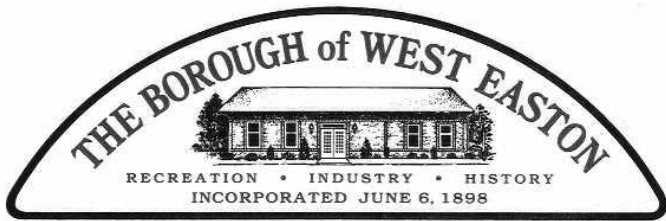


NEWSLETTER

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MUNICIPAL BUILDING OFFICE HOURS:

***Monday 9am to 5pm

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West Easton Borough, PA

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: January 22nd, February 12th, March 12th, April 9th.

CONDITIONAL USE MEETING CONTINUED

The Conditional Use meeting that started on January 8th has been continued to the February 12th council meeting, 6:30pm, at Borough Hall. West Easton Two LP is seeking a conditional use permit for a residential treatment center pursuant to the requirements of the Borough Zoning Ordinance.

SNOW

We've had a few snow events already this year. A reminder of what to do and not do after a snowfall: Sidewalks must be cleared within 12 hours of a snowfall ending. A width of 30" minimum is required for pedestrian walking paths. In the event of ice, sand or salt should be applied. **DO NOT** place snow/ice in roads, on sidewalks, or next to fire hydrants. Snow blower chutes should be pointed toward your property, not toward the street. Any help in keeping the fire hydrants cleared and accessible is greatly appreciated! If you have an elderly or disabled neighbor please consider helping them.

*****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.

***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.

REFUSE INFO

We are starting our third year with Advanced Disposal as our trash hauler. If your trash is not picked up, please call their customer service number as soon as possible, 610.440.3700. **Please consider using only trash cans with lids and not bags for your garbage.** If animals get into your bags and tear them up, you are responsible to clean up the mess, not the trash haulers and not our maintenance man. You are allowed 2 cans or 3 bags and 1 bulk item a week. Tires and electronics are not accepted. Recycle stickers are available at the Borough office. Recyclables include: clear glass, colored glass (green and brown), plastic (PET, PETE 1 and HDPE 2), aluminum, steel, bimetallic and aerosol cans, newsprint, magazines and corrugated paper.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FORMS

Many of you have yet to fill out an emergency management form. Please take the time to pick one up at the office or download one from our website. That is the only way we'll be able to contact most of you in case of an emergency.

SEWER/REFUSE PAYMENTS

The sewer/refuse bills for the 1st quarter will be mailed **January 12th**. 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.

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+)

USAGE SEWER RATES COMING?

The Utilities Committee has been looking into converting your sewer rates from a flat rate to a usage-based rate. This would be a good time to start paying more attention to your water usage.

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.

TAX COLLECTOR HOURS

The Tax Collector will be sending out West Easton property tax bills for the 2018 year. She will be in the office on Wednesdays, February 7 - March 28, 9am-1pm; Wednesdays, April 4 - June 6, 9am-noon. During these hours she can be reached at 610.252.6651. After hours please call 610.438.0049 or email lizh@rcn.com. You may also pay your bill by mail or deposit in the mail slot on the side door at Borough Hall. *Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want a receipt. If your mortgage company pays your tax bill, please forward the bill to them.

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 license plate and current inspection sticker.

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, \$52,800.

Please check the Borough website for more information.

SPRING EGG HUNT

The West Easton Ladies Auxiliary has offered to work with us on this year's Egg Hunt. We will ask that participants register so that we can better plan the event. We'd like to do a little more this year. To keep it manageable we will be limiting the participation to West Easton Borough residents and Safety First Fire Co. Social Club members. We will update the Facebook page and website as info on the dates and times becomes available.

UGI WORK

UGI has taken out several permits around the Borough. While it can be annoying, please keep in mind they are replacing the gas mains which will make for safer conditions for all of us.

BUSINESS/LANDLORDS 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. **This also includes Landlords in the Borough;** most of you have already been paying for the license.

*****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 business license and the mercantile tax to Wilson Borough. Please check for further information at:

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