

# WINTER 2023 NEWSLETTER

# West Earl Township

Lancaster County, PA

157 W METZLER ROAD, BROWNSTOWN, PA - (717) 859-3201

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### 2024 Refuse & Recycling Program

On January 2, 2024 Good's Disposal will begin to pick-up refuse and recycling as the Township's contracted hauler. The Township will be split into two sectors for pick-up.

#### MONDAY pick-up to include:

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Brownstown        | Hans Groff          |
| Talmage           | Brownstown Park     |
| West Gate         | Creek Hill          |
| School Lane Farms | Sandy Beach Heights |
| Millway Acres     | Brian Development   |

#### TUESDAY pick-up to include:

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Farmersville         | Anglesea |
| Meadowview Estates   |          |
| Eagleview Estates    |          |
| Country View Estates |          |

If you do not see the name of your development or village listed above, for the first week of the program, please place your refuse and recycling out on Monday evening, due to the holiday. For the second week, please place your refuse and recycling out on Sunday evening. Please take note of the day your refuse was picked up as this will determine your regular pick-up date moving forward. Afterwards, please remember refuse and recycling **MUST** be placed out for pick-up the night before your pick-up day.

If your refuse and recycling has not been picked up by Wednesday, please call the Township at (717) 859-3201 to report the missed pick-up. Also included on Page 7 of this newsletter is the 2024 Refuse & Recycling Calendar. Please keep this copy handy for future reference.

## Compost Yard Fees

West Earl's Compost Yard access fee will remain at \$2.00 per trip. You may drop-off lawn clippings, yard waste and pick-up mulch and compost for your garden.

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## Cardboard Recycling

**Did you know you can bring your flattened cardboard to the Township for recycling?**

**There is a cardboard recycling receptacle located at the West Earl Township Municipal Building. There is no fee to use this receptacle.**

# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

## Sherry Ditzler, Administrative Assistant



If you have called the Township Office, chances are you have spoken to our Employee Spotlight employee, Sherry Ditzler. Sherry is the bright face that greets you when you enter the West Earl Township Municipal Building. Sherry is the Township's Administrative Assistant and she has been with the Township for a little over two years. She is responsible for invoicing, processing mail, posting payments to your water and refuse accounts, adding trips to compost fobs, and answering the phones among many, many other tasks.

Sherry and her husband, John, have been married for ten years. Her son, Daniel, is currently serving in the US Marine Corps. When Sherry is not at work, she enjoys gardening, listening to music, spending time with her family and her black labrador, Dixie.

West Earl Township is proud of all of its employees. Each and every employee brings a unique skill set to the Township to keep it running as efficiently as possible.



## 2024 Refuse and Water Rates

### REFUSE AND RECYCLING

The Township's new refuse and recycling hauler is Good's Disposal. The rate for 2024 will be \$28.00 per month. Your quarterly invoice will total \$84.00.

### WATER

Water rates will not change for 2024.

They will remain as:

\$13.95 for the first 2,300 gallons and \$9.95 for each additional 1,000 gallons



# Legislative Program Update and Open House Invitation

## (PA Rep. Keith J. Greiner, CPA)

A new law, which I supported as the Republican Chairman of the House Finance Committee, extends the Property Tax and Rent Rebate program to 150,000 more Pennsylvania seniors and people with disabilities, beginning with claims made for the 2023 program year. Act 7 of 2023 increased income eligibility limits for homeowners and renters to \$45,000. Half of Social Security income is excluded. The bill also raised the maximum amount each eligible homeowner or renter can receive from \$650 to \$1,000. For more information or to apply, visit <http://bit.ly/3uar0oa>.

Pennsylvania's prescription assistance programs for older adults, PACE and PACENET, offer low-cost prescription medication to qualified residents, age 65 and older. The program works with Medicare Part D plans and other prescription drug plans to lower out-of-pocket costs for medications. Eligibility is based on your prior year's income and requires applicants to be at least 65 years old, a resident for at least 90 days prior to applying, and not receiving Medicaid prescription benefits. Income limits for PACE are \$14,500 for a single person; 17,700 for a married couple; PACENET ranges from \$14,500 to \$33,500 for singles; and from \$17,700 and \$41,500 for a married couple. To apply online, visit <https://pacecares.magellanhealth.com/> or call 1-800-225-7223.

