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NEWSLETTER

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MAYOR: Gerald W. Gross

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SECRETARY/MANAGER: Joan Heebner
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TAX COLLECTOR: Elizabeth Hanni

MUNICIPAL BUILDING OFFICE HOURS:

***Mondays 9am to 5pm
 ***Tuesday thru Friday, 9am to 4pm
 ***Closed Weekends and Holidays

Police, Non-Emergency: 610-759-6106

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West Easton Borough, PA

TRICKY TRAY-SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The West Easton Scholarship Fund will once again have a Tricky Tray table at the Halloween Parade. Donations for the Tricky Tray are appreciated. You can drop off your donations at the Borough Hall during regular hours.

GENERAL ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

LEAF COLLECTION

Please check the Borough website and/or Facebook page for the start of leaf collection. Do NOT put the leaves in the street until you know they will be picked up. Leaves in the street get washed away during the rain which can clog up the storm drains.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

The Halloween Parade in West Easton is scheduled to take place on **Monday, October 30th**. The lining up for the parade starts at **5:30pm at Front and Iron Streets**. The parade ends at Gerald W. Gross 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. (Donations of cupcakes can be brought to the park.) 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 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 6pm- 8pm

TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY TIPS

Motorists:

- Slow down in residential neighborhoods and obey all traffic laws.
- Be on the lookout for excited youngsters darting out in traffic whose vision may be obscured by masks.
- Enter and exit driveways with caution.

Parents and Children:

- Wear costumes with light or bright colored material or trim.
- Have children use face paint and/or make-up rather than hoods, wigs or masks that can block vision.
- Make sure children do not cut across yards. Clotheslines and yard ornaments are not easily seen in the dark.
- Take a flashlight with fresh batteries so the children can see and be seen.
- Children should Trick or Treat in groups, NEVER alone. An adult should accompany children.
- Cross only at street corners and never between parked cars.
- Be sure to check all candy before it is eaten.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Monday nights of each month, 6:30pm, at Borough Hall. Check Facebook or our website as to whether there will be a 2nd meeting of the month; they are only “as needed” and sometimes canceled. Definite dates are: Nov. 13th, Dec. 11th, Jan. 2nd (re-organization meeting); and Jan. 8th.

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. Please keep in mind that we have ONE maintenance man and sometimes one part-time helper. They will get to your roads as soon as they can. They start with the snow emergency routes, followed by the hills, then main and secondary roads and finally alleys. As always, your patience is appreciated.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATOR

The Borough of West Easton is looking for someone with previous experience to fill the role of Emergency Management Co-Ordinator. Please get in touch with the office with your qualifications..

SEWER/REFUSE PAYMENTS

The sewer/refuse bills for the 4th quarter will be mailed **October 13th**. Payment will be due on **November 15th**. This covers the period from October 1st through December 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.

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+)

TAX COLLECTOR HOURS

The Tax Collector will be sending out Past Due Notices for 2017 Borough taxes on November 10th. If your bill is unpaid and you would like to pay in person, she will be in the office on Friday, November 17th from 2-4pm; Friday, December 8th from 2-4pm; and Friday, December 15th 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 15th.

COUNTY-WIDE HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM

Depending on the funding available, you may qualify for help with repairing safety or hazardous conditions in your home.

This program may be able to provide low-income owner-occupants of single-family residences with a zero-interest, partially-forgivable, deferred-payment loan for home improvements. The loan can cover a range of improvements necessary for health, safety, and code compliance requirements. This loan does NOT cover cosmetic improvements.

Owners must be permanent residents and owner-occupants of their single-family residence in Northampton County and must be current on all property taxes.

Funding is available on a first come, first serve basis.

Samples of the current income guidelines are: 1 person household, \$41,100; 2 person household, \$47,000; 3 person household, \$52,000.

Please check the Borough website for more information.

HOLIDAY BINGO

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Safety First Volunteer Fire Company is holding a Holiday Bingo on Sunday, November 19th. There must be a minimum of 50 people to hold the Bingo but no more than 150 people will be allowed. The package costs \$30 per person and includes 20 games and a full Thanksgiving dinner at intermission. Forms are available on our website and Facebook page and at the regular Bingo on Wednesday night from 5:30-10pm. **Tickets must be purchased in advance.** Call Donna, 610-253-6969, for more information.

ADVERTISING AVAILABLE

If you'd like to purchase advertising in the Borough quarterly mailings or the Borough website the following rates apply: Newsletter/quarterly: 1/8 page \$20; 1/4 page, \$35; 1/2 page, \$65; full page, \$100. Website/year: \$40 (300x60 pixels); \$70 (300x120 pixels); \$125 (300x240 pixels).

WATER CONSERVATION

A family of four in the United States uses 400 gallons of water every day. That's a lot of water – enough to take 10 baths! By being smarter about our water use, not only can we save water, energy, and money, we can help our rivers, too. When we use water more efficiently, we leave more water in rivers and streams to support fish and wildlife and recreation.