

# WEST EARL TOWNSHIP

157 W. Metzler Road, PO Box 787, Brownstown, PA 17508

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**Special points of interest:**

- Snow Removal
- Refuse and Recycling News
- Tennis Court Renovations
- Oversized Item Tag Order Form
- Police Dept. Survey Results

## Snow Removal Procedures



As the winter season approaches, the Road Department would like to remind you that the Township does have a general policy for snow removal. However, each storm event may be a cause for change.

The major collection streets and roadways are attended to first followed by the residential streets. Salt material is spread on the road at the start of a storm and when the snow starts to accumulate, the roads will be plowed with one single pass in each direction and on each street. After the initial plowing, the plow will return to widen the cleared area as much as possible. Please keep in mind when clearing driveway entrances, the plow will be returning again and may block the driveway with additional snow.

In our attempt to remove snow from the roads, plowed snow sometimes damages mailboxes. Wet, heavy snow increases the chance for damage to mailboxes. To reduce the potential for damage, make sure your mailbox is secured tightly on a sturdy post. The Township crew makes every effort to avoid causing damage to mailboxes.

Some additional reminders during snow events:

- Do not push or throw snow into roadways. This creates hazardous driving conditions.
- Drive carefully at a minimum speed.
- Keep parked vehicles off the street whenever possible.



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## From the Recycling Coordinator's Desk

**Customers served by the Contracted Hauler (Lebanon Farms Disposal)**

For the holidays – Refuse/Recycling will be picked up on December 27<sup>th</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

An **Extra Service Tag** is required for each bag that exceeds the three-bag limit. An **Oversized Item Tag** is required for large items such as a mattress, box spring, roll of carpeting, sofa, etc. These tags may be purchased at the Township Office. For your convenience, there is an order form on page 2 which you may clip out and use to purchase tags. Christmas Tree pick up for customers of the

Township Refuse Recycling Program is scheduled for Saturday, January 14, 2006. As with trash and recycling, the hauler may begin as early as 5 A.M., so place the tree by the curb the night before. Please remove all decorations, including lights, tinsel, garland, etc. before placing your tree at the curb. Do not place the tree in a bag or wrap it in any other material. Wrapped or bagged trees will not be picked up. Christmas trees that are placed at the curb for pickup any time other than Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> will require a \$4.00 Oversized item tag. *continued page 2*

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**E-Cycling**

The Household Hazardous Waste Facility, (HHW) located at the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) **accepts cell phones and computers.** The HHW also accepts cell phone accessories and computer-associated items such as monitors, printers and keyboards.

Each computer monitor can contain 5-7 pounds of lead and other metals that are better recycled than put in a landfill. Cell phones are sent to a company for refurbishment and resale. Phones that can't be resold are recycled.

LCSWMA is located at 2199 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17604. The HHW facility hours are Monday through Friday,

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. You may contact the LCSWMA at 717-397-9968.



**REUSE  
REDUCE  
RECYCLE**

*"Christmas tree pick-up will be on Saturday, January 14th."*



**West Earl Township**

**Additional Tag Order**

**Refuse/Recycling Program**

**White Goods Item:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Yellow Tags extra trash	Yard Waste Kraft Bags leaves, grass, etc	Green Tags woody waste	Red Tags oversized items	Orange Tags tires	Blue Tags appliances
Qty.: _____ x \$1.25	Qty.: _____ x \$1.00	Qty.: _____ x \$1.00	Qty.: _____ x \$4.00	Qty.: _____ x \$2.00	Qty.: _____ x \$12.00
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

**Total Order \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to West Earl Township.  
Orders that do not include payment will not be processed.  
Mail forms and checks to: West Earl Township, PO Box 787, Brownstown, PA 17508

## Township Website



The Township's website is now being updated on a regular basis with current meeting minutes and agendas.

Please visit us at .....

**[www.westearltwp.org](http://www.westearltwp.org)**

## Interested in Local Government?

*The Township is always seeking interested residents to serve on West Earl's various boards and authorities. Anyone interested in serving on a board or authority can call the Township administrative office at 859-3201.*

## Police Department "Customer Service Survey" Results

Results from the West Earl Township Police "Customer Service Survey" have been tabulated and are available for review.

With 43% of the surveys being returned, the Police Department received an outstanding cross section of opinions from residents throughout West Earl Township.

The results from this survey are being used by the Police Department as a tool to address the concerns of the residents of West Earl Township. In particular, the results from the survey indicated specific concerns that will be addressed by the West Earl Township Police Department. These concerns include:

- Increasing traffic enforcement throughout the Township, particularly speeding and reckless driving.
- Increasing Crime Prevention Programs to assist citizens with concerns regarding property crimes such as burglary, thefts and vandalism along with an increased effort to reduce such crimes.
- Increasing efforts to curb littering along less traveled rural roads along with recruiting volunteers to participate in the Township's "Adopt a Highway Program".



These are just a few of the concerns identified through the survey results. A comprehensive report of all data collected through the survey project is available at the West Earl Township Municipal Offices.

## Tennis Court Renovations

The Township has received a grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$20,000 to renovate the tennis courts located at the Municipal Building Park. The first phase of the project will be repairing and paving the playing surface. The second phase will include painting the courts to United States Tennis Association standards and installing two sets of nets and posts. Finally, the fence surrounding the tennis courts will be repaired and painted. The Township will most likely bid the project for construction during the summer of 2006.

## 2006 Budget Highlights

- The real estate tax rate will remain at 1.39.
- The "per thousand gallon" water rate will increase from \$5.50 per on thousand gallons to \$5.88 per one thousand gallons to fund system maintenance and capital projects.
- Street light tax will increase approximately 12% to fund increases in energy costs.
- \$6,000 to supplement a \$20,000 grant to renovate the Township tennis courts.
- \$11,000 for utility billing and financial software.
- \$10,000 to finish paving the walking path at the Lion's Club Park.

The 2006 budget is available for review at the Township office.



## Meetings

### **West Earl Board of Supervisors**

*Meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 7:00pm*

### **West Earl Planning Commission**

*Meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm*

### **West Earl Parks and Recreation Board**

*Meets the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00pm*

### **West Earl Zoning Hearing Board**

*Meet 1st Wednesday of the month as needed at 7:30pm*

### **West Earl Sewer Authority**

*Meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm*

### **West Earl Water Authority**

*Meets the first Monday at 7:00pm*



### **Important Phone Numbers**

- Municipal Office 859-3201
- Fax Number 859-3499
- Tax Collector 656-4075
- Water Dept (after hours) 859-3725
- Police Department 859-1411
- Emergencies 911
- Police Dept Fax 859-3630
- Building Inspector 733-1654
- Zoning Officer 625-0444
- Sewage Enforcement 721-9008

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