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West Earl Township

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Leaf Collection Schedule

Leaf Collection will begin on Monday, October 20th and will continue through Friday, December 12th (this date may be subject to change). No leaves will be collected Monday, December 1st through Friday, December 5th.

To prepare your leaves for pickup:

- Rake leaves into a row (not a pile) 3 to 4 feet wide along the front edge of your property.
- Do not mix trash, other yard waste or grass with the leaves.
- Do not cover leaves with a tarp or park a vehicle over them.

The leaf collection truck makes one pass through the Township per week. Where they stop collecting one day is where they begin collecting the following day and continue that process each day until they have been through the entire Township. This will be done each week during the leaf collection schedule dates mentioned above.



VOTING DISTRICTS



West Earl Township, previously divided into two voting districts, has now been divided into three voting districts. Earlville, Farmersville and West Earl North.

- ◆ **4401 Earlville** - Polling place is the West Earl Fire Company (14 School Lane Avenue).
- ◆ **4402 Farmersville** - Polling place is the Farmersville Fire Company (74 E. Farmersville Road).
- ◆ **4403 West Earl North** - Polling place is the West Earl Township Municipal Building (157 W. Metzler Road).

For a map of the voting districts please visit the Township's website at www.westearltwp.org.

REFUSE & RECYCLING NEWS

For residents who use the Township's trash hauler— curbside yard waste pick up ended on September 23rd, however, you may take your yard waste to the Township's compost facility. Located at 161 Locust Street in Talmage, the compost facility is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week except for Wednesdays between 7:30 AM and 3:30 PM when the facility is closed for grinding.

White Goods and Tires will be picked up on **Saturday, October 11th**. Tags for these items can be purchased at the Township Office during regular business hours, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, for \$12 each. 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 9th.** Tags purchased after Thursday, October 9th will not guarantee a pickup on October 11th.



Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 2nd. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.



Snow Removal Procedures

The winter season is approaching and the Public Works Department would like

to remind you of the general policy for snow removal. Each winter storm event could be cause for change however.

The major roads are attended to first, followed by residential streets. Salt and anti-skid material is spread onto the roadway at the onset of the storm. When the snow accumulates to around 3 inches, the center of the road will be plowed one pass in each direction. This process may be repeated several times throughout the duration of the storm. As the storm ends, streets will be plowed to their full width. Keep in mind that when you clear your driveway or sidewalk there is a possibility of snow getting onto areas that you have cleared.

In our attempt to clear the snow from the roads, plowed snow occasionally damages mailboxes and plastic fences. Wet, heavy snow and slush increases the chance for damage to occur. To reduce the potential for damage to your mailbox make sure that it is tightly secured on a solid post. Residents are reminded that mailbox damage occurring from the plowed snow is the responsibility of

the property owner. The Public Works Department will make every effort to avoid causing any damage.

Residents who live along a designated snow emergency route must remove their vehicles from the street when a snow emergency has been declared by the Township.

Additional reminders during snow events:

- Do not push or blow snow onto the roadway. This creates hazardous driving conditions.
- Please park vehicles off the street whenever possible. Once the crew has finished widening the street, they will not return to clear parking spaces.
- It is recommended that you wait to clear your sidewalk until after the crew has widened the street. This will prevent the need for additional shoveling of the sidewalks.
- Drive carefully on snow and ice covered streets.

Any questions, please contact the Director of Public Works at 717-859-3201.



A Special Note to Residents in the Eagleview Estates Development

All roads in the Eagleview Development have been designated as snow emergency routes. Once a snow emergency is declared, all vehicles must be moved from the streets. Snow emergencies will be announced via the Township's Facebook page and website and will also be announced via local news and radio media such as WGAL and I-105 WIOV.

SNOW & ICE REMOVAL ORDINANCE



The Township has an ordinance in place that sets snow and ice removal guidelines for residents of properties located within the Township.

Properties that adjoin a sidewalk.

