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# NEWSLETTER

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[www.westeastonborough.com](http://www.westeastonborough.com)

## BOROUGH OFFICIALS

**MAYOR:** Gerald W. Gross

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT:** Daniel DePaul  
**VICE PRESIDENT:** Ronald Nixon  
 Matthew Dees  
 Henry Nodoline  
 Robert Lewis  
 Paul James  
 Thomas Nodoline  
**SECRETARY/MANAGER:** 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](http://www.westeastonborough.com)

**E-Mail:** [boroughclerk@westeastonborough.org](mailto:boroughclerk@westeastonborough.org)

## TAX COLLECTOR HOURS

The Tax Collector will be sending out Past Due Notices on November 10<sup>th</sup>. If your bill is unpaid and you would like to pay in person, she will be in the office on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm; Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 9-Noon; and Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm. You may also pay by mail or by using the drop box on the side of Borough Hall by the garages. Please include a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope for your receipt. No payments can be accepted after December 16<sup>th</sup>.

## LANDLORDS

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.) You are also responsible for a mercantile tax to Wilson Borough. Please check for further information at:

<http://www.wilsonareasd.org/business/taxes>

## VOLUNTEER NEEDED!!!

The Borough is looking for someone to volunteer to be on the Wilson Recreation Board. If you have children involved in sports or are interested in helping out, please contact the office. No experience needed! The meetings are usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.

## HALLOWEEN PARADE, TRICK-OR-TREAT

The Halloween Parade in West Easton is scheduled to take place on **Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**. The lining up for the parade starts at **5:30pm at 10<sup>th</sup> and Low Streets**. The parade ends at Keystone Park. Children in the parade will receive a ticket for a free hot dog and birch beer at the end of the parade. The West Easton Activities Committee will be selling hot dogs, birch beer and cupcakes to raise money for future activities. There will also be a cake walk. The West Easton Scholarship Committee will have a tricky tray. The Wilson Area Band will march in the parade as well. Prizes will be awarded by age groups.

## **TRICK OR TREAT IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>, 6pm- 8pm**

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

The council meetings are scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month: **November 14<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup> and January 9<sup>th</sup>**. (There are occasionally meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month; check the website for updates.) **We are looking for volunteers for the Activities Committee and the Block Watch Committee.**

## SNOW????

Hopefully we won't have to worry about snow for a long time, but just in case, please check the website, on the "Public Works" page, for the snow emergency routes or pick up a paper copy at Borough Hall.

**THANK YOU!**

Council would like to thank the residents for their co-operation in moving their cars during the recent roadwork. We hope to do the rest of the Borough roads next year.

**SEWER/REFUSE PAYMENTS**

The sewer/refuse bills for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will be mailed by **October 17<sup>th</sup>**. Payment will be due on **November 17<sup>th</sup>**. This covers the period from October 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</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 or found on the website.

**TRASH/RECYCLABLES**

Please remember we have a new contract with Advanced Disposal this year. We now have a limit of 2 cans or 3 trash bags per residence. If trash is compacted this is usually enough for most of us. This contract also includes 1 bulk item per week.

If you notice your trash or recyclables have not been picked up, please call Advanced Disposal directly (610.440.3700) as soon as possible. If you forget to put your trash out in time, please wait until the next week. Please check the website for more information.

**WEST EASTON DIRCTORY**

With so many people switching to cell phones only, we have found it more and more difficult to reach residents when there is a concern with their property. Examples of when we would try to contact you would be property damage, an accident or removal of cars for roadwork when you are out of town, etc. Please consider including your phone number and/or your email address when you pay your utility bill so that we can reach you. This information can also be emailed to: [boroughmanager@westeastonborough.org](mailto:boroughmanager@westeastonborough.org).

**This directory will be for office use only and not distributed to anyone else!**

**HOUSE NUMBERS**

Please be sure to have your house number somewhere visible on the front of your house to make it easy for the post office and emergency services to locate you and/or your property.

**LED STREETLIGHTS**

The Borough will be switching over to LED lights for the streetlights. The LED lights use less electricity, thus saving the Borough money. They reduce our carbon footprint, making us more environmentally friendly.

**PSAB JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON**

The mayor would like to invite Junior & Senior high school students to participate in the PSAB Junior Council Person Program. This program provides the opportunity to participate in meetings and to learn how the West Easton council works. It helps develop leadership skills for anyone interested in serving their community.

**PROTECT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

From the well or the tap, the watershed is the source of your drinking water. Water covers two-thirds of our planet but only 1% of all the water on earth is accessible and clean enough for our consumption. All people and land based plants and animals must share this same 1% water supply.

What can you do to help? Don't dispose of waste oil, garbage, etc. in storm sewer inlets. Don't destroy undergrowth buffers along waterways. Use pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess run-off. Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly.

**Remember, small actions make a big difference. It is that simple.**