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 West Easton Borough, PA



The 2020 Census has been mailed out. **Participating in the census is required by law.** A complete and accurate count is critical for you and our community, because the results of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, and more.

Each home is expected to answer a short questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail. The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.



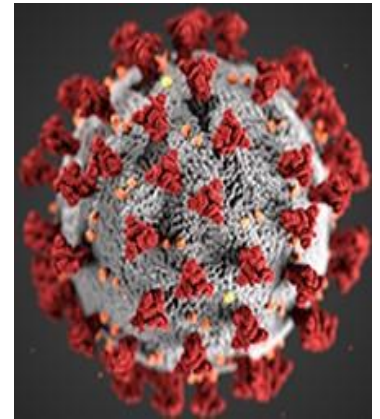
Thank you to all of you that care enough to pick up after litterbugs as you walk around the Borough! It sure does make a difference and is very much appreciated!

NEWSLETTER

April - 2020

COVID-19

By now we're sure most of you are tired of hearing about COVID-19, but we would like to repeat some of the most basic and important information out there:



-Wash your hands, wash your hands, wash your hands. This is one of THE best ways to fight any virus.

-Wear a mask when doing your essential chores, shopping, working, etc. Also, continue to social distance yourself, at least 6 feet, from others while wearing your mask; a mask alone does not guarantee to keep the virus away from you. You wear one to protect others. They wear one to protect you.

-Gloves are meant to avoid cross contamination. If you are wearing the same set of gloves all over town, every door you touch, every cart, your phone, your face, etc., you are transferring germs all over. It is better to not wear gloves and wash your hands after every store or every task.

-Do not touch your face; your fingers transfer germs to your face, eyes, nose and mouth dozens of times a day.

-Do not rely on generic Facebook posts or conspiracy theories for information. Check with the PA Dept. of Health, WHO, or the CDC for updated information based on science. Council President Matthew Dees is continuously updating the Borough website on the "Alerts!" page. Links to these organizations can be found there.

West Easton Police Update



West Easton Borough Police Chief Robert Mahady has been working up to 35 hours a week in the Borough. His hours are not yet on a regular schedule as he has to still take care of administrative needs, some of which have been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. You may have seen Chief Mahady driving around the Borough,

talking (from a distance) to the residents. Many of your children already know Chief Mahady from the Wilson Area School District. If you have a concern you'd like to talk to Chief Mahady about, please call the Borough office and we will reach out to him, 610.252.6651. **As always, if you have an emergency, please call 911.**



Trash Reminders

Please keep in mind that our contract calls for 2 cans or 3 bags of garbage per residential unit. Cardboard should be in the recycle bin, not thrown on the sidewalk. (If your cardboard will not fit in the recycle bin, please break it down and tie it to

make it easier for the haulers to pick up.) If animals get into your trash, it is your responsibility to clean up the mess.

New from Advanced Disposal: Due to COVID-19 Advanced Disposal Services will be requiring that all waste be bagged using 32 gallon (large) trash bags in order to be collected. Loose trash will be left at the curb and not picked up by the company. If residents are using containers, all trash must still be bagged in the container in order to be collected. Loose trash in containers will also not be collected. (This does not go for recycling.)

Please consider picking up the trash and debris around your home. We understand that not all the trash around your home may be yours, that the wind blows trash around and others toss their litter, but if everyone would keep their own little area clean our borough would look even nicer than it does now. Please consider helping out a neighbor that may not be able to pick up their yard as well. Be sure to follow safety precautions when you do this.



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 or your neighbor's yard.** Recycle or properly dispose of hazardous materials including paints, used oil and chemicals. If you see a storm drain with debris over it, please take the time to clear it off to prevent possible flooding.



At the April 13th meeting, council voted to extend the base period, without late penalty, until August 31, 2020, on the **West Easton Borough Property Taxes**. Council also voted to waive late fees for the **SECOND QUARTER sewer/refuse fees** for this year's billing, 2020.

Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority has asked us to reach out to residents to remind them that the only thing that should be flushed down your toilet is toilet paper and human waste. With more people at home, they are seeing an increase in rags, cleaning wipes, "flushable" wipes, etc. The cost of repairing this situation will eventually have to be passed onto the municipalities and thus the residents. Again, only toilet paper and human waste!

If this pandemic continues, you can still attend council meetings via "Zoom". **

All scheduled events for **Parks and Recreation** are canceled until further notice. This includes Art in the Park, Rock Painting and the clean-up for Keep America Beautiful. *At this point we do not know if we'll be able to have a Memorial Day event.

At this time, the **West Easton Scholarship Association** is not sure how they will be handling their scholarship/s this year. **

Borough Parks are closed. There should be no gatherings and no use of the playground equipment.

Parks and Recreation is asking residents to continue saving plastic bottle caps BUT to hold onto them until after the COVID-19 pandemic is over.

There has been an increase in the amount of dog waste seen at the parks, sidewalks and other's yards. **IF YOU HAVE A DOG IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CLEAN UP AFTER IT!** It really is that simple. Please do not expect others to clean up after your animal! Chief Mahady is authorized to issue citations to those who do not clean up after their dog.

Along with the dog waste, we are seeing people walking their dogs without a leash. No matter how well-behaved you believe your dog to be, they must be "under control" at all times, meaning on a leash of some sort.

****Please check out the Borough website or Facebook page for more information on anything in the newsletter.**