Residents of properties that adjoin a sidewalk are responsible for removing snow and ice from the sidewalk. A path of at least 24 inches in width must be cleared. If the snow and ice has become too hard to remove, non-skid or abrasive material must be placed onto the sidewalk in order to make it safe for travel. This must be done no later than 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling.

Snow and ice removal from roofs.

It is the responsibility of residents of properties in the Township to remove snow and ice from their roofs in order to prevent it from falling onto sidewalks or streets. This must be done no later than 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling.

Thank you for helping to keep the streets and sidewalks safe.

Stormwater: Only Rain Down the Drain

Stormwater runoff is precipitation from rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. As it flows, it can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and deposit them into a storm sewer system or waterbody.

Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

To keep the stormwater leaving your home or workplace clean, follow these simple guidelines:



- ◆ Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- ◆ Repair auto leaks.
- ◆ Dispose of household hazardous waste, used auto fluids (antifreeze, oil, etc.), and batteries at designated collection or recycling locations. The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority, located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike in Lancaster, offers a household hazardous waste drop-off site for Lancaster County residents. Call 397-9968 for more information.
- ◆ Clean up after your pet.
- ◆ Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface.
- ◆ Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible (Township residents may use the Township's compost site free of charge).
- ◆ Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program.
- ◆ Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris like concrete and mortar.

For more information about stormwater visit the PA Department of Environmental Protection website at www.depweb.state.pa.us or the US Environmental Protection Agency website at www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater.

NEW TOWNSHIP MANAGER

The Board of Supervisors and Township staff would like to welcome the new Township Manager, Candie Johnson. Candie lives in the Ephrata area and comes to us from Manheim Borough with 17 years of Municipal Government experience. We look forward to working with Candie in the years to come.



Friday
October 31, 2014
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



HALLOWEEN PARADE

The annual West Earl Lions' Halloween Parade is scheduled to take place on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. The parade forms in the area of Marlow Avenue and Locust Street.

The parade route is as follows:

- Locust Street to S. State Street
- North on S. State Street to Cedar Avenue
- Cedar Avenue to N. Church Street
- N. Church Street to School Lane Avenue
- School Lane Avenue to the West Earl Fire Department



If you would like to register for the parade or need additional information please contact Lions' Club representative Jeff Zimmerman at 368-2882 or visit the Lions' website at www.westearllions.org.

Holiday Safety Tips from the West Earl Police Department

This holiday season, don't let the spirit of giving lull you into giving burglars, muggers and pickpockets a better chance to do their dirty work. Crooks love holidays as much as everyone else, mostly because it is an opportunity for crime.



If you are going out for the evening

- ◆ Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone is home.
- ◆ Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if only for a few minutes.
- ◆ Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.

Tips for Safe Holiday Shopping

- ◆ Keep track of your bags and other packages. If you leave something behind, it could get stolen or discarded.
- ◆ Tell a security guard or store employee if you see an unattended bag or package.
- ◆ Be sure not to buy more than you can carry. If your packages are making it hard for you to walk upright or see, ask a store employee to help you carry them to your car.
- ◆ Check receipts to see whether your full credit card number appears. If a receipt has your full number on it, take a pen and thoroughly scratch it out.
- ◆ Double check that you have your credit cards and check book after you pay for your items.
- ◆ Ensure that any children with you know your cell phone number. Give cards with contact information to any who don't.
- ◆ Make a plan with children in case you get separated. Have a central meeting place, and review with your children who they can turn to for help if they find themselves alone.
- ◆ Go over the dangers of strangers with them so that they know who not to talk to or follow.

Do your part to make the holidays a safe and happy time for everybody—**EXCEPT THE CRIMINALS!**

AVOID SCAMS & CONS



- Beware of credit card schemes, bogus investment opportunities and free vacation offers.
- Carefully review all information about any offer before making any financial commitments.
- Never give anyone your social security, credit card, bank account numbers or any other personal information unless you initiated the conversation.
- To learn more about current scams and cons contact the Better Business Bureau or your bank customer service representative.

