

West Pennsboro Township NEWSLETTER

Board of Supervisors

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"Employee Spotlight" West Pennsboro Township Introduces New Employee



Please welcome Joyce Stone as the newest member of the West Pennsboro Township staff team. Joyce began in September 2023 as the Administrative Assistant, Right-to-Know Officer and Treasurer. She is a native of the Carlisle area. Her previous work experience includes ten years as the Secretary for a local municipality and as well as years in the health care field. Joyce enjoys walking, gardening, and spending time with her family.

Sewer Accounts to be Payable Online

Beginning in April, customers will have the option to pay their sewer bills on the Township's website.

Watch for a portal button, "Pay My WPTMA Bill" that will be placed on the website to allow customers to set up an account to pay their sewer bills. The accepted payment types will be a credit card or eCheck withdrawal. Once the program is up and running, details regarding transaction fees and the process will be provided on the Township website. We are excited to offer this payment option for our customers' convenience!

2024 Meeting Dates

Board of Supervisors 4th **Monday—6:00 PM**

March 25

April 22

May 20

June 24

July 22

August 26

September 23

October 28

November 18 (3rd Monday) December 16 (3rd Monday)

Planning Commission 4th Tuesday—6:00 PM

March 26

April 23

May 21

June 25

July 23

August 27

September 24

October 29 (5th Tuesday)

November 19 (3rd Tuesday)

December 17 (3rd Tuesday)

Municipal Authority (Every other Month starting January, Tuesday following the Board of Supervisors Meeting or as noted) - 7:30 AM

March 26

May 21

July 23

September 24

November 19 (3rd Tuesday)

Recreation Advisory Council (Quarterly Meetings, 2nd Monday) - 6:00 PM

March 11

April 8 (Twp Park, Pav 3)

May 13 (Twp Park, Pav 3)

June 10 (Twp Park, Pav 3)

July 8 (Twp Park, Pav 3)

August 12 (Twp Park, Pav 3)

September 9 (Twp Park, Pav 3)

October 14

November 4

December 9

Zoning Hearing Board

As Required

All meetings are held at the Township Office unless otherwise noted.

2024 PROJECTED ROAD PROJECTS



<u>RESURFACE/OVERLAY</u> — Creek Road, Old Mill Road to Grahams Woods Road

<u>SHOULDER CONSTRUCTION</u> — Creek Road, Bloserville Road to PA Turnpike Bridge, Goodyear Road (from Rt #641 approximately 1/2 mile)

TAR & CHIP — Springfield Road, Log Cabin Road, Lexington Drive & Stoneledge Road

<u>RIGHT-OF-WAY</u> — Please check for permit requirements on any work being done in Township right-of-way. Right-of-way's vary within the Township. (Minimum is 16 1/2 feet from center line)

<u>STREET SWEEPING</u> — Street sweeping will occur the end of March through April, and after oil & chipping projects.

ROADMASTER'S REPORT

TRASH/RECYCLING TOTERS & MAIL BOXES — For public safety, please do not place trash toters and mailboxes too close to the roadway, place them a minimum of 3-feet from edge of pavement so they won't get damaged from traffic and snow removal. All trash that is put into the toters should be placed in a trash bag, except the recycling toters.

<u>DEBRIS ON ROADWAY</u> — Depositing grass clippings, leaves and snow on roadways are citable offenses. Please blow all grass clippings and debris off the roadways.

Please <u>SLOW DOWN</u> when you notice activity on/or along roadways. Please drive SLOW when passing roadway workers or in a work area!

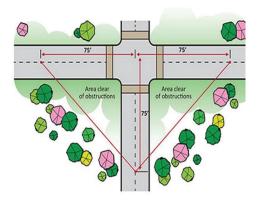
When <u>WALKING</u> along roadways please increase visibility by wearing bright reflective clothing fluorescent colors like yellow, orange or green.



ROAD CLOSING — Road Closed signs are posted where roads are closed due to roadwork, or road maintenance. If you live on that road or need to access that road please speak with a Highway Employee first and proceed with caution.

CLEAR SIGHT TRIANGLE MAINTENANCE

No fence, wall, screen, sign, structure, utility box, foliage, hedge, tree, bush, shrub, berm, driveways, parking, drive aisles, or any other item, either man-made or natural shall be erected, planted, or maintained in a position that will obstruct or interfere with a driver's clear line of sight within a corner visibility triangle or a sight line triangle.



SLOW



Vector Control Weights & Measures 310 Allen Road, Suite 701 Carlisle, PA 17015

This Wet Weather Gives a Good Opportunity

With all of the rain and snow melt we have been experiencing, it may seem like you see water everywhere, which you may use to your advantage in the fight against early season mosquitoes. The earliest mosquitoes residents deal with when Springtime rolls around is flood water mosquitoes. A good thing to know is where the low laying areas are around your properties to help treat early season to prevent the pesky biting insects. Products made with BTI are good for treating standing water because they specifically target mosquito larvae. BTI products can be purchased in most hardware or department stores in the gardening section. Vector Control contact information:

310 Allen Road Suite 701 Carlisle, PA 17013 717.240.6349

E-mail: vector@ccpa.net Web: www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/vector



Pictured above is an example of a BTI product that may be purchase from the store, remember to always follow the label when using any yard products



Pictured above is a nice low laying area that if it remains wet when springs rolls around would be a prime location for mosquito larvae to hatch.

