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Fall Newsletter

West Earl Township

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Daylight Savings Time ends on November 4, 2007. Turn your clocks back one hour

D.A.R.E. Graduation

The annual D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) graduation ceremony was held at the Brownstown Elementary School with D.A.R.E. Instructor, Detective Dawn Ray of the West Earl Township Police, serving as the master of ceremonies.

Students from each of the fifth grade classes submitted reports detailing what they learned during their ten weeks of D.A.R.E. instruction. The following students were recognized for their outstanding reports:



Following the ceremony, all graduates were treated to pizza and cake which were donated by Two Cousin's Pizza and Achenbach's Pastry, of East Main Street, Leola.

Back to School Safety

The beginning of another school year has arrived and there will be many school buses on the road. Here are some standard rules/laws when approaching a school bus:

- Motorists approaching a school bus in either direction must stop when the bus displays flashing red warning lights and the stop signal arm. This signals to you that children are getting on or off the bus.
- Vehicles <u>MAY NOT</u> pass the school bus until the flashing red lights are turned off and the children have reached a place of safety.
- The motorist of a vehicle approaching an intersection where a school bus is stopped with its red signal lights flashing must stop until the red lights are no longer flashing and the children have reached a place of safety.
- Motorists violating this law will be fined \$250.00 (plus 5 points) and their drivers license will be suspended for 60 days.

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2007 Fall Composting Workshops

The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) has scheduled several home composting workshops which will be conducted by the Penn State Master Gardeners of Lancaster. Composting is an excellent way to recycle organic waste, such as, vegetable scraps and grass clippings, and turn them into a useful and valuable product.

To help get home composting projects started, the LCSWMA is organizing free community workshops where residents will learn how to recycle the "good garbage" that is typically put out with the trash. And to further encourage home composting in the County, the host municipality will provide free composting bins to a member from each family that attends a workshop. Activity books will also be provided for children.

Workshop pre-registration is required to ensure every family attending receives a home composting bin. Residents should register with the organization where the workshop is being held. Workshops are limited to the first forty people to register for each venue.

Workshops will be held at the following locations:

 September 15 at the Warwick Township Municipal Building located at 315 Clay Road, Lititz. To register, contact the Warwick Township Recycling Coordinator at (717) 626-8900 or email bkreider@warwicktownship.org

- September 22 at Little Chiques Park, entrance located on 200 block of Park Avenue, between East Main Street and North High Street, Mount Joy. To register, contact the Mount Joy Borough Recycling Coordinator at (717) 653-2300 or email lindsey@mountjoypa.org
- September 29 at the Manheim Township Compost Park located at 2775 Oregon Pike, Lititz. To register, contact the Manheim Township Recycling Coordinator at (717) 569-6 4 0 6, e x t. 1 2 9 o r e m a i I wherrr@manheimtownship.org
- October 13 at the Upper Leacock Township Municipal Building located at 36 Hillcrest Avenue, Leola. To register, contact the Upper Leacock Township Recycling Coordinator at (717) 656-9755 or email bhink@ultwp.com

Please visit the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority's website at www.lcswma.org.



Halloween Activities

The annual Halloween Parade is scheduled to take place on Thursday, October 25th at 7:00 P.M. The parade forms in the area of Marlou Avenue and Locust Street. The parade route is as follows: Locust St. to S. State St., North on S. State St. to Cedar Ave., Cedar Ave. to N. Church St., N. Church St. to School Lane Ave., School Lane Ave. to the West Earl Fire Department. Additional information can be obtained from Lions (Club representative Jeff Zimmerman. He can be reached at 859-4921.

Trick or Treat night will be on Wednesday, October 31st, 2007.



2007 Leaf Collection

Leaves will be collected beginning Monday, October 15 and continue

through Thursday December 6.

Leaves will not be collected November 22 through November 30.

To prepare leaves for collection:

- Rake leaves into a row (not a pile) along the front edge of property onto the roadway.
- Do not cover leaves or park vehicles over the.
- Do not mix other yard waste or trash with the leaves.

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Refuse/Recycling News

To all customers of the Township's contracted hauler: With your 2. most recent trash bill you will have

the opportunity to pay for the year and receive a discount. If you choose to do this, please have your payment in the Township office by September 3. 28 in order to ensure that you receive the discount.

White Goods & Yard Waste Pick-up

White Goods and Tires will be picked up on Saturday, October 13th. Tags for these items can be purchased at the West Earl Township Municipal 5. Office during regular business hours, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Tags for disposal of White Goods (large appliances such as stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers and water heaters) cost \$12 for each item. Tags for tires cost \$2 each. To ensure that your address is included on the list for pick up, please purchase tags for these items no later than Thursday, October 11th. Tags purchased after Thursday, October 11th will not guarantee a pickup on October 13th.
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The last day for yard waste pick-up will be October 2nd. All yard waste must be placed in a biodegradable, brown kraft bag. You can purchase these bags at the Township office for \$1 each. Please refer to your 2007-2008 Refuse/Recycling Collection Schedule for the specific dates that yard waste will be picked up. You may also take your yard waste and woody waste to the Township's compost facility located at 161 Locust Street in Talmage. West Earl Township residents may use 8. the site free of charge for yard waste and woody waste disposal. Only biodegradable bags may be left at the site. All plastic bags, or other non-biodegradable materials must be removed from the site.

<u>Frequently Asked Questions About</u> <u>Recycling</u>

Am I required to recycle? Yes. You are required by township ordinance to separate recyclable materials for special collection. Please do not place any recyclables with your regular trash. Recycle bins for customers of the Township's contracted hauler are available at the

municipal office.

- Why should I recycle? