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Fall Newsletter

West Earl Township

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Refuse/Recycling News

White Goods & Yard Waste Pick-up



White Goods and Tires will be picked up on **Saturday, October 10th**. 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 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 8th.

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The last day for curbside, yard waste pick-up is September 29th, however you may take your yard waste and woody waste to the Township's compost facility 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.

Police Chief Graduates from School of Police Staff & Command

West Earl Township Police Chief Brian Brandt recently graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. The classes were conducted at the Pennsylvania State Police Training Academy in Hershey, PA, from February 2, 2009 through June 5, 2009.

Students who attend the school are academically challenged through a total of eighteen written examinations, projects, and quizzes in addition to an extensive research paper that is required as part of the curriculum. West Earl Township anticipates a variety of benefits from Chief Brandt's attendance in this program.

The School of Police Staff and Command is designed for progressive police managers and their agencies and is widely recognized as the nation's premier law enforcement management program. The school provides upper-level college instruction in a total of twenty-two core or mandatory blocks of instruction and utilizes nine additional optional blocks of instruction during each session. The major topics of study include Management and Management Theory, Organizational Behavior, Human Resources for Law Enforcement, Police Ethics, Project Management, Budgeting, Staffing Allocation, and Personnel Deployment.



Harold Keppley (left), Chairman of the West Earl Township Board of Supervisors, congratulates Chief Brian Brandt (right) upon his graduation from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff & Command



Daylight savings time ends on November 1, 2009

Leaf Collection Schedule for 2009



Leaves will be collected beginning **Monday, October 12, 2009** and continue through **Thursday, December 10, 2009**.

Leaves will not be collected November 26—December 1.

To Prepare Leaves for pick-up:

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

Styrofoam Recycling at Dart Container

Dart Container Corporation accepts post-consumer polystyrene foam from the public at both its Leola and Lancaster, PA facilities. Dart's drop-off sites accept foam food service containers, including foam cups, foam plates, foam clamshells, and shaped or molded foam packaging, often used to package electronics and other consumer goods. All foam *should* bear the "6" symbol with chasing arrows though some food containers do not.

Instructions for drop-off

- All cups and containers must be rinsed to rid them of food
- No straws or lids
- Your foam containers *should* bear the "6" symbol (as pictured above) with chasing arrows
- To schedule large deliveries, call (717) 656-2236 ext. 6299



Questions? Go to www.dart.biz or call 1-800-288-CARE.

Please note: Foam packaging peanuts and polystyrene foam treated with a fire retardant are **not** accepted. Many retail shipping companies accept clean foam packaging peanuts for reuse.

Safe digging is no accident! If you are installing a fence or deck, or digging for a mailbox post, patio or other excavation project, it is important to *Know What's Below*.

Call 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776 before you dig. The utility companies do not want an accident, either. The best way to learn where underground utility lines are located is to call before you dig.



For more information, visit www.pa811.org

Lancaster County Prescription Drug Discount Card Program

Beginning in June 2009, the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will offer residents of Lancaster County a FREE prescription drug discount card. West Earl Township is pleased to partner with the Commissioners by making the Lancaster County Prescription Drug Discount Card available for you to pick up in our office.

The Lancaster County Prescription Discount Card will provide a discount on prescriptions not covered by another health plan at any of the 91 participating pharmacies in Lancaster County or 59,000 participating pharmacies Nationwide.

Any county resident without prescription coverage can use this program. However, even if you have insurance for prescription drugs, you may still benefit from the card by receiving a discount on prescription drugs your existing plan does not cover.

There are no eligibility requirements, enrollment forms, or membership fees to use the Lancaster County Prescription Drug Discount Card. Simply pick up a card and take it to a participating pharmacy to receive a discount. One card can be used for the whole family!

For additional information about the program or to find a participating pharmacy near you, please visit www.caremark.com/naco, www.co.lancaster.pa.us, or call toll free 1-800-321-2652.

The discount card is available through the Commissioners' partnership with the National Association of Counties (NACo) and is administered by Caremark.



Please stop by the Township Office at 157 W. Metzler Road, Brownstown to pick up a discount card and begin saving.

Home Repair Program



The Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority offers 0% interest loans to low to moderate income homeowners who reside in Lancaster County outside the Lancaster City limits. Loans are for addressing hazardous situations within the home. Loans are not for cosmetic work. Applicants can receive up to \$24,999 in home repairs made by a qualified contractor. A lien is placed on the

homeowner's property and no monthly payments are required. Loans are not due until the home is sold, or the deed is transferred. Eligibility is based on income, credit, and available equity.

Grants are also available for lead based paint abatement and historic preservation for homeowners who go through the Home Repair Program.

Interested homeowners may call the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Lancaster at 717-394-0793, extension 226.

Reminder to Public Sewer Customers

The West Earl Sewer Authority would like to remind all residents who are connected to the sewer system to please be aware of what should not be put into the sewer system.

- No grease or oils of any kind
- No rags or shop towels
- No paints or chemicals that are not bio-degradable
- No motor oils

The West Earl Township sewer system is growing with the addition of 100+ connections from the Village of Talmage to be added to the system this fall & winter.

There will be an inspection of the **entire** vent and clean-out lateral connections in October by the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator and any missing or damaged caps will be repaired.

Recycling FAQ's

1. **Am I required to recycle?** Yes. You are required by township ordinance to separate recyclable materials for special collection. Please do not place any recyclables with your regular trash. Recycle bins for customers of the Township's contracted hauler are available at the municipal office.
2. **Why should I recycle?** Recycling reduces the amount of waste that is placed in landfills or processed at the Solid Waste Authority in Lancaster.
3. **What should I recycle?** Aluminum cans, tin/bimetallic cans, clear & colored glass and plastic bottles with a #1 or #2 on the bottom.
4. **Do cans & glass need to be separated?** No. They can be placed in the same recycle bin. Please remember to rinse out containers and throw the lids in your regular trash.
5. **Can I recycle my old newspapers?** Yes. Newspapers should be placed in a paper bag (*no plastic bags*) or tied into bundles and placed on top of, or next to your recycle bin. Please remember to remove all colored inserts from the newspapers before placing them at the curb for collection. Do not place newspapers out for collection on rainy days. Save them until the next weekly pick-up.
6. **Can I recycle other paper such as magazines with my newspapers?** No. Other paper such as magazines, office paper and junk mail **can not** be recycled with your newspaper. Please place these items in your regular trash.
7. **Can I recycle my used batteries?** Yes. Orange battery bags are available at the Township office. Once the bag is full, place it next to or on top of your garbage container. The bag will be collected during your regular trash pick-up. Please do not place the bag in your recycle bin.
8. **Can I recycle my cardboard boxes?** Yes. The Township has a dumpster for recycling your corrugated cardboard. Please make sure you flatten the boxes before placing them into the dumpster.
9. **What should I do with my old cell phone or computer?** You can recycle these items free of charge at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster. For more information please call (717) 397-9968 or email info@lcswwa.org.



If you have a question that was not answered here, please call the Township office at (717) 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 431-3739
- Sewage Enforcement 721-9008