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Summer Newsletter



# West Earl Township

157 W. Metzler Road, PO Box 787, Brownstown, PA 17508

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## D.A.R.E. Graduation Held at Brownstown Elementary

D.A.R.E. Graduation was held on May 23, 2006, at the Brownstown Elementary School. D.A.R.E. essay winners were as follows:

Mrs. Hopta's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Zachary Custer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Catherine Wilson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Graig Hornberger

Mrs. Franze's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Keaton Garman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Brandon Green
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Savanna Stauffer

Mr. Reed's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Hannah Sipe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Anthony Brown
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Devin Esch



Special thanks to Achenbach's Bakery who donated the D.A.R.E. graduation cake.

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## News From the Zoning Office

The West Earl Township office has been receiving an increasing number of inquiries regarding Township residents and property owners having unlicensed, unregistered, and/or junked vehicles on their properties. When such calls are received, the West Earl Township Zoning Officer investigates and takes appropriate action when it is apparent that violations of the Zoning Ordinance exist.

Section 184-36.A.(6) of the West Earl Township Zoning Ordinance states that automotive vehicles or trailers of any kind or type without current license plates shall not be parked or stored on any street or on any residentially-zoned property other than in completely enclosed buildings. These requirements exist for the benefit of neighboring resi-

dents and property owners who do not wish to live next to unsightly properties. In addition, unlicensed, abandoned, and junked vehicles provide habitats for unwanted small animals, rats, and mice that become unnecessary and unwanted nuisances in a residential neighborhood.

A notice of violation identifies the specific violation and provides the resident and property owner with a specified period of time to remove the violation(s). If a resident or property owner fails to address the notice of violation within the time period specified, the Township may initiate a civil enforcement action before the Magisterial District Justice where the Magisterial District Justice may impose a fine of not more than \$500 plus all court costs, *continued on pg 3*

### 2005 Water Quality Report

*The 2005 Water Quality Report for West Earl Township is available for viewing. The report was mailed to all water customers of the Township and will also be available on our website at [www.westearltwp.org](http://www.westearltwp.org). If you are not a water customer of the Township but would like a copy of this report mailed to you, please call the Township office at 859-3201.*

## Public Libraries Offer Wireless “Hotspots”



**Public Libraries are Hot! Public libraries through Lancaster County are offering wireless “hotspots”!**

The Library System of Lancaster County recently installed a network in all public library facilities in Lancaster County whereby users with wireless enabled laptops, personal digital assistants (PDAs) or smart phones can access the Internet, email and a host of other “online” resources such as the POWER Library. **The wireless system is currently active and library patrons with wireless capable technology may make use of the new service while visiting their public library.**



To utilize the wireless service, in addition to having a wireless laptop or PDA, library patrons must have a library card and a telephone number recorded in their patron record. Interested patrons should see their librarian for more information.

**For more information about the Libraries Are Hot! Project contact: Bill Hudson, IT Manager, Library System of Lancaster County.**

Phone: 717-207-0500 ext. 1269  
bhudson@lanasterlibraries.org

## Lancaster County Recycling Info....It's All on the Web!

For information about Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority's (LCSWMA) Integrated Waste Management System please visit:

**<http://www.lcswma.org/>**

For recycling specific information, use the above address and click on the “Recycling” tab at the top of the screen or use the following link:

**<http://www.lcswma.org/rDropCenter.asp>**

This link has the most up to date information on where to recycle household hazardous wastes such as paint, chemicals, fuels, polishes and cleansers. It also contains information on where to recycle things like junk mail, kerosene, lawn mowers, magazines and tires just to name a few. Please visit their website to get a complete listing of items that can be recycled and where you can take these items.

**Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority**  
1299 Harrisburg Pike  
Lancaster, PA 17604  
(717) 397-9968



## A Message From The West Earl Sewer Authority

Greetings from the West Earl Sewer Authority and its wastewater treatment plant operator, Lloyd Garnett. The Sewer Authority will be cleaning sewer lines in the West Earl Heights Development in mid-July. Church street, Cedar Avenue, Redwood Circle and Walnut Drive sewer lines will also be cleaned. This should not cause any inconvenience to residents.

