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**FARMERSVILLE  
FIRE COMPANY**

Mud Sale  
Thursday, March  
17th  
at 4:30 p.m.

# West Earl Township

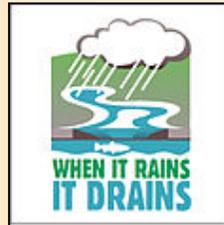
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## What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is rainwater and melted snow that runs off street, lawns, and other sites. When stormwater is absorbed into the ground, it is filtered and ultimately replenishes aquifers or flows into streams and rivers. In developed areas, however, impervious surfaces such as pavement and roofs prevents precipitation from naturally soaking into the ground. Instead, the water runs rapidly into storm drains, sewer systems, and drainage ditches and can cause:

- ◆ Downstream flooding
- ◆ Stream bank erosion
- ◆ Reduced water quality
- ◆ Changes in the flow rate of a stream
- ◆ Infrastructure damage
- ◆ Contaminated streams and rivers



## What is an illicit discharge?

An illicit discharge is any discharge to a storm drainage system or waterway that is not composed entirely of stormwater. Our stormwater facilities and waterways are not designed to accept or treat anything but stormwater, and non-stormwater materials, such as residential wastewater or chemicals, will damage the facilities and the environment. The Township has the authority to pursue violations. Activities such as firefighting, irrigation, and residential car washing are not considered illicit discharges.

## What can I do to help?

- ◆ Maintain stormwater facilities that are on your property.
- ◆ Keep leaves and sticks out of storm inlets before and during rain events.
- ◆ Do not dump grass, leaves or other debris in swales or streams.
- ◆ Do not dump chemicals down your drain or in your yard.
- ◆ Report illicit discharges to the Township.
- ◆ Properly dispose of pet waste.
- ◆ Limit the use of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. Use non-toxic organic alternatives whenever possible.

Managing stormwater on your property will not only help protect local streams, but will also help clean up downstream waterways including the Chesapeake Bay. For more information please visit the Township's "Stormwater Runoff Resources" page at

[http://www.westearltwp.org/pages/stormwater\\_education.html](http://www.westearltwp.org/pages/stormwater_education.html).

## MEET YOUR NEWLY-ELECTED SUPERVISORS

### DAVID THORNTON



Dave's family moved to Lancaster County when he was 4 years old, so I guess we can call him a "native". He graduated from Conestoga Valley High School in 1979 and then went on to the University of Wyoming graduating in 1983 with a BS in Geology. Dave joined the US Navy shortly after college and became a Naval Flight Officer flying the S-3B Viking and CP-140 Orion, both cold war vintage, anti-submarine aircraft. During six overseas deployments Dave accumulated over 4,000 flight hours and 400 aircraft carrier landings. Serving in the US Navy for 21 years he attained the final rank of Commander before retiring and coming back to Lancaster. For the last ten years Dave has worked at Wohlsen Construction in the Human Resources department.

Dave has been a resident of West Earl Township since October 2006 and hopes to continue the long range vision of current and former supervisors to improve our Township and its services.

As a Township Supervisor, Dave would like to continue to keep taxes low while providing a safe and quality community.

### KEITH KAUFFMAN



Keith graduated from Reading Senior High School and then went on to Albright College where he graduated with a BS in Biology. Keith works as a Sales Representative at Lindenmeyr Paper and Packaging and has lived in West Earl Township for 29 years with his wife Carol. Keith and Carol have two children, Matthew and Alexandria. Matthew works as a data analyst for Johns Hopkins Bayview Hospital and Alexandria is a flight attendant for American Airlines in Phoenix, Arizona.

Keith enjoys all Penn State athletics, baseball and refereeing youth soccer - or just relaxing and watching Everybody Loves Raymond, Big Bang Theory or the King of Queens on television. Keith also enjoys travelling and would travel more if he could.

He feels it's his turn to give back to all his friends and fellow Township residents and hopes to help make West Earl a better place to live and work.

## 2016 Budget Highlights & Projects

✓ **NO TAX INCREASE FOR 2016**

✓ **PROJECT GOALS FOR 2016**

1. Obtain grant funding for Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Storm-water Improvements project along East Main Street.
2. Obtain grant funding for sidewalk improvements along East Main Street.
3. Update the Township's Zoning Ordinance.
4. Cocalico Creek stream bank stabilization project.

✓ **ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FOR 2016**

1. Pipe and inlet work on Turtle Hill Road.
2. Pipe work on Balmerstown Road.
3. Pipe work on Willis Peirce Road.
4. Nova Chip on North View Drive, South View Drive, Hilltop Drive, Rosehill Road and Cocalico Creek Road.
5. Seal Coat Linden Grove Road, Wissler Road, Amishtown Road, Groffdale Church Road, Brethren Church Road, Peace Road and Good's Road.



