

## Contact Us

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# Biglerville Borough Newsletter



## Fall 2025

### Outdoor Burning:

The only type of fire that does not require a permit within the Borough limits is one used to cook food provided it is in a fire ring, fireplace, charcoal or gas grill.

Leaves, grass clippings, weeds, green wood or anything that may create excessive smoke, flying debris or excessive odor is **not** permitted for burning.

Fires should always be attended continuously by an adult property owner who is not under the influence and a functioning fire extinguisher should be readily available. Please do not leave any fire unattended.

All fires should be at least 30 feet from any building. Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving the area unattended.

Please be aware of the current Fire Danger Rating before burning outside.

Please find the burn permit on the code enforcement page for any fire that is not used for cooking.



## Sewer/Water Bills

Sewer/Water bills will be mailed on October 10, 2025.

Due Date:

November 10, 2025

Having an issue receiving your bills via mail?

Contact the office to get signed up to receive your sewer/water bills via email.

### Where to Pay Bills:

#### NO Cash Accepted

Make checks or money orders payable to Biglerville Borough

Pay online at:

[Biglerville.us](http://Biglerville.us)

Mail or drop your check-off at the Borough Office

(Drop box is located in front door on front porch)

### Next Billing:

January 10, 2025

## Code Enforcement/ Zoning

Like most things in life, rules or codes must apply in order to keep people safe and keep our community beautiful. We have municipal codes to help govern our community. These codes contain rules ranging from where businesses may be located, to what kind of animals may be kept on property, to parking restrictions, and the required upkeep of property. It is the goal of our Code Enforcement Officer to collaborate with residents to obtain voluntary compliance without the risk of a fine or penalty.

Code enforcement requires a collaborative effort between the local government and the community. Code violations significantly impact the community, therefore addressing them is crucial.

### What is Code Enforcement?

Code Enforcement is the prevention, identification, investigation, and correction of unsafe, unsightly, or illegal conditions. Code Enforcement addresses street, building, land-use, and property conditions that can jeopardize the health, safety, and well-being of residents. The goal is to maintain the highest level of life safety and quality of life standards in our neighborhood.

### What constitutes a violation?

A violation occurs when a property fails to adhere to the local Municipal Ordinances. Code violations indicate that there's something substandard that needs attention and/or correction.

### Why Code Enforcement Matters?

Imagine a community where every property is well-kept, streets are clean and safe, and the character of each neighborhood is preserved, with effective code enforcement, our community can get closer to this vision. Code Enforcement may not be something an average homeowner or business owner considers when they think about what makes our community great but, behind the scenes, our resolute staff works tirelessly to ensure ordinances are followed, not just for the sake of compliance, but to protect our community's health, safety, and vitality.

Code Enforcement is a powerful tool to maintain quality of life and foster a sense of pride, building a sense of community, enhances economic development, increases property value, and improves quality of life.

## Code Enforcement/ Zoning (Cont.)

### How Does Code Enforcement Work?

- **Concern:** See something within Biglerville Borough limits that may need attention? Our code enforcement officer uses citizen concerns to help address areas where a violation may be occurring.
- **Inspection:** Our Code Officer visits properties to determine if they are safe and healthy for their occupants and neighbors. If they aren't, a violation is issued.
- **Resolution:** To resolve the violation, the landlord, homeowner, or tenant must make the necessary repairs or changes after they have been notified by letter to ensure that the property is safe and properly maintained.

If you have a code enforcement concern, please report the location and a description of the condition to the Biglerville Borough office.

### Top Code Violations:

- Vegetation over 8 inches high
- Inoperable Vehicles
- Junk and Debris

### Have an upcoming project to be completed?

Contact the Borough office and see if any permits are required for the work to be completed and the process of getting permit approvals.

### What is the Occupancy Permit?

The occupancy permit and inspection is to be completed anytime a property is for sale, a property transfer takes place, new dwellings are constructed, or when a building configuration or structure is substantially altered for rental units.

Once the completed permit and the \$50 application fee has been submitted to the Borough office, an in-home inspection will be scheduled. Any findings found during the inspection; the owner of the property must adhere and make the necessary changes within the 30-day timeframe.

**Wayne Smith**  
Code Enforcement/ Zoning Officer

## Drug Take Back

**DATE:** OCTOBER 25, 2025

**TIME:** 10 AM – 2 PM

**LOCATION:** BIGLERVILLE  
FIRE DEPARTMENT

LOOKING FOR A SAFE WAY  
TO GET RID OF YOUR  
UNUSED OR EXPIRED  
MEDICATION THAT IS ALSO  
GOOD FOR THE  
ENVIRONMENT?

IF SO, BRING ANY EXPIRED  
OR UNUSED  
PRESCRIPTIONS TO THE  
BIGLERVILLE FIRE  
DEPARTMENT AND DROP  
THEM OFF.

EVERYONE CAN HELP  
PREVENT PRESCRIPTION  
DRUG ABUSE BY PROPERLY  
SECURING AND DISPOSING  
OF EXPIRED AND UNUSED  
MEDICINES AT HOME OR  
BY DROPPING THEM OFF  
AT THE DRUG TAKE BACK  
EVENT.



# Upper Adams Communities Celebrates America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Upper Adams 250th Celebration: Join Us!

Get ready for a landmark event! The Upper Adams communities are proudly coming together to host a **250th Celebration on June 14, 2026**. This significant occasion will celebrate America's historic 250th anniversary, foster community spirit, and strengthen the bonds that tie us together.

