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LADIES AUXILIARY SAFETY 1ST BINGO

Family Fun Bingo
 307 6th Street, West Easton, PA
 Sunday, July 21, 2019
 Doors Open 11:30am; Bingo Starts 1pm
 Kids Package \$5; Adult Package \$10
 Food and Drinks Included
 Please call and reserve your seat at
 610-253-6969
 Tickets will be sold at the door!

WEST EASTON SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Congratulations to Spencer Gross and Nathaniel Kober on winning this year's Scholarship awards. Both plan on attending Moravian College. Good luck to you both!

NEWSLETTER

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



The Borough of West Easton will be celebrating "National Night Out" on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, from 6-8pm at the Borough Municipal Building parking lot. We plan to have hot dogs, pizza, chips, etc. Thank you to Ben and Dhara from West Easton Mart for offering to, once again, donate the pizza and cake. Feel free to bring a side dish to share with your neighbors. If you have quoits or bean bag toss please bring them along to share as well.

RECYCLE BINS ARE IN

If you have not yet picked up your recycle bin, please contact the borough manager to make arrangements to do so. One recycle bin, with lid, will be provided, for free, to each account that pays a refuse fee. Be sure to bring your utility bill with you when you pick up your bin at Borough Hall. BoroughManager@WestEastonBorough.org



FACEBOOK, WHY NO COMMENTS?



"When a municipality establishes a Facebook page, one of the decisions it needs to make is whether to allow public commenting and how much. In essence the municipality must decide whether its Facebook page is a "Traditional public forum" or a "Government Communication." If a municipality decides to not allow any public comments on its Facebook page, it is designating it as a "government communication," much like the municipal website, and the discussion of the issue of public commenting ends there." **

With the number of "views" sometimes climbing to over 5,000 and with more people feeling comfortable being negative, we have decided to keep the **West Easton Borough, PA** Facebook page as a "Government Communication" page. Please contact the office staff if you have any concerns. Thank you to all of you that tried to keep the Facebook page civil, kind and supportive. Thank you for your understanding.

** Written by Tara A. St. Angelo, Esq.

BOROUGH PARKING LOT IS NOT A PLAYGROUND!

Parents: We have 2 parks in West Easton; one is located on 9th Street and the other one is on Keystone Avenue. Please make sure your children know that the Borough parking lot and sidewalks are not a park. We have had children playing hide & seek in the parking lot and hiding under parked cars. They have been asked to leave several times. Please explain to them that they need to play in their own yards or at the parks.

MS4: GRASS CUTTING, PET WASTE, ETC

Nothing should go into a storm drain except stormwater. Please pick up litter, debris or garbage from yard, sidewalks, driveways and other areas so that it is not washed into the storm drain. Pick up and properly dispose of pet waste. **When you mow your lawn, make sure the grass cuttings go back into your own lawn rather than out into the street.** Recycle or properly dispose of hazardous materials including paints, used oil and chemicals. If you see a storm drain with debris over it, take the time to clear it off to prevent possible flooding.

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!

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.

LET'S KEEP WEST EASTON BEAUTIFUL!

While we cannot legislate how neighbors decorate or landscape their yards (except in extreme cases), we can ask them to keep in mind that they are part of a community and to ask them to understand that how they keep their property reflects those around them. This applies not only to resale values but to the overall quality of day to day life. Let's face it, it is much nicer to live in a well-kept area than an overgrown jungle. The Borough has Ordinance 631 which limits weed/grass and non-ornamental vegetation to a height of 6 inches.

Just a reminder, it is also the responsibility of the residents to keep other vegetation from growing upon any premises, including the sidewalks, curbs and gutters. Even if you find your flowers or trees attractive, they cannot be draping over onto the sidewalk. Please cut them back to allow passageway on the sidewalks.

If you know of a neighbor that needs help cutting their grass, etc. please consider helping them out. It doesn't cost anything to be kind and it makes everyone's property look nicer.

If you have a lot of items to get rid of, please remember we have a very generous contract with Advanced Disposal which allows you to put out 1 bulk item per week (no TVs or tires). One container of construction trash a week, with nails and screws removed, will be taken. Branches must be tied in manageable bundles.

Please remove standing water on your property to help cut down the mosquito population.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please continue to save the bright pink Box Tops for Education, found on many products, for our Wilson Area School District children. We have a collection container at Borough Hall.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR*

July 21 – Christmas in July Bingo, Ladies Auxiliary
August 6 – National Night Out, 6-8pm
August 12 – Council Meeting
September 6 – Trash pick-up, 1 day later, Labor Day
September 9 – Council Meeting
September 14 – Electronics Collection, Easton
September 21 – Electronics Collection, Forks Twp.
September 28 – Mobile Paper Shredding, Pen Argyl
October 5 – Electronics Collection, NCC
October 14 – Council Meeting
October 19 – Mobile Paper Shredding, Martins Creek
November 24 – Holiday Bingo, Ladies Auxiliary

*Please check the Borough website or Facebook page for further information on these events.