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# **f**West Easton Borough, PA



Mayor DePaul is working on holding the National Night Out event again this year. Check out the Facebook page and Borough website for details closer to the date.



The Parks and Recreation Committee has scheduled a **Chalk-up West Easton** event for Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at Gross Park on Keystone Ave. from 7-8pm, rain date August 11<sup>th</sup>. Sidewalk chalk will be handed out to residents ages 1-101. The plan is to have the residents draw kind, uplifting messages for those that walk by. The residents may take chalk home with them in the hopes that they will continue to brighten sidewalks in their neighborhoods. Snacks will be available.

### NEWSLETTER

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Did you know that intentionally blowing grass clippings from your mowed lawn into the street could be dangerous to others, **illegal** and could cost you fines and even a lawsuit?

Some of us do not give much thought as to the direction we blow our grass clippings when we mow our grass and may be blowing them out into the street. Freshly cut grass is slippery and can cause a motorcyclist or bicyclist to lose traction and crash. Some motorcyclists have described riding on fresh cut grass as like riding on ice. Lawsuits have been filed by motorcyclists when they have lost control after hitting a patch of grass clippings blown into the street by a homeowner. (This is an MS4 violation as well.)

West Easton Borough Ordinance #338 states that a "nuisance" shall include, but not limited to: (section 8): Washing, tracking or otherwise depositing dirt, mud, soil, stone or DEBRIS upon or onto sidewalks and the pavement of the street, without removing the same, before 5pm of the day on which the same was deposited thereupon, or within a reasonable period of time after cessation of work on the day on which the same was deposited.(Debris = grass clippings)

## **Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority**

When it comes to "rags" and the sewer system, they don't mix! They are small, but mighty, and can cause very costly damage to wastewater equipment. The consequences of the damages and repairs will be reflected in your sewer rates.

Nothing should be flushed other than human waste and toilet paper! No diapers, towels, mops, etc. should ever be flushed.





The two areas of confusion we continue to see the most are: what number to call for Police Department help and what the basics of the trash contract allows. Please save this paper for future reference.

### Message from the West Easton Police Department

Please be mindful of parking in the proper direction on all streets within the borough. Parking against traffic is problematic, especially when pulling out. It confuses drivers and is simply unsafe. We appreciate your help with making our streets safer.



With warm weather, comes vacation time and potentially empty homes while you're away. If you would like your residence checked by our officers, we have created a Vacation/House Check form. The form will be kept in-house only, and officers will check the residence as often as possible. Hopefully, this helps our residents enjoy travel without the extra worry. Forms may be found on the borough website or picked up from the Police Station.

We love our parks as much as the children do, but as a reminder, the parks do close at dusk.

Lastly, please keep your furry companions leashed and under control at all times and be a good neighbor (and follow the law) by cleaning up after your pets. This goes for the sidewalks and streets as well as your neighbors' yard, when passing by.

If you need a police officer, please do not call the Borough office phone number. Police officers should be dispatched via the Northampton County 911 Center. <u>To report an emergency call 911; for</u> <u>non-emergencies call 610-759-2200.</u> If you have a basic question that can wait for an answer or specific questions regarding West Easton you can call 610-438-2304 and leave a message or email Chief Mahady at <u>RMahady@WestEastonPD.com</u> and he will get back to you as soon as possible.

#### TRASH REMINDERS

**Waste Collection -** Trash is collected weekly on Thursday. Residents may place a maximum of three (3) bags or two (2) cans of waste at the curb each week. Please bag all waste before placing in your container. Place all items at the curb no later than 6 a.m. on your collection day.

**Bulk Item Collection -** Bulk items are also collected weekly on Thursday. Residents are allowed one (1) bulk item per week. Bulk items include: a mattress, box spring, chair, couch, appliance, etc. Mattresses and box springs must be wrapped in plastic for pickup.

**Construction debris** - Residents are permitted to dispose of one (1) container or one (1) bundle of debris each week. Please place construction debris at the curb before 6 a.m. on Thursday. Construction debris must be able to be easily picked up by two persons, so please consider the size and weight of the debris. All nails and screws should be removed.

**Recycling Collection -** Recycling will be collected every other Thursday. Place your acceptable recyclables directly into your recycling container – do not bag recyclables – and flatten all cardboard boxes to fit inside your recycling can. Please see the Borough website for acceptable recycling items and tips on Recycling Right. Residents were offered free blue recycling bins from the Borough office. Contact the Borough if you have not picked up your can, or get a red recycle sticker for your own container. **Do not put regular trash in your recycle bin.** 

Yard Waste -Yard waste will be collected weekly on

Thursday. Yard waste includes small tree branches, shrubs and trimmings. Yard waste must be bundled with string and not weigh more than 50 lbs. or exceed 3 feet in length.

Household Hazardous Wastes are NOT



ACCEPTED. Toxic chemicals, pesticides, oil-based paints, automotive batteries, fuels or fluids must be disposed of properly.

**Electronics** CANNOT be disposed as waste due to PA state law, TVs, computers, laptops, monitors and electronics will NOT be collected. Please refer to the Northampton County website at www.northamptoncounty.org for more information on how to recycle electronic and hazardous waste.