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**BOROUGH OFFICIALS**

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**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](http://www.westeastonborough.com)  
**E-Mail:** [boroughclerk@westeastonborough.org](mailto:boroughclerk@westeastonborough.org)

Our tax collector, Liz Hanni, can be reached at 610-438-0049 or through her email: [lizh@rcn.com](mailto:lizh@rcn.com)

**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.)

**Council Meeting**

**Next Meeting is August 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm.**  
**Please try to attend. We are looking to re-start the Activities Committee and the Block Watch Committee. Call Borough Office if interested.**  
**610-252-6651**

**NEWSLETTER**

**SUMMER EDITION - 2016**

**\*\*\*\*Borough Website\*\*\*\***

Please note that the new Borough website ends in .com. We are hoping to merge the old one (ending in .org) in the near future. The old one has 'we are in the process of updating our information'. We welcome any suggestions as to what else you would like to see on the website.  
[www.westeastonborough.com](http://www.westeastonborough.com)

**\*\*\*\*\*E-CYCLE EVENT\*\*\*\*\***

The next 2016 Northampton County supported e-cycling event will be held at 345 Illick's Mill Road, in Bethlehem, PA, September 10, 2016, 9:00am-noon. The event is open to Northampton County residents only, proof of residency required. A link to a list of prices can be found on the Borough website or a paper copy can be picked up from Borough Hall.

**Let's Keep West Easton Beautiful!**

While we cannot legislate how our neighbors decorate or landscape their yards (except in extreme cases), we can ask them to keep in mind that they are part of a community and to understand that how they keep their property reflects those around them. This applies not only to resell values but to the overall quality of day to day life. Let's face it, it is much nicer to live in a well-kept area than an overgrown jungle. The Borough has Ordinance 631 which limits weeds/grass and non-ornamental vegetation to a height of 6 inches.

Just a reminder, it is also the responsibility of the residents to keep other vegetation from growing upon any premises, including the sidewalks, curbs and gutters. Even if you find your flowers or trees attractive, they cannot be draping over onto the sidewalk. Please cut them back to allow a passageway on the sidewalks.

If you know of a neighbor that needs help cutting their grass, etc. please consider helping them out. It doesn't cost anything to be kind and it makes everyone's property look nicer.

For those that have all sorts of debris in their yards, please remember that we have a very generous trash contract with Advanced Disposal which allows us to put out 1 bulk item per week (no TVs or tires).

Please remove standing water on your property to help cut down the mosquito population.

### **West Easton Scholarship Association of West Easton**

Congratulations to Hunter Shatto and Nicole Schwall for being selected as recipients of scholarships from The Scholarship Association of West Easton. Hunter will receive \$1000.00 and Nicole will receive \$500.00. Each recipient will be continuing their education at Northampton Community College.

### **SEWER/REFUSE PAYMENTS**

The sewer/refuse bills for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter should be mailed out by **July 29<sup>th</sup>**. Payment will be due on **August 29<sup>th</sup>**. This covers the period from July 1<sup>st</sup> until September 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **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).

### **Common Complaints/Concerns**

Following is a list of the most common complaints and concerns we have received in recent months:

Dogs - Please have your dogs on a leash while out and clean up any animal fecal matter or risk a \$300 fine. (Ordinance 476)

Please remember, there are no pets allowed in the parks. We do not want children exposed to fecal matter that is not picked up from those that do not follow the common sense rules.

Loud playing of radios, TVs, amplifiers and other sound devices so as to be heard beyond the premises from which they shall emanate is not permitted.

Open burning is not permitted in the Borough.

Vehicles that do not have a current registration sticker, current license plate and/or are not in operating condition are not permitted in the streets or alleys of the Borough or in public view on private property.

When considering a deck, shed, or patio, etc., a zoning permit is required to be sure your planned addition falls into an allowable area.

Most forms of construction require a construction permit and some also require a zoning permit.

The Borough parks are here for your enjoyment and relaxation. Please make use of the trash receptacles.

Sidewalks must be kept clear of debris and vegetation.

### **CODE APPEALS BOARD**

West Easton council is in the process of creating a Code Appeals Board and is seeking residents to serve as members. The Board would meet when a violation of a municipal code is issued and the recipient of the violation wishes to appeal. The Council hopes to attract those in the skilled labor fields (ie: electrical, plumbing, construction) but it is not mandatory. Anyone interested should submit a letter of interest to Borough Hall.

### **TRASH & RECYCLE DAYS**

On Holidays: Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Memorial Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July; **Collection Day is FRIDAY instead of Thursday.**