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On-Lot Management Program

Over the next several months, the Township will begin implementation of an On-Lot Management Program. An On-Lot Management Program is designed to ensure that On-Lot Disposal Systems (OLDS) are maintained properly to avoid malfunctions or failures. The On-Lot Management Program was a strategy identified by the West Earl Township Act 537 Plan Official Sewage Facilities Update to mitigate existing and potential health risks and environmental pollution associated with improper disposal of sewage.

The On-Lot Management Program is designed primarily to ensure proper maintenance through regular septic tank pumping and OLDS inspections. This will be accomplished by requiring each user of an OLDS to obtain a Use Permit. The Use Permit will be valid for three years and will require:

- A written record that the system has been pumped by a septage hauler registered in the Township.
- A visual inspection of the system by a registered septage hauler, a Township inspector or by an approved third party.
- An application fee of \$10.00.

In order to implement the Program in an orderly manner, the Township will be divided into three districts. Each OLDS user will receive a notice to apply for a Use Permit. Each notice will include a Use Permit Application, an OLDS Inspection Report and an OLDS Pumping Report. These forms, along with the application fee, must be completed and submitted to the Township within six months after the date of notification. An initial pumping will not be required for your Use Permit if you can provide written documentation that your OLDS was pumped within two years of the notification date.

The Township is planning to schedule several public meetings regarding the implementation of the OLDS program. Meeting dates will be posted on our website at www.westearltwp.org and through local media.

Open and Enclosed Burning

Residents are reminded that open burning and enclosed burning are prohibited within all areas of West Earl Township except in areas zoned as Agricultural. This would include the burning of leaves or rubbish in a burn barrel. Persons residing in agricultural areas may burn but must follow the guidelines set forth in the West Earl Township Burning Ordinance. A copy of the ordinance is available at the Township office or online at www.westearltwp.org.

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Public Library News

“One Book, One Community: Our Region Reads!”
Area Regional Reading Campaign

Annual Regional Reading Campaign Launches

The public libraries in Adams, Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York Counties are delighted to announce the launch of the fifth annual **One Book, One Community** campaign — a program intended to promote reading and engage people in a conversation about a shared reading experience. Designed for adults at all reading levels, from emerging readers to avid booklovers, the 2006 **One Book, One Community** campaign will encourage the reading and discussion of *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini.



Published in 2003, *The Kite Runner* has been described by *Publishers Weekly* as “an eloquent Afghan version of the American immigrant experience in the late 20th century.” A beautifully crafted and poignant coming of age tale, it recounts the story of Amir, son of a wealthy Kabul businessman, who returns to his native Afghanistan from a privileged life in California in hopes of rescuing the son of his childhood friend. The child, whose parents have been killed, has been enslaved by a high-ranking Taliban official. *The Kite Runner* is both a novel about human frailty and the difficult quest for forgiveness as well as an honest and thoughtful exploration of a Middle Eastern culture not well understood in the west.

The reading campaign runs from July 26th through October 31st, with book related events — ranging from speakers to kite making demonstrations — occurring during the month of October at libraries and other community sites. Copies of *The Kite Runner* will be available for borrowing at participating libraries, and for purchase at Giant Food Stores, Weis Markets, Readings and Greetings, Barnes & Noble and in local bookstores. For more information about the program, visit the website at www.oboc.org, or contact Mary Ann Heltshe-Steinhauer, Community Relations Director, Library System of Lancaster County (717) 207-0500, ext. 1222 (heltshe@lancasterlibraries.org)

A Few Recycling Facts

Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to:

- power a television or computer for 3 hours or
- Light a 100-watt light bulb for 20 hours

Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to:

- Light a 100-watt light bulb for 4 hours

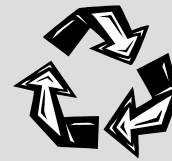
Recycling a one gallon plastic milk or tea jug saves enough energy to:

- Light a 100-watt light bulb for 11 hours

14 recycled PET (#1) bottles can make one extra large polyester T-Shirt.

3,700 recycled 2-liter PET bottles will produce 150 fleece shirts, and save one barrel of oil in the process.

****Don't forget to recycle!***



Compost Facility

The West Earl Township Compost Facility, located on Locust street in Talmage, is for woody waste and yard waste only. Please do not dump metal, building materials, asphalt or trash at the facility.

The fees for use of the facility are as follows:

Non-Township residents—\$10 per vehicle

Commercial users—\$20 per vehicle

Township residents are not required to pay a fee.

A Reminder When Paying Your Utility Bills....

*Please make sure that you write
separate checks for your water, sewer
and trash bills.*



Thank You !

Refuse/Recycling News

The new hauler for the West Earl Township Refuse/Recycling program is **Eagle Disposal, Inc.**

The service remains the same:

- Collection Day is Tuesday.
- Place Trash and Recycling at the curb the night before pick-up. ***The hauler may begin collection as early as 5:00 AM on the day of pick-up.***
- Three (3) 32 –gallon trash bags or containers are allowed per week.
- Place yard waste in brown biodegradable bags. Don't mix yard waste and trash.
- Rinse containers for recycling and remove lids (throw lids in your trash). Bundle newspapers with string or place them in a paper bag. Don't mix recycling and trash.
- Place household batteries in the orange battery bag, and place the closed bag **on top of your trash container.**



White Goods and Tires will be picked up on Saturday, October 14th. 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 Thursday, October 12th. Tags purchased after Thursday, October 12th will not guarantee a pickup on October 14th.**

The last day for *yard waste* pick-up will be **Tuesday, October 10th, 2006**. Biodegradable Kraft bags are available at the Township office for \$1 each. Yard waste pick-up will begin again in April 2007. Please refer to your 2006-2007 Refuse/Recycling calendar for specific dates.

LEAF COLLECTION 2006



Leaves will be collected beginning Monday **October 16th** and continue through Thursday, **December 7th**.

Leaves will not be collected **November 23rd** through **November 29th**.

To prepare leaves for pick-up:

- Rake leaves into a row (not a pile) along the front edge of your property onto the roadway.
- Do not mix trash or other yard waste with the leaves.
- Do not cover leaves or park a vehicle over them.

Halloween Parade

The Halloween Parade is scheduled to take place on Thursday, October 26th at 7:00 P.M. The parade forms in the area of Marlou Avenue and Locust Street. The parade route is as follows: Locust St. to S. State St., North on S. State St. to Cedar Ave., Cedar Ave. to N. Church St., N. Church St. to School Lane Ave., School Lane Ave. to the West Earl Fire Department. Additional information can be obtained from Lions Club representative Jeff Zimmerman. He can be reached at 859-4921.



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 as needed 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 of every month 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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