If you have questions or need assistance filling out applications for Property Tax/Rent Rebate program or PACE or PACENET, we can help. We can also provide information concerning driver and motor vehicle services offered through PennDOT, veteran's assistance, student aid, unclaimed property, or any other state-related matter. Feel free to call my district office at 717-588-2044 or stop by on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. We are located in the West Earl Township Building, 157 W. Metzler Road in Brownstown. You can also email me at [kgreiner@pahousegop.com](mailto:kgreiner@pahousegop.com); visit my website [www.RepGreiner.com](http://www.RepGreiner.com); or visit me on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/RepGreiner](https://www.facebook.com/RepGreiner).

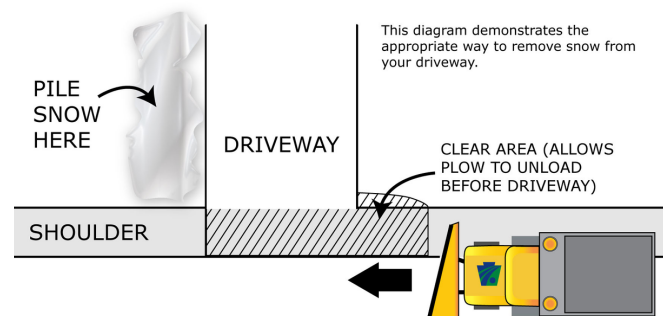
On Wednesday Dec. 20, from 3:30-6 p.m., I will be holding an Open House in my district office. The holiday season is a busy time for many of us, but I hope your schedule will permit you to take a quick break and join my staff and me for Christmas cookies and conversation. We look forward to seeing you and learning how we can better serve you!

Thank you for the honor of serving as your state representative!



## Where Should I Put My Snow?

Please remember that snow must remain on your property and MAY NOT be shoveled or blown onto the Township roads or right-of-way. Placing snow on the Township roads or right-of-way can create a hazard for people traveling the roads.





# ZONING & SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS

In recent years, short-term vacation rentals, also known as Air BNBs or VRBOs, have grown in popularity. AirBNB.com, the leader in the vacation rental industry, currently has over 7 million listings in over 220 countries according to RubyHome.com.

Below are a few short-term vacation rental questions that are asked by property owners and others in West Earl Township.

- Are short-term vacation rentals permitted in West Earl Township?

Short-term vacation rentals are only permitted in the C-2 General Commercial District.

- Are short-term vacation rentals permitted in the Agricultural or Residential zoning districts in West Earl Township?

No. Short-term vacation rentals are not permitted in the Agricultural or Residential zoning districts within West Earl Township.

- Why doesn't West Earl Township allow short-term vacation rentals in Agricultural or Residential zoning districts?

Objectives set forth in the Township's Zoning Ordinance include maintaining and improving the existing residential neighborhoods and the maintenance and preservation of existing agricultural land within West Earl Township. Additionally, the Board of Supervisors of West Earl Township is dedicated to preserving the characteristics of the Township's residential and agricultural neighborhoods.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Township's Zoning Officer, Sara Service, by calling 717-859-3201 or email [sservice@westearltwp.org](mailto:sservice@westearltwp.org).

## 2023 Streetlight & Hydrant Assessments Payments Due

The 2023 streetlight and fire hydrant assessment bills were mailed out Spring of 2023. This bill was due by August 30, 2023. If you have not done so already, please pay this bill before the start of the new year to avoid any further late fees.

If you are not sure if you paid this bill or need your balance, please contact the Township Office at (717) 859-3201.

## Lions Club 2024 Events

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Sat., March 30 at 1pm

**Halloween Parade**

Thurs., October 24 at 7pm



## Bleed Blue Challenge

West Earl Township Police Dept. will be hosting the 2024 Bleed Blue Challenge.

