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NEWSLETTER

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*****WEST EASTON BOROUGH WEB SITE*****

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
E-Mail: boroughclerk@westeastonborough.org

TAX COLLECTOR HOURS

Wednesdays, February 1-April 5, 9am-1pm;
 Wednesdays April 12-June 7 9am-noon; Friday,
 March 31, 9am-Noon. 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. Liz can also be
 reached after hours at 610-438-0049.

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>

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.

QUALITY OF LIFE ORDINANCE

The Legal Committee would like to meet with the public
 and discuss their proposed quality of life ordinance.
 They have scheduled meetings for Thursday, February
 9th at 10am and 6pm at Borough Hall, 237 Seventh
 Street. They are very interested in hearing the residents'
 thoughts on this matter. The proposed ordinance can be
 found on the Borough website under the
 "Announcements" tab or you can pick up a copy at the
 Borough office.

SNOW EMERGENCY UPDATES

Please check the website, on the "Public Works"
 page, for the snow emergency routes (or see the list
 below) or pick up a paper copy at Borough Hall.
 Updates will be available on the website and
 WFMZ, channel 69. Ordinance 632 states snow
 removal from sidewalks should be done by 12 hours
 after the snow stops. A 30 inch minimum width
 path is required for pedestrian right of way. No
 snow is permitted to be thrown out into the street.

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

Main from East to Adamson to Easton boundary;
 East from Spring to 3rd; 3rd from East to Keystone;
 7th from East to Center; Spring from Center to Iron;
 Spring from Ridge to East; Ridge from Spring to
 Wilson boundary; 10th from Ridge to Palmer;
 Palmer from 10th to Wilson boundary; Keystone
 from Spring to Front; Front from Keystone to Iron.

SPRING EGG HUNT

We are hoping to bring back the Annual Egg Hunt.
 Gigi Gross has agreed to be in charge of the Egg
 Hunt again this Spring. We are hoping to combine
 that with the dedication of the Gerald W. Gross
 Park (now known as Keystone Park). We would
 like to keep it to West Easton residents only since
 we use real candy. Parents will be responsible for
 checking the candy if their children have allergies.
 Check the website or call the Borough office in
 April for specific details. We may have the children
 register to get an idea as to how much candy we
 need to buy, etc.

Upcoming Borough Council Meetings

(Second Monday of each month)

February 13, 2017

March 13, 2017

April 10, 2017

The new start time is **6:30pm** at Borough Hall.

Please attend! We are looking to re-start the Activities and Block Watch Committees. (Check the Borough website to see if the 4th Monday council meeting, only held when needed, is canceled.)

WEST EASTON DIRECTORY

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.

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

SEWER/REFUSE PAYMENTS

The sewer/refuse bills for the 1st quarter will be mailed on **January 13th**. Payment will be due on **February 15th**. This covers the period from January 1st through March 31st. 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 PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED, IN THE OFFICE, BY THE DUE DATE. NO PARTIAL PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

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+)

MOTOR VEHICLES

No inoperative or unlicensed or unregistered motor vehicle is allowed to be parked on the street, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Vehicles must display a current license plate.

STREETS/CURBS

This past year the Borough spent your tax money to improve many of the streets. We are hoping to do a lot more streets this coming year. We are trying to make the Borough not only attractive but safer as well. It would be appreciated if once your streets are finished that you would improve your curbs and sidewalks as needed.

TRASH/RECYCLABLES

Please remember we have a new contract with Advanced Disposal as of last 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. Advanced Disposal recently mailed out the 2017 Trash/Recycle calendar. Please check the website for more information. If you need the red recyclable stickers for your recycle container we have them down at Borough Hall; they are free.

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.

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.