If you discover that you have been the victim of a scam or suspect fraud, contact your local police department immediately.

Remember, if it sounds too good to be true — it probably is!

Farmersville Fire Company



Upcoming Events:

→ Chicken BBQ

Saturday, November 8, 2014. 10 AM until sold out.

→ Spring Mud Sale

Thursday, March 19, 2015 beginning at 4:30 PM.

www.farmersvillefire.com

News from the West Earl Fire Company

The West Earl Fire Company is continuing to proudly cover our community with an all volunteer force. As always, we rely on your help to continue to perform our service. Please join us for all you can eat breakfast fundraisers in November, January, and February. These events have become great opportunities for a community gathering. Also, please keep an eye out for information on our Quilt and Consignment Auction in March as well as our Fund Drive Mailing.

As we look to end this year strong and safe, we remind you to avoid flooded roads and be careful on icy roads this winter. Also be sure to change smoke detector batteries at day light savings and clean your chimneys before use.

Finally, we are always looking for new members as fire fighters, fire police, auxiliary, or business members. If you have any interest in serving your community in this way, swing by the station during an event or Tuesday night for more information. Thank you for your continued support and stay safe.

www.westearlfire.org



Parks & Recreation

Although the season for spending time outside is coming to a close the Township wants to keep residents informed about the park & recreation areas within the Township.



Eagleview Estates Park Project

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A new park project has begun in the Eagleview Estates development. The park is being built with the help of the Eagleview Estates Homeowner's Association and a local match grant from the PA Department of Conservation of Natural Resources.

Phase I of the project, which will include a tot lot, youth playground and a picnic pavilion, is scheduled to be completed in October 2014.

Photos courtesy of Diane LaMonica.

West Earl Community Park

A reminder to West Earl residents that the West Earl Community Park (aka the Lions' Park) offers two walking trails. One trail includes several fitness stations such as the one pictured below.

The inner walking trail is 1,895 feet and the outer trail is 3,178 feet.

Remember, your tax dollars have made these parks possible; please treat them with respect and help keep them clean if you should use any of the facilities.



Eagleview Estates Park Project

Free Home Composting Workshop

The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority is partnering with municipalities, community organizations and Penn State Master Gardeners to conduct home compost workshops where residents will learn how to recycle organic waste from their kitchens and gardens instead of putting it in the trash. Composting is an excellent way to recycle vegetable scraps, grass clippings, leaves, and other organic materials and turn them into a useful and valuable product to naturally improve the soil.



Workshop attendees will also learn how to build effective, yet inexpensive home compost bins to meet their needs. Each household in attendance will be eligible to enter a drawing to receive a free kitchen scrap collection bucket courtesy of US EPA, Region III.

The workshop will be held on **Saturday, October 18, 2014** at the **Warwick Township Municipal Building** at 315 Clay Rd., Lititz. This workshop is from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. No fee is required for this workshop, but pre-registration is recommended. For more information, please contact the Warwick Township Recycling Coordinator at (717) 626-8900 or email bkreider@warwicktownship.org.



TOWNSHIP COMPOST FACILITY

A reminder to Township residents that the compost facility, located at 161 Locust Street in Talmage, is closed on Wednesdays from 7:30 AM until 3:30 PM for grinding.

Additional reminders:

- Access cards are available free to West Earl residents.
- Access cards will allow fifty entries per year.
- The cards are re-loadable. Please do not discard them.
- Please do not dump trash, recyclables, plastic bags or other waste at the compost facility.
- No large tree stumps will be accepted.

Township residents may continue to use their access cards until there are no more trips left. Once all the trips have been used you may call or stop by the Township office to have the card reloaded.

City of Lancaster Recycling Drop-Off Center

The City of Lancaster's Recycling Drop Off Center opened on January 15, 2013 to increase recycling opportunities for residents and small businesses by accepting: corrugated cardboard (corrugated cardboard can also be brought to the Township office for recycling), office paper, chipboard (cereal boxes, tissue boxes, shoe boxes etc.), newspaper and magazines/catalogs/books.