Multiple police departments across Lancaster County will hold a blood drive to see who can collect the most units of blood. WETPD's event will be held at the West Earl Township Municipal Building located at 157 W. Metzler Rd, Brownstown on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 from 2PM to 7PM.



# **WEST EARL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT - LETTER FROM CHIEF HIGGINS**

Dear Community Members,

When I assumed the role of Police Chief for the West Earl Township Police Department, I embarked on a journey with a clear vision for our department's future – to establish it as the premier law enforcement agency in both the county and the state. I am thrilled to share a significant milestone in realizing this vision.

On October 26th, 2023, the West Earl Township Police Department achieved a remarkable feat by being awarded a Certificate of Law Enforcement Accreditation. This recognition was granted following a unanimous vote by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC) during a ceremony held in Harrisburg.

Our pursuit of accreditation officially commenced in January 2022, thanks to a grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. This grant allowed us to engage a reputable law enforcement consulting company to guide us through the intricate process of achieving accreditation. Over the past 18 months, our dedicated team worked diligently to bring our agency in line with the stringent accreditation standards.

In July of this year, our agency underwent an onsite assessment by assessors from the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. This comprehensive evaluation spanned all facets of our operations, including policies, procedures, training, facilities, and equipment. The assessors even conducted ride-alongs with our officers. Following their assessment, we received a commendation, and the recommendation that the West Earl Township Police Department be recognized as an accredited law enforcement agency.

We take great pride in announcing that we are now one of only 174 agencies in the Commonwealth accredited by PLEAC, representing approximately 12% of Pennsylvania Law Enforcement agencies. This achievement reflects our unwavering commitment to maintaining the highest standards of service and professionalism.

For the residents of West Earl and Akron, this accreditation reaffirms that they are protected by one of the finest agencies in Pennsylvania. While we celebrate this accomplishment, our commitment to improvement and excellence remains steadfast. We eagerly anticipate the challenges and opportunities the future holds for us, as we continue to refine our skills and enhance the services and protection we provide to our residents.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,  
Eric S. Higgins  
Police Chief

West Earl Township Police Department



## **CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION DATES**

Residents that use the Township's waste hauler, Good's Disposal, can place their Christmas tree out for pick-up with their regular refuse on January 8 for Monday refuse pick-up and January 9 for Tuesday refuse pick-up.

You can also drop off your Christmas tree at the Township's Compost Yard with use of a valid access fob.



# WINTER

## STORMWATER TIPS

### LEAVES

Most trees have dropped their leaves by now, but it is important to continue to clean up leaves on and around your property but be sure not to cover any storm drains!

Raking leaves into the street creates more pollution of local streams and waterways. Not only do leaves contribute to stream pollution, they can cause localized flooding if they clog storm drains and pipes. Help protect nearby waterways from excess nutrients by cleaning leaves off of the storm drains.

### VEHICLES

As you're winterizing your vehicles, make sure to check for and fix fluid leaks. Even a small amount of oil that drips on the pavement can pollute thousands of gallons of water. Also make sure to properly dispose of antifreeze and never dump it on the ground or down a storm drain.

### ICE AND SNOW

Stormwater runoff is not just rainwater; it is also ice and snow melt. Once snow starts it's a good idea to start shoveling early! The more snow you remove, the less deicer, salt and/or sand you'll need to put down.

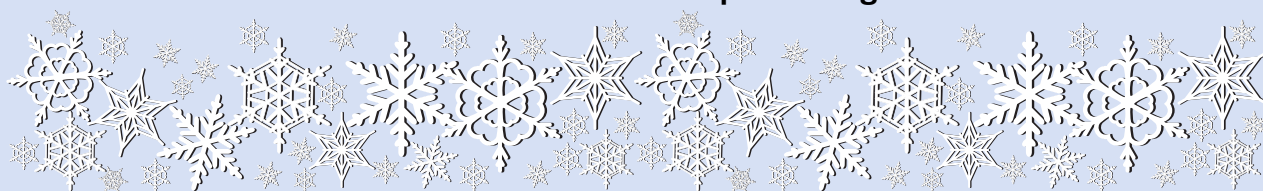
Pile snow in locations with the most opportunity to infiltrate into the ground but in areas where water does not pond.

