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BOROUGH OFFICIALS

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TAX COLLECTOR:	Elizabeth Hanni

MUNICIPAL BUILDING OFFICE HOURS:

*Monday 9am to 5pm *Tuesday thru Friday, 9am to 4pm

***Closed Weekends and Holidays

Police, Non-Emergency: 610-759-6106

Police, Emergency: 911

WEB SITE: www.WestEastonBorough.com

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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: August 13th, September 10th, October 8th, November 12th.

SEWER/REFUSE BILLING

Sewer/Refuse billings are sent out quarterly. Bills are sent out January 15th, and due February 15th; sent out April 15th and due May 15th; sent out July 15th and due August 15th; sent out October 15th and due November 15th. (If the dates fall on a weekend or holiday, the dates are slightly adjusted to the residents' advantage.)

RETIRED STATUS, CAR REGISTRATION

If you are retired and receiving Social Security, SSI payments, and your total income from all sources of income does not exceed \$19,200, you may qualify to only pay \$10 (instead of \$36) for your car registration. Check out form MV-371 to see if you qualify.



FACEBOOK: [West Easton Borough, PA](https://www.facebook.com/WestEastonBoroughPA)

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



The Borough of West Easton will be celebrating "National Night Out" on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. The Borough will host a neighborhood gathering from 6 – 8pm at the Borough Municipal Building parking lot. Hot dogs and soda will be donated by Safety First Social Club; the Ladies Auxiliary will be donating the hot dog rolls. West Easton Mart will be donating pizza and once again be providing a cake for dessert. Feel free to bring a side dish to share. If you have quoits or bean bag toss please feel free to bring them along to share.

SUSPECT ILLEGAL DRUG ACTIVITY?

Northampton County's Drug Task Force has set up an online form for people to anonymously submit a tip:

https://www.northamptoncounty.org/DISTAT/Pages/SubmitTip_DTF.aspx

PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

The deadline for older adults and Pennsylvania residents with disabilities to apply for rebates on rent and property taxes paid in 2017 has been extended from June 30th to Dec. 31, 2018.

The rebate program benefits eligible PA residents age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded. The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for certain qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Check the website and Facebook page for more info:

August 4, Latex Paint Recycling, Nazareth
August 7, National Night Out
September 8, Electronics Recycling, Bethlehem
September 22, Electronics Recycling, Northampton
October 6, Electronics Recycling, Pen Argyl
October 29, Halloween Parade
November 18, Safety First Bingo, Holiday Bingo

SWIMMING POOLS

Swimming pools, hot tubs, spas or similar receptacles capable to retain water of 24” in depth or greater shall be completely surrounded by a fence or barrier at least 48” in height. Please check website for more information

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 a current inspection sticker.

WEEDS

No person owning or occupying any lot or tract of ground shall permit any noxious vegetation to grow or any grass or weeds or non-ornamental vegetation not grown for use as food for domestic animals or humans to grow to a height in excess of six (6) inches.

SIDEWALKS AND CURBS

The sidewalks and curbs in front of and alongside of a house are the responsibility of the owner. **This includes cutting and maintaining of the grass, trees and weeds and removal of snow when necessary.** It is also up to the homeowner to keep the curbs and sidewalks in a safe condition.

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

The PA Uniform Construction Code and the ordinances of the Borough of West Easton require permits for many types of projects in and around your home. Please check with the office before buying your materials or starting your projects to prevent wasted time and money. Our code inspector has 15 business days to get back to you with permit approvals although it usually takes less time.

INCONSIDERATE NEIGHBORS

We continue to hear concerns from residents about their neighbors. Please do your best to get along with your neighbors. Legally, the Borough cannot get involved in personal matters of neighbor vs neighbor but we can ask you to put yourself in your neighbors' shoes when it comes to taking care of your property, noise, shared walls in doubles, etc. We should not have to legislate common decency. If you don't want to hear your neighbors' televisions blaring at all hours, chances are they don't want to hear yours, etc. Thank you for your consideration!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please continue to save the bright pink Box Tops for Education found on many products. We have a collection container at Borough Hall.

COUNTY-WIDE HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM

This program could provide you with a loan to complete repairs to your home, if you live in Northampton County outside of the city limits of Easton and Bethlehem. You would not be responsible to pay for the repairs until you moved out of your home, transferred ownership to another person, or turned it into a rental property. At that time, a portion of your loan would be due back to Northampton County to replenish the fund for future homeowners. It is a “zero interest” loan, so you would not have any interest payments. There also are no application fees, closing costs, or other charges associated with the loan.

*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.

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.**

***LANDLORDS:** If you have properties within the Borough which you rent/lease, you are required by Borough ordinance to have a business license and 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 the mercantile tax to
Wilson Borough
<http://www.wilsonareasd.org/business/taxes>

RECYCLING PREVENTS POLLUTION

When recycled materials are used in place of virgin materials during manufacturing, we avoid the environmental damage caused by mining for metals, drilling for petroleum, and harvesting trees.

*Producing recycled white paper creates 74% less air pollution and 35% less water pollution than producing paper from virgin fibers.

*Using recycled cans instead of extracting ore to make aluminum cans produces 95% less air pollution and 97% less water pollution.

*Recycling and remanufacturing are 194 times more effective in reducing greenhouse gas emissions than landfilling and virgin manufacturing.

For additional information on any of these topics, please check out the Borough website, www.WestEastonBorough.com and/or our Facebook page, West Easton Borough, PA