Below are a few things that residents should remember:

- Don't dump cooking oil or greases down the kitchen sink.
- Keep your sewer vents and cleanouts covered with the proper caps.
- Don't flush any hard to decompose items such as paper towels, plastics or coffee grounds.
- Report any above ground sewage discharge to the Township office.
- Don't connect sump pumps or roof downspouts to the sewer system.

**The Township will be starting an on-lot (septic) system maintenance program this year. Please watch for more information in up-coming newsletters.**

**Refuse/Recycling News**



Yard waste pick up began on April 4th and will continue through October. Please refer to your Refuse/Recycling collection schedule for specific dates. Brown Kraft Bags are required for yard waste. These biodegradable bags

are available for purchase at the Township Office for \$1 each. **Woody waste** will also be picked up on these days. Each bundle of woody waste requires a green tag. Bundles should be no longer than 4 feet and no heavier than 25 lbs. Yard waste that is not properly bagged or tagged and trash that is mixed with yard waste can not be picked up. If you would like to purchase tags or brown Kraft bags, please stop by the Township office at 157 W. Metzler Road. For your convenience a tag order form is provided Below.

**Zoning Office cont.**

including the Township's attorneys' fees, incurred as a result of such action. Each day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation and may subject the offender to a daily fine of up to \$500.

Property owners are also responsible for maintaining their yards in a manner which does not result in excessively high grass or weeds. Section 124-2.E. of the West Earl Township Code of Ordinances prohibits the growth of grass or weeds in excess of 12 inches in height.

The Township's Zoning Officer is responsible for notifying property owners when such problems exist, encouraging the property owner to comply with the Code. If a property owner fails to maintain the property in conformance with Section 124.E., the Board of Supervisors may remove or arrange for the removal of the high grass or weeds and collect the cost of such removal, together with a penalty of twenty-five percent (25%) of the cost of the removal.

The Township is encouraging all residents and property owners to make certain that their properties do no conflict with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and the Township's Code of Ordinances.

**West Earl Township  
Refuse/Recycling Program**

**Additional Tag Order Form**

**White Goods Item:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Yellow Tags extra trash	Yard Waste Kraft Bags leaves, grass, etc	Green Tags woody waste	Red Tags oversized items	Orange Tags tires	Blue Tags appliances
Qty.: _____ x \$1.25	Qty.: _____ x \$1.00	Qty.: _____ x \$1.00	Qty.: _____ x \$4.00	Qty.: _____ x \$2.00	Qty.: _____ x \$12.00
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

**Total Order \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to West Earl Township.  
Orders that do not include payment will not be processed.  
Mail forms and checks to: West Earl Township, PO Box 787, Brownstown, PA 17508

## Meetings

### **West Earl Board of Supervisors**

*Meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 7:00pm*

### **West Earl Planning Commission**

*Meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm*

### **West Earl Parks and Recreation Board**

*Meets the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00pm*

### **West Earl Zoning Hearing Board**

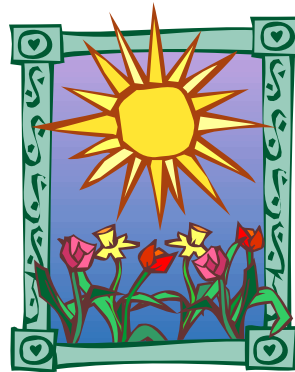
*Meet 1st Wednesday of the month as needed at 7:30pm*

### **West Earl Sewer Authority**

*Meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm*

### **West Earl Water Authority**

*Meets the first Monday of every month at 7:00pm*



### **Important Phone Numbers**

- Municipal Office 859-3201
- Fax Number 859-3499
- Tax Collector 656-4075
- Water & Sewer Dept (after hours) 859-3725
- Police Department 859-1411
- Emergencies 911
- Police Dept Fax 859-3630
- Building Inspector 733-1654
- Zoning Officer 625-0444
- Sewage Enforcement 721-9008

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