### Sidewalks

In 2015 West Earl Township adopted a Sidewalk Maintenance Ordinance. This year the Township is working hard at obtaining grant funding to focus on improvements to the sidewalks along East Main Street. The Township will explore all funding options for these improvements. If unsuccessful in obtaining grant funds, the Township may have to rely on property owners to repair and/or replace damaged sidewalks.

To download a copy of the Ordinance, please visit the Township's website and click on the "Sidewalk Ordinance" link at the top of the home page at [www.westearltwp.org](http://www.westearltwp.org).

#### Reminder to East Main Street Residents

Please make sure that any shrubbery or bushes along sidewalks are properly trimmed. Shrubby or bushes that protrude onto the sidewalks can cause a hazard.

### PA Drug Take Back Program

The Pennsylvania Prescription Drug Take-Back Program focuses on alleviating the health and safety concerns from the diversion and abuse of prescription medications by helping our communities properly dispose of unused prescription medications.

The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) in partnership with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) and the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association (PDAA), will work with local communities to provide grants that facilitate the installation of hundreds of secure and permanent prescription drug drop-off boxes installed throughout Pennsylvania.

#### Preparing items for disposal at a Take-Back Box location

- All pharmaceutical drugs that are being disposed of need to be in a sealed container such as the original bottle or a zip-lock bag.
- Liquid pharmaceuticals should remain in the original container.
- Personal information should be removed or blotted out with a permanent marker.

#### Items Accepted

- Prescription and over-the-counter solid medications
- Tablets and capsules
- Pet medicines

#### Items NOT Accepted

- Intravenous solutions
- Injectables, syringes, and needles (i.e. EpiPens)\*  
~These items should be taken to a health care professional's office or to a hospital for proper disposal.
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Compressed cylinders or aerosols (e.g., asthma inhalers)
- Iodine-containing medications
- Thermometers
- Alcohol & illicit drugs (i.e. marijuana, heroin, LSD, etc.)



The closest drop-off box for West Earl residents is located at the Ephrata Police Department at 124 S. State Street, Ephrata, PA, 717.738.9265 M-F 8am-4:30pm.



# Winter Storm Safety

The winter season is upon us and the Road Department would like to remind you about the general policy for snow removal. Each winter storm event could be cause for change however.

The major roads are attended to first with the residential streets following. 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 take place a couple of times throughout the duration of the storm. As the storm ends the plow will return to widen the street to its full width. Keep in mind that if you clear your driveway or sidewalk there is a possibility of snow getting onto those 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 please 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 Road Department will make every effort to avoid causing any damage.

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. When the crew has done the widening of 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 Township Office at 717.859.3201.



## SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

The Township has an ordinance in place that gives 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 for residents.

- ◆ Keep your gas tank full.
- ◆ Slow down and increase following distance.
- ◆ Avoid sudden stops and starts.
- ◆ Beware of roads that may look wet, but are actually frozen, often referred to as “black ice”.
- ◆ Use extra caution on bridges and ramps where ice can often form without warning.
- ◆ Carry a cell phone.
- ◆ Remove ice and snow from windows, mirrors and all vehicle lights as often as needed.
- ◆ Do not pass or get between trucks plowing in a plow line (several trucks plowing side by side).

**For more winter driving tips visit Penn DOT’s website at [www.penn.dot.gov](http://www.penn.dot.gov).**

## Sanitary Sewer Expansion

Municipalities are required to identify areas that are in need of public sanitary sewer service. The condition of existing on-lot disposal systems and the water quality of privately owned drinking water wells are important factors in determining where public sanitary sewer service needs to be extended.

West Earl Township has identified *The Conestoga View Area* as an area in need of public sanitary sewer. This project area is generally comprised of North Conestoga View Drive, South Conestoga View Drive, White Street, Dogwood Drive, a portion of Millway Road and a portion of Oregon Pike.

The Authority will initiate the planning and design of the sanitary sewer extension project in early 2016. The first step in the project planning process is to conduct a topographical field survey to document existing conditions. As the project schedule currently stands, the Authority anticipates completing the planning, state permitting and design for the project in 2016. Construction is anticipated to begin either late 2016 or early 2017, and be completed in late 2017.

The Authority will hold public meetings for impacted property owners during the course of the project and will be able to provide more information to property owners after field survey information has been obtained and after preliminary design alternatives are evaluated.

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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  
(hours vary—check Twp website.)
- Sewage Enforcement 989-8439

### Email Addresses

- Road Master [sfisher@westearltwp.org](mailto:sfisher@westearltwp.org)
- Water Dept [waterdept@westearltwp.org](mailto:waterdept@westearltwp.org)
- Sewer Dept [bhershock@westearltwp.org](mailto:bhershock@westearltwp.org)
- Township Manager [cjohnson@westearltwp.org](mailto:cjohnson@westearltwp.org)
- Administrative Office [datadept@westearltwp.org](mailto:datadept@westearltwp.org)
- Zoning Office [tzorbaugh@westearltwp.org](mailto:tzorbaugh@westearltwp.org)