Who can bring materials to the Recycling Drop-Off Center?

The Recycling Drop-Off Center will accept materials generated from residential units and small businesses located in Lancaster City and Lancaster County. No materials will be accepted from large businesses, commercial haulers or recyclable materials processors. The City reserves the right to refuse delivery from persons who deliver: large volumes of material, recyclables that are excessively contaminated, trash and/or materials that are not acceptable.

- The Drop-Off is a single-lane drive-through facility.
- To reduce wait time, please separate all recyclables by type prior to delivery so that materials can be dropped off quickly.
- To save time, energy and money; make the trip when you have a full load and/or are driving by the Center.
- To conserve space and help increase efficiency, please flatten all boxes prior to delivery.

The Drop-Off Center is located at 850 New Holland Avenue, Lancaster and is open Tuesday—Friday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, excluding some holidays.

For additional information please visit <http://www.cityoflanasterpa.com/resident/trash-recycling> navigate to the bottom of the page and click on the link to the "Recycling Drop-Off Center Brochure".





Residential Zoning & Building Permit Requirements

In general, whenever there is any construction, alterations or renovations undertaken (whether residential or commercial), a permit must first be obtained from the Township. (See below for exceptions).

Calls are received by the Township every month regarding whether interior alterations and renovations require a permit from the Township.

Unless you are making *repairs* to the interior of your building – or equipment within the building, all interior renovations and alterations require a Zoning Permit. This permit ensures that the alteration or renovation is compliant with the permitted use of the property and does not violate any prior zoning approvals.

A Zoning Permit will require the submission of a plot plan of the property identifying any existing structures on the property as well as a floor plan of the area being altered or renovated both how the area currently exists and how it will look once altered or renovated.

A Zoning Permit is reviewed by Township staff.

If your proposed project involves the alteration of structural components (e.g. load-bearing walls, or ceilings and/or floors) or if the project involves the modification of an existing doorway or stairway, an additional building permit is necessary to ensure compliance with the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code.

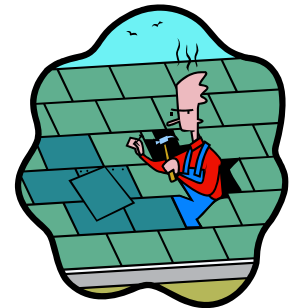
The building permit may require, along with a plot plan and the required floor plan, additional details including but not limited to, a schematic detail of dimensions and type of lumber, an electrical and plumbing layout plan if necessary, and energy compliance information.

The building permit is reviewed by Township staff for compliance with the Zoning Ordinance and is sent to a third party agency for review for compliance with the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code.

Permit applications are available at the Township Office and online at www.westearltpw.org.

Projects which **do not** require a permit (residential uses only):

- * A fence within or separating properties.
- * Replacing roof covering materials.
- * Repair/replacement of equipment (e.g. heating and air conditioning, water heaters).
- * Installation of a private sidewalk.
- * Replacement of doors and windows in existing openings.



A Note to Sewer Customers

Sewer customers please make note: **DO NOT** dispose of grease, baby wipes (even those labeled as flushable), feminine hygiene products, or other foreign material into the sewer system. A blockage in a sewer main can cause a sewer backup anywhere in the sewer system.



Check with your insurance company for the availability of sewer backup insurance. **Courts have determined that Sewer Authorities are not liable for backups caused by foreign material introduced into the sewer system.** Your plumber may also have recommendations on minimizing the potential of a system backup entering your home.

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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 7:00pm

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 656-7522
- Water & Sewer Dept (after hours) 859-3725
- Police Department 859-1411
- Emergencies 911
- Zoning Officer 859-3201
- Sewage Enforcement 625-1930

Email Addresses

- Public Works Dept jhouser@westearltwp.org
- Water Dept waterdept@westearltwp.org
- Sewer Dept bhershock@westearltwp.org
- Township Manager cjohnson@westearltwp.org
- Administrative Office datadept@westearltwp.org