivers through the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program. This will ensure compliance with state and federal motor carrier safety regulations and continue to keep our citizens and visitors safe.

Reminder to all residents to please lock your vehicles and yield to pedestrians in the Borough's crosswalks!

Welcome to our new businesses that opened in 2025!

Fancy Plants LLC – 518 Main Street

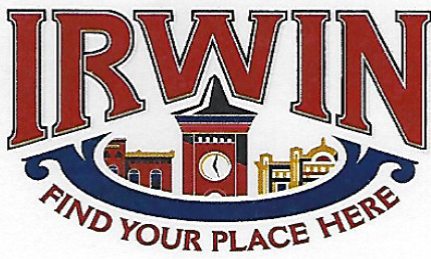
KOAS Closet Co. LLC – 606 Oak Street

Motive Fit LLC – 117 Main Street

OCD & Anxiety Specialty LLC – 321 Main Street

Petrick Law Group LLC – 518 Main Street

T's Nail & Spa – 9173 State Route 30



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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>