We're inviting **all Upper Adams Community Members** to actively participate in making this a truly memorable event. You can contribute by becoming an **event sponsor** or by **volunteering** your time on a planning committee or during the event itself. Your involvement is crucial to our success!

For more information, please visit [Biglerville.us](http://Biglerville.us) or contact the **Biglerville Borough office today at 717-677-9488**.

Follow the [Upper Adams Communities Celebrates America's 250<sup>th</sup>](#) Facebook page to stay informed.



## Water Rates

Starting January of 2026 (April billing), the water rates will increase to \$11.00 a unit and a flat rate debt fee of \$5.00 per account will be added. The minimum quarterly water bill will be \$60.

A unit consists of every 100 cubic feet of water that is ran through the meter.

5 units = 5 cubic feet of water used

With the recent East York Street water project that was a major infrastructure expense for the Borough, the rate increase will help the Borough with increased costs to treat water and necessary water projects due to lines needing to be updated to provide more capacity to residents and eliminate emergency water leak repairs.

## Mayor's Corner

- Trick or Treat will be held on October 31, 2025 from 6 pm until 8 pm.
- The Christmas street light decorations will be installed the first Saturday in December.
- Apple Harvest Festival will be taking place the first two weekends of October.

- Mayor Phil Wagner

# Upcoming Events @ The Harbaugh-Thomas Library



**October – National Book Month**

**November – National Family Literacy Month**

**December – Read a New Book Month**



## Children:

- **After School Crafts:** Ages 6-12, October 15 & November 19 @ 4:30 pm – 4:45 pm (Registration Required)
- **Legopalooza:** October 1 & November 5 @ 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm (Registration Required)
- **Fairy fest:** October 9 @ 4:30 pm – 6 pm (Registration Required)

## Teens:

- **Monthly Craft: Scary Story Writing:** October 1 – October 12, October 14 – October 24
- **Monthly Craft: Cotton Pad Flowers:** November 4 – November 21
- **Homecoming Celebration:** October 3 @ 3 pm – 5:30 pm (Registration Required)
- **Karaoke Time:** October 9 @ 6 pm – 7 pm (Registration Required)
- **Telling S'mores:** October 29 @ 3 pm – 4 pm (Registration Required)
- **Try Not to Laugh Challenge:** November 4 @ 3 pm – 3:30 pm (Registration Required)
- **Oreo Cookie Turkey Week:** November 11 – November 14 @ 2:45 pm – 6 pm (Registration Required)
- **Battle of the Pies:** November 19 @ 3 pm – 4 pm (Registration Required)

## Adults:

- **Diamond Painting:** October 2, October 16, November 6 & November 20 @ 1 pm – 3 pm (Registration Required)
- **Crafty Cards:** October 8 & November 14 @ 4 pm – 6 pm (Registration Required)
- **Fun with Glass Fusing:** October 6 @ 3 pm – 5 pm (Registration Required)
- **Bedazzle Holiday Cards:** November 19 @ 1 pm – 3 pm (Registration Required)

## Everyone:

- **Short Horror Story Contest:** October 1 – October 12, October 14 – October 24
- **Family Halloween Movie:** October 18 @ 2 pm – 3:45 pm (Registration Required)

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**Library Closures:** October 13, November 26 @ 5 pm, November 27, December 24 & 25

**Visit the Adams County Library System Website for more information & other events.**

# Biglerville Business Recognition

## National Apple Museum

Founded in 1990, the National Apple Museum is housed in a restored pre-Civil War bank barn and is owned and operated by the Biglerville Historical and Preservation Society. The museum's mission is to preserve and exhibit the history and attendant artifacts pertaining to the Apple and Tree Fruit Industry's history and contributions to the development and growth of Adams County. Exhibits include early picking, packing, and shipping of fruit, pest management, commercial fruit processing equipment, early orchard photographs and a recreated 1880's farm kitchen and a General Store. The museum also features collections of farming implements, apple peelers and fruit labels and much more apple memorabilia.

### May to October 2025 Hours:

Saturday – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Tours are available other days by appointment.*

*Please call 717-677-4556 and leave a message.*

### FREE Admission

Donations are greatly appreciated!



## Schroeder Family Dentistry

Since 1980, Schroder Family Dentistry has stood as a pillar of dentistry in our community. Dr. Martin L. Schroeder created the office to provide quality care that would stand up to the tests of time in comfort that puts his patients at ease. In 2015, his son Dr. Matthew Schroeder took over the practice to continue the stellar quality that has made the office so stable and dependable for over a quarter of a century and running.





## Upper Adams School District

Upper Adams School District will be operating an early dismissal on October 10 & December 23.

The students will not have school on October 13, November 24-28, December 1 & December 24 - January 2.



## Borough Office Closures:

In observance of Veterans Day, the office will be closed Tuesday November 11, 2025.

In observance of Thanksgiving, the office will be closed Thursday & Friday November 27 & 28, 2025.

In observance of Christmas, the office will be closed Wednesday & Thursday December 23 & 24, 2025.

## Upcoming Council Meetings

Tuesday November 4, 2025

Tuesday December 2, 2025

To register to speak to council, please call or stop by the Borough office at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to be added to the agenda.

The Borough Council meetings are the first Tuesday of every month & begin at 7:00 pm.

## Council Agendas & Minutes

View Council Meeting Agendas & Minutes:

<http://www.biglerville.us/departments/meetings>



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