What is the Zoning Ordinance Re-Write Committee?

The Township began the process of updating the current Zoning Ordinance in November 2023. The existing Zoning Ordinance was originally enacted in 2008, and amended in 2011 and 2016. The intent of the re-write process is to address technical deficiencies identified by staff and consultants, make updates to incorporate required uses and other changes made necessary by the PA Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), as well keep pace with newer uses, such as micro communication antennae and tiny homes.

The Zoning Re-Write Steering Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6pm at the Township office with plans to continue meeting through June 2024. All meetings are open to the public but the Committee will hold work sessions only in April and May and will not take public comment. The meetings on March 20 and June 19 are open to public comment.

After the June Steering Committee meeting, it is anticipated that a draft of the new zoning ordinance will be forwarded to the Township's Planning Commission and will start the official review and hearing process as spelled out in the Municipal Planning Code (MPC). It is estimated that the adoption of the new Zoning Ordinance will take place in late 2024.



West Pennsboro Fire Co. Yard Sales

Spring — Saturday, May 4, 2024

Fall—Saturday, September 14, 2024

(7:00am to 2:00pm)

Spaces are 20' x 35' and cost \$15

Spaces are available on a first come basis beginning at 6:00 a.m. the day of the yard sale.

No pre-registrations or early set up prior to 6:00 a.m.

(Payment will be collected day of the sale)

Concession Stand available, No pets or outside food vendors -No rain date

West Pennsboro Volunteer Fire Company #46

W.P.V.F.C. would like to thank the Township residents for their continued support. Fundraising volunteers are always needed for the various fundraisers, including the Annual Fireman's Fair. The banquet hall has recently been remodeled and is ready for rental reservations.

2024 WPVFC EVENTS

- Spring Yard Sale May 4, 2024
- **Gun Raffle** May 11, 2024
- **Annual Fireman's Fair** June 6, 7, 8, 2024
- Fall Yard Sale September 14, 2024

Banquet Hall Rentals ~ (717) 243-4461, Larry "Sam" Weston, President

Please visit our Facebook Page for event information



Friendship Hose Co. #47 of Newville provides 24-hour Emergency Fire and EMS services to the citizens of West Pennsboro Township. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer, call 717-776-4747 or visit www.newvillefire.com

FIRE CONTANT

2024 FHVFC EVENTS

- **BINGO**—Every Saturday, Doors open 4:30pm, Bingo starts at 6:30pm
- Meat Raffles—Doors open 5pm FREE Meal at 6:00pm, Raffle starts at 7pm (March 21, April 18, August 15, Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19)
 - Safety Day—with PSP, June 1st, 2024 @ Oak Flat Elementary 10:00am—1:00pm
 - Super Raffle—June 29, 2024 #Eagles Picnic Grounds, Carlisle, PA 12:00 Noon—7:00pm
 - Safe/Gun Drawing—Christmas Day, December 25, 2024 Drawing at 7:00pm
 - Breakfast @ the Fountain—Breakfast @ the Fountain (Held during Fountain Festival)

News From the Recreation Advisory Board:

The Rec Board is excited about new events that will take place at the Township Park! Most will be free and some will have a minimum cost. A community events board will be installed at the entrance to the park, where we will be posting information about upcoming events. Please attend one of our monthly meetings held the second Monday at 6:00 PM. Meetings held in June through September will be at pavilion 3 at the park, all other meetings will be held at the Township office. Please come and let us know if you have any suggestions or new ideas. Below is a list of the scheduled summer events. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the park this year.

Educational Activities in the Township Park for 2024

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

- Saturday, April 6th—Mark Grosz—Stargazing
- Wednesday, May 1st—Angela McCarty DCNR—Animal Pelts
- Wednesday, May 15th—Gene Krasicki, DCNR—Intro to Disc Golf
- Saturday, May 18th—Car Show
- Wednesday, June 5th—Patrick Miller—Raptors
- Wednesday, June 19th—Les & Ronnie Stover—Intro to Pickleball
- Wednesday, September 4th—Gen Krasicki DCNR—Birdwatching
- Yoga In the Park—TBD



REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGNS

Available at the Friendship Hose Company located at 15 East Big Spring Avenue, Newville, PA

Call (717) 776-4747 or see a company member to place your order.

Any sign can be double-sided, vertical or horizontal, contain letters to differentiate suites/apartments, and has two pre-drilled holes for easy placement.

Signs are \$10.00 each, cash or checks made payable to "FHC"

Help us find you more easily in the event of an emergency!

