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Spring Newsletter

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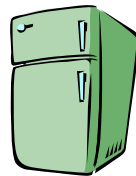
Refuse/Recycling News



Yard waste and woody waste will be picked up every other Tuesday beginning on April 1st. Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, garden residue and sod. Brown Kraft Bags are required for yard waste. These biodegradable bags are available for purchase at the Township Office for \$1 each. Woody waste includes shrubbery and tree trimmings. Each bundle of woody waste requires a green tag. Bundles should be no longer than 4 feet and no heavier than 25 lbs. **Please remember not to mix any trash with your yard waste.** Please refer to your 2007-2008 Refuse/Recycling Schedule for specific dates when yard waste and woody waste will be picked up.

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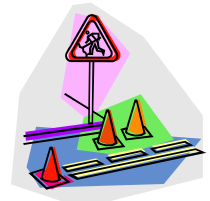


White Goods and Tires will be picked up on **Saturday, April 12th**. Tags for these items can be purchased at the West Earl Township Municipal Office during regular business hours, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Tags for disposal of White Goods (large appliances such as stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers and water heaters) cost \$12 for each item. Tags for tires (rims no longer have to be removed) 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, April 10th.** Tags purchased after Thursday, April 10th will not guarantee a pickup on April 12th.

News From the Road Department

Road work will take place on the following streets this spring

- ◆ Sealcoat-Cocalico Creek Road (from Rt. 272 to Rt. 772)
- ◆ Sealcoat-Millway Road (from Cocalico Creek Road to the Township line)
- ◆ Sealcoat-South Conestoga View Drive (from Dogwood Drive to Millway Road)
- ◆ Paving-Pool Road (from Tobacco Road to the Akron Borough line)
- ◆ Paving-Pearl Avenue (Pool Road to the dead end)
- ◆ Shoulder work with paving-Peach Road and Cider Mill Road (from Diamond Station Road to Conestoga Creek Road)
- ◆ Rubberized crack sealing in the following developments:
 - Westgate
 - School Lane Farms
 - Meadow View



Street sweeping will take place on March 10th, 11th and 12th throughout the Township.



Daylight savings time begins on March 9, 2008, and ends on November 2, 2008. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

Inflatable Pool Guidelines

An inflatable swimming pool is a popular way to cool off in your backyard. A storable pool such as this is easy to set up and take down and relatively inexpensive to purchase. However, the manufacturers took the “kiddie pool” concept a step further and designed inflatable pools that can be up to 48 inches high and hold the whole family!



What you should know before you purchase an inflatable pool is that it will require a zoning/building permit, an inspection for the electrical connection of the filter, and a fence with a self-latching gate around it.

The **Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code**, adopted and implemented in July 2004, includes Appendix G, which covers all swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs designed to hold more than 24 inches of water. Generally any pool with a filter holds at least 24 inches of water. That puts inflatable (storable) pools in the same category as above-ground pools. All above-ground pools require electrical inspections and barrier (fence/gate) inspections.

Under Section 184-30 of the **West Earl Township Zoning Ordinance**, private, noncommercial swimming pools (whether above or below ground) which are designed to contain a water depth of 24 inches or more must be located in a rear or side yard only, be entirely enclosed with a permanent fence not less than 6 feet in height and have a self-locking type gate. Should be at least 15 feet from side yard and rear yard property lines and not occupy more than 25% of the minimum required yard.

Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt



The West Earl Lions Club will be holding its annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 22 at 1:00 PM. This event will be held at the West Earl Community Park located on Stone Quarry Road, off of Route 772 between Brownstown and Talmage. The egg hunt is for West Earl Township children, infant through 12 years old. Prizes and chocolate rabbits will be awarded. This event will be held rain or shine.

Hydrant Flushing

The Water Department will be flushing hydrants Tuesday through Friday during the month of May. 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.



A Reminder from the Police Department

The West Earl Police Department would like to remind residents that the Township has an ordinance which requires dog owners and handlers to “clean up” after their pets. Allowing a dog to defecate on a sidewalk, walkway, or property of another resident without promptly removing the feces, is a violation of the ordinance and could subject the owner or handler to a fine of up to \$1,000. The ordinance also applies to Township Parks. Plastic bags called “Mutt Mitts” are available, free of charge, at the parks.

2008 TAX BILLS

If you have not received your 2008 real estate or local tax bill please contact the Township's tax collector, Robert Coble, at (717) 656-4075. If there is no answer, please leave your name and number and a brief message and Mr. Coble will return your call.

News From the West Earl Sewer Authority

Talmage Extension Project

West Earl's Act 537 Plan identified The Village of Talmage as an area of concern due to the suspected and potential On-lot Disposal System (OLDS) malfunctions.

The goal of this project is the installation of public sewer facilities to serve the properties within this area of concern (please see the shaded areas on the map to the left). Currently the properties are being served by individual septic systems that would be abandoned once the municipal sewer is extended.

As the West Earl Sewer Authority works to develop and fund this project to provide sanitary sewer to Talmage, they are investigating all potential sources of revenue and funding assistance. This effort to secure additional funding resources is due both to the significant costs of the proposed sewer extension and to provide some level of financial relief to the end users. This year the Authority will be conducting an income survey of the specific homes to be served by the new sewer to determine if the project will qualify for funding assistance through the Community Development Block Grant Program. Please complete this survey to help us



secure grant funding for this project. For more information about the Talmage Extension Project, please contact the Township at 859-3201.

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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 7:00pm

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 394-3721
ext. 3241
- Sewage Enforcement 721-9008