Do not pile snow on top of storm drains, in streets, or near water bodies and wetlands. Clear away any snow that may have been thrown onto the storm drains.

More salt does not equal more melting snow, follow product instructions when spreading deicing material and give it time to work. Sweep up any material remaining after the snow and ice melts.

When temperatures hit 15° F or below, salt is no longer effective. Consider using traction materials that contain an acetate, potassium chloride, magnesium chloride, or cracked dried corn instead of sand or kitty litter.

And remember, one teaspoon of road salt can pollute 5 gallons of water.



# 2024 West Earl Township

## Refuse/Recycling Collection Schedule

**MONDAY** Pick-Up Dates are marked with the following colors:

|                 |                                |                                 |                                     |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Trash/Recycling | Trash/Recycling and Yard Waste | Trash/Recycling and White Goods | Trash/Recycling and Christmas Trees |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|

**TUESDAY** Pick-Up Dates are marked with the following colors:

|                 |                                |                                 |                                     |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Trash/Recycling | Trash/Recycling and Yard Waste | Trash/Recycling and White Goods | Trash/Recycling and Christmas Trees |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|

**Questions or concerns about the refuse and recycling schedule?**

**Contact us at 717-859-3201.**

| January 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S            | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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| 7            | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14           | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21           | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28           | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |

| February 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 11            | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18            | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25            | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |    |    |

| March 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 10         | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17         | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24         | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31         |    |    |    |    |    |    |

| April 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 21         | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
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| May 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 12       | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19       | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26       | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

| June 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 16        | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23        | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30        |    |    |    |    |    |    |

| July 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 21        | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
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| August 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| September 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 22             | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
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| October 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 13           | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20           | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27           | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |

| November 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 10            | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17            | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24            | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

| December 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 15            | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22            | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29            | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |    |

**Please note: Monday & Tuesday holidays WILL affect your pickup day**

**The following items are approved recyclable items (commercial & residential)**

Plastic Bottles and Jugs  
Glass Bottles and Jars  
Metal Food and Beverage Cans  
Corrugated Cardboard (must be broken down and flattened)



**West Earl Township**  
**PO BOX 787**  
**Brownstown, PA 17508**

## 2024 West Earl Township Meeting Schedule

| Board of<br>Supervisors<br>2nd Mon.<br>7:00 PM | Board of<br>Supervisors<br>4th Mon.<br>7:00 PM | Planning<br>Commission<br>3rd Tues.<br>7:00 PM | Water<br>Authority<br>1st Mon.<br>7:00 PM |
|--|--|--|---|
| 1/2/2024*                                      | 1/22/24  | 1/16/24  | 1/8/24*                                   |
| 2/12/24  | 2/26/24  | 2/20/24  | 2/5/24                                    |
| 3/11/24  | 3/25/24  | 3/19/24  | 3/4/24                                    |
| 4/8/24   | 4/22/24  | 4/16/24  | 4/1/24                                    |
| 5/13/24  | 5/28/24*                                       | 5/21/24  | 5/6/24                                    |
| 6/10/24  | 6/24/24  | 6/18/24  | 6/3/24                                    |
| 7/8/24   | 7/22/24  | 7/16/24  | 7/1/24                                    |
| 8/12/24  | 8/26/24  | 8/20/24  | 8/5/24                                    |
| 9/9/24   | 9/23/24  | 9/17/24  | 9/3/24*                                   |
| 10/14/24                                       | 10/28/24                                       | 10/15/24                                       | 10/7/24                                   |
| 11/11/24*                                      | 11/18/24*                                      | 11/19/24                                       | 11/4/24                                   |
| 12/9/24*                                       | 12/16/24*                                      | 12/17/24                                       | 12/2/24                                   |

## Important Phone Numbers

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| West Earl Municipal Office  | 717-859-3201 |
| West Earl Municipal Fax     | 717-859-3499 |
| West Earl Police Department | 717-859-1411 |
| West Earl Fire Company      | 717-656-6791 |
| Farmersville Fire Company   | 717-354-5841 |
| Water Emergencies           | 717-859-3725 |