The street signs can be ordered through the Friendship Hose Fire Company, Newville PA 717-776-4747



Lori A. Marshall, Tax Collector westpenntcollector@gmail.com

(717) 216-7392

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday 9:00am—5:30pm December, January, February by appointment only Closed Holidays

I collect the following tax bills, which are mailed to property owners twice a year:

<u>Cumberland County & West Pennsboro Township</u> real estate tax notices are scheduled to be mailed on or before March 1st. The county uses a vendor to mail these bills.

<u>Big Spring School District</u> real estate tax notices are scheduled to be mailed on or before July 1st. The School District uses a vendor to mail these bills.

If you do not receive a real estate tax notice, please contact me.

Important—If your real estate taxes are in escrow, please forward tax bills to your mortgage holder immediately so it can be processed in a timely manner. (If funds are held in escrow to pay real estate taxes, avoid duplicate or missed payments by checking with your lender to determine payment expectations).

ACCEPTABLE PAYMENTS: Tax payments can be made with check, money order, or certified check. Checks for tax bills should be payable to: **Lori A. Marshall, Tax Collector**

HOW TO SEND PAYMENTS: No personal checks after December 15th. Payment should be delivered by one of the following methods:

* Mailed to: PO Box 190, Plainfield, PA 17081

(Tax payments by mail must be postmarked on or before due date).

* Delivered during office hours to: 149 Kerrs Road, Carlisle, PA 17015

If you would like a receipt of payment, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment.

SERVICE FEES: (These fees are payable to: **Lori Marshall**)

- Tax Certification: \$15.00 fee per parcel
 - Copy of a tax bill: \$4.00 fee
- Returned Check Fee: \$25.00 per returned check.

The Township will be closed on the following holidays:

New Year's Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day

Please Visit the New Website—Event information will be posted on

www.westpennsborotwp.org

CREDIT CARD MACHINES

West Pennsboro Township is now accepting most Credit Cards for all Permits, Rentals, Plan Applications, Sewer Bill payments, and other fees and charges. A convenience fee will be charged.



GRASS CLIPPINGS

Over the summer months the Township Office receives numerous calls about property owners blowing grass clippings onto the street. The grass clippings are dangerous to motorists especially those riding motorcycles and bicycles. They also wash down the streets and clog the storm drain causing flooding. Please avoid blowing the grass clippings onto the street.



Per Ordinance #2006-03 Debris on Roadways

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VOTING LOCATION INFORMATION

If you have any questions or concerns regarding voting, please contact the Cumberland County Bureau of Elections @ 1601 Ritner Highway, Suite 201, Carlisle, PA 17013 or contact them 717-240-6385.

WEST PENNSBORO UPPER

Newville Assembly of God 403 Oak Flat Road Newville, PA 17241

WEST PENNSBORO LOWER

West Pennsboro Volunteer Fire Company 20 Park Road Plainfield, PA 17081

2024 SEPTIC PUMPING

Residents living along the following roads, are required to have their septic pumped in 2024 per the On-lot Disposal System Ordinance #2007-03. Please visit www.westpennsborotwp.org to view the list of registered haulers.

Alters Road
Bears School Lane
Burgners Mill Road
Cedar Court—East
Centerville Road
Creek Road
Barnstable Road
Bridge Road
Cedar Court—East
Clay Road
Country Road
Crossroad School Road
Elton Drive

• Erin Place

SOLICITATION AND PEDDLING

All solicitation by outside vendors require a permit from the West Pennsboro Township. Please be sure to ask for proof of a permit to be sure a vendor is legitimate. If a permit is not presented, contact the Township office to verify that they have a Solicitation Permit at 717-243-8220. If possible, obtain a vehicle license number to assist in the verification.



West Pennsboro Township 2150 Newville Road Carlisle, PA 17015 Phone: (717) 243-8220

Fax: (717) 243-1592

www.westpennsborotwp.org

PRSRT STD U.S. POSTAGE PAID CARLISLE, PA PERMIT NO. 485

Preventing Sewer Backups

A sewer backup can create a stressful and emotional situation for the homeowner/renter. In some cases, it may cause health and safety concerns as well as significant property loss. The Township makes every effort to be responsive to resident's needs and concerns when a sewer backup occurs. Unfortunately, because the sewer is not a closed system many things that are put into the sewer can clog the system.

ITEMS YOU SHOULD NEVER PUT DOWN THE DRAIN/TOILET

Coffee Grounds

Eggshells

Grease

Paper Products

Condoms

Car Fluids

Paint

Prescription or Over the Counter Medications

Cotton Balls & Flushable Wipes

Conventional Cleaning Products

Car Fluids

Paint

Produce Stickers

Anti-Freeze

Latex Gloves

NOTARY SERVICE

Notary service is available at the Township Office. Notary work \$5.00 a seal (No DMV forms or titles) Please contact the Township Office at 717-243-8220 to make an appointment.

QUICK #'S

School/Property Tax ~ Lori Marshall @ 717-216-7392

Property Assessment ~ Cumberland County Tax Assessment @ 717-240-6350

Fire Hall Banquet Rentals \sim WP Volunteer Fire Co. 717-243-4461

Trash Billing ~ Southampton Township 717-532-7685

Voter Registration Office—717-240-6385

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