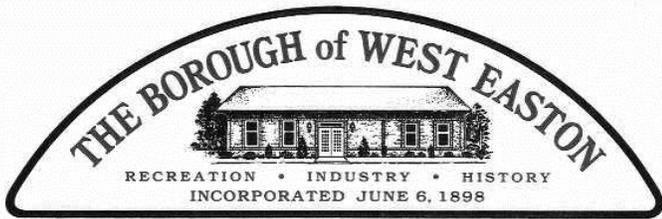


NEWSLETTER

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BOROUGH OFFICIALS

MAYOR: Gerald W. Gross

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SECRETARY: Joan Heebner

SENIOR CLERK: David Gehman

TREASURER: Carl Pierson

TAX COLLECTOR: Elizabeth Hanni

MUNICIPAL BUILDING OFFICE HOURS:

***Mondays 9am to 5pm

***Tuesday thru Friday, 9am to 4 pm

Closed Weekends and Holidays

Office: 610-252-6651 **Fax:** 610-252-6993

Non-Emergency: 610-759-6106

Emergency: 911

NEW WEB SITE: www.westeastonborough.com

E-Mail

boroughclerk@westeastonborough.org

TAX COLLECTOR HOURS

The Tax Collector will be in the borough office on **Wednesdays, May 1st thru June 1st, 9am to noon.**

During these hours she can be reached at 610-252-6651.

After hours, please call 610-438-0049 or email at

lizh@rcn.com.

-You may also pay your bill by mail or deposit it in the mail slot on the side door at the West Easton Municipal Building. ***Please enclose a self addressed stamped envelope if you require a receipt.**

-If your mortgage company pays your tax bill, please forward the bill to them.

-The Tax Collector will not be in when the Borough Office is closed for the holidays.

PROPERTY OWNERS

If you have properties within the Borough which you rent/lease, you are required by Borough ordinance to report, yearly, your tenant's name and address in writing to the Borough office. (Please forward newsletter to your tenants.)

SEWER/REFUSE PAYMENTS

The sewer/refuse bills for the 2nd quarter will be mailed on **May 2nd**. Payment will be due on **June 2nd**. This covers the period from April 1st until June 30th. Please remember if payment has not been received by that date, the \$20.00 penalty will be added. If you have not paid your bill for two quarters, you will receive a shut off notice with an extra charge of \$50 to your account and shut off proceedings will begin. If the bill is still not paid and a letter is sent to the water company, another \$50 charge will be added to your account.

REMEMBER ALL BILLS MUST BE PAID IN FULL

NO PARTIAL PAYMENTS WILL BE TAKEN

The Borough has signed a contract with the water company that states water can be shut off at any time. Tenants, if you are responsible for paying the sewer/refuse bill, please contact your landlord.

If you do not get your bill in the mail, call the office for the billing information. Once the bills leave the office and are mailed, it is not the borough's responsibility if you do not receive your bill.

CHECK SEWER/REFUSE BILL FOR SENIOR DISCOUNT INFORMATION (Age 65)

BUSINESS IN THE BOROUGH

Ordinance #818 requires the licensing or re-licensing of all businesses, whether permanent or transient, operating within the Borough of West Easton for an annual fee of \$20.00. The business License application can be obtained at the municipal office.

Memorial Day Service

When: May 30, 2016 at 9:00 am

**Where: War Memorial
Center Street & 7th Street
West Easton, PA 18042**

The service will be held at the Memorial flagpole, located next to Borough Hall. Memorial Day honors those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Council Meeting

Next Meeting May 9th, 7:00pm

Please try to attend

**We are Looking to re-start Activities
Committee and Block Watch Committee**

Reduced Motor Vehicle Registration

Retired persons can register a passenger vehicle or a light duty pick-up truck for a \$10 processing fee. Those eligible must be a retired PA resident receiving Social Security with a total annual income that does not exceed \$19,200 annually. A completed MV-371 is required. Contact Penn DOT BMV at 1-800-932-4600.

MS4 STORMWATER EDUCATION

WHEN IT RAINS, IT DRAINS

What is Storm Water?

Storm Water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the side of streets. Collectively, the draining water is called storm water runoff.

Why is Storm Water “Good Rain Gone wrong?”

Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland or coastal water. All of the pollutants water carries along the way empty into our water, too, because storm water does not get treated!

Where to Go to Continue the Information Flow?

Your community is preventing storm water pollution through a storm water management program. The program addresses storm water pollution from construction, new development, illegal dumping to the storm sewer system, pollution prevention and good housekeeping practices in municipal operations. It will also continue to educate the community and get everyone involved in making sure the only thing that storm water contributes to our water is...water. Contact the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for more information about storm water management.

**The above article is an excerpt from the PA DEP brochure When It Rains, It Drains – Understanding Storm Water and How It Can Affect Your Money, Safety, Health and the Environment.*

SCAM ALERT

Do not allow any utility worker into your home unless you are expecting them by appointment. Should anyone present themselves to you as utility workers that want to check for a possible problem, do not allow them entry before checking with your utility company. If you're suspicious, ask them to wait outside your CLOSED door and call the State Police, (610-759-6106).

West Easton Scholarship Association of West Easton

The Scholarship Association of West Easton is asking residents to consider making a donation to our scholarship fund. Donations can be directed to Elizabeth Hanni at Borough Hall. Our selection meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm on May 24th at Borough Hall. Everyone is invited to attend and participate.

Ordinance 631-Noxious Vegetation Prohibited

No person owning or occupying any lot or tract of ground shall permit any noxious vegetation to grow or any grass or weeds or non ornamental vegetation not grown for use as food for domestic animals or humans to grow to a height in excess of six (6) inches. Any grass, weeds or other vegetation growing upon any premises including the sidewalks, curbs and gutters is in violation of this provision and is hereby declared a nuisance. If a violation exists a notice will be sent out to the person owning or occupying the land. Such notice shall require that such person remove or trim so as to correct said violation within five days, it is hereby declared to be a nuisance and in addition to penalties, the same may be removed or trimmed by or for the Borough and the costs of such removal collected from the person or person in violation by legal process.

Zoning Ordinance, Sec.1002-Accessory Uses

Swimming Pools: Before any construction is begun on any swimming pool, a permit needs to be applied for and obtained from the Borough office. There are **several** specifications that need to be met before construction may begin. One example: Every permanent or semi-permanent pool or the premises upon which such pool is located shall be completely enclosed by a fence not less than four feet in height. Above ground pools with 48” of wall depth shall be surrounded with a fence as described above or be equipped with pivotal ladders or steps which can be raised and locked in the raised position. Gates shall be self-closing and capable of being locked. Another example: The construction and installation of electrical equipment such as pool lighting, outlets, pumps and filters must be protected by ground fault circuit interrupters to prevent electric shock.

The codes and ordinances are to help you have a safe and enjoyable summer. Please call the office if you have any questions.