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Spring Newsletter

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Refuse-Recycling News

White Goods and Tires will be picked up on Tuesday, April 11th. Tags for these items can be purchased at the West Earl Township Municipal Office during regular business hours, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Tags for disposal of White Goods (large appliances such as stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers and water heaters) cost \$12 for each item. Tags for tires (without rims only) cost \$2 each. **To ensure that your address is included on the list for pick up, please purchase tags for these items no later than Friday, April 7th.** Tags purchased after Friday, April 7th will not guarantee a pickup on April 11th.

Yard waste pick up will begin on April 4th. Refer to your 2005-2006 Refuse/Recycling Schedule for specific dates. Brown Kraft Bags are required for yard waste. These biodegradable bags are available for purchase at the Township Office for \$1 each. **Woody waste** will also be picked up on these days. Each bundle of woody waste requires a green tag. Bundles should be no longer than 4 feet and no heavier than 25 lbs. Yard waste that is not properly bagged or tagged will not be picked up. Trash that is mixed with yard waste will not be picked up.

The Compost Facility is located at 161 Locust Street in Talmage. West Earl Township residents may use the site free of charge for yard waste and woody waste disposal. Only biodegradable bags may be left at the site. All plastic bags, or other non-biodegradable materials must be removed from the site. Your cooperation will help to keep the facility free for West Earl Township Residents.



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A Message From the West Earl Sewer Authority

Reminder to Township Residents

If you send utility payments through your bank, please make sure that the checks are made out to the proper Township entity (Water, Sewer or Trash) so that the payment can be properly applied to the correct account.

Thank you!

Greetings to all the residents of West Earl Township from the West Earl Sewer Authority and its Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, Lloyd R. Garnett.

The Township sewage collections system continues to grow with projects such as the new Conestoga Manor Pumping Station on Oregon Pike. This pump station is projected to go on line in April of 2006.

I would like to remind all users of the public sewer system NOT to dispose of any cooking greases or oils by dumping them down drains or garbage disposals. Please put ALL cooking greases and oils in a can or container that can be disposed of in your regular trash. Thanks!

Lloyd Garnett & The West Earl Sewer Authority

2006 Composting Workshops

The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority is sponsoring the 2006 composting workshops. Lancaster County residents are invited to attend any one of the home composting workshops scheduled for this spring. All workshops are on Saturday, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Workshop pre-registration is required so Authority staff can ensure every family attending receives a home composting bin. Residents should register with the organization where the workshop is being held.

Workshops are limited to the first fifty people to register for each venue.

- **March 25th** at the Greater Elizabethtown Area Recreation & Community Services center located at 70 S. Poplar Street, Elizabethtown. (717) 367-0355
- **April 1st** at the East Donegal Township Municipal Building located at 190 Rock Point Road, Marietta (717) 426-3167
- **April 8th** at the West Lampeter Township Municipal Building located at 852 Village Road, Lampeter (717) 464-3731
- **April 29th** at Pfizer, Inc. located at 400 West Lincoln Avenue, Lititz. Contact the Warwick Township Recycling Coordinator to register at (717) 626-8900.



For more information about these workshops, or to read this entire article please visit the Township website at www.westearltpw.org or the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority's website at www.lcswma.org.

Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code

The Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code has been in effect for nearly two years. West Earl Township has chosen to "opt-in" to the statewide building code. In lieu of placing a fulltime building inspector on staff the Township has appointed a third party agency, Associated Building Inspections, Inc., to enforce the building codes. Associated Building Inspections, Inc. is the Township representative on all building code inspection matters.

An agency other than the appointed municipal inspector can perform and approve an inspection. The law does permit this. However, the ultimate authority lies with the agency appointed by the municipality. For the protection of the municipality and its residents the appointed agency must have the final approval of any required inspection.

Quite simply it means this. Lets say an electrician has used the same electrical inspector for years and has developed a strong working relationship with this inspector. This electrician may, at his own expense, have this inspector review his work prior to the municipal inspector visiting the job site. Even though the electrician's inspector has reviewed the electrician's work, the walls may not be closed up until the municipal inspector reviews and approves the electrician's work.

Using this time proven method allows the municipality to ensure that each building project meets the PA Uniform Construction Code.

Scheduled Road Work for Spring/Summer 2006

Complete rebuilding and repaving of Scheaffer's School Road including a new culvert at the stream crossing.

Surface Treatment of North Maple Avenue and Center Square Road.

PennDot will be working on the Stone Quarry bridge this construction season. During this time, Stone Quarry Road will be closed to all but local traffic.



Crime Prevention Tips From the West Earl Township Police Department

In December 2004 the police department mailed the West Earl Township Police Citizen Survey to all property owners in the township. A preliminary review of the survey results indicated that there was a concern regarding burglaries and thefts.

Burglary and theft are the number one property crimes in the United States and West Earl Township is no exception. By taking some simple steps you can reduce your chances of being victimized.

- ⇒ Always lock your doors and windows.
- ⇒ Make sure your garage door is closed.
- ⇒ Never hide an extra house key outside.
- ⇒ Install good quality locks.
- ⇒ Light up the outside of your house.
- ⇒ Make your house look occupied while not at home.
- ⇒ Do not leave items, i.e., lawn mowers, tools, toys or other property outside when not at home or at night.
- ⇒ Keep shrubbery trimmed around windows and doors.
- ⇒ Keep important documents and other valuables in a safety deposit box or a quality safe.
- ⇒ Mark or engrave your property with an identifiable number (do not use your social security number). Keep a log of item descriptions and serial & model numbers. Keep the property log in a secure place like a safety deposit box or a quality safe.
- ⇒ Get to know your neighbors and help keep an eye out for each other.
- ⇒ Report anything suspicious to the police.



If you have any specific questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the West Earl Township Police Department at 859-1411, for **EMERGENCIES DIAL: 911**.

Hydrant Flushing



The Water Department will be flushing hydrants between the dates of May 8th and 26th. During the flushing, water may appear "milky" due to air in the system. This condition will dissipate over time. Any dirty or rust colored water should be reported to the Township.

New Township Employees

The Board of Supervisors would like to welcome Brenda Shuey and Sara Service to the Township. Brenda, who comes to us from Londonderry Township in Dauphin County with twenty five years of municipal experience, serves as the Township's bookkeeper.

Sara serves as the Township's administrative assistant. Besides her other duties, Sara is responsible for the creation of the Township newsletter and the maintenance of the Township website.

Welcome aboard Brenda and Sara!



This year the township will be making a change in the way that we bill water, sewer and trash.

Look for more information in the upcoming Summer Newsletter.

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 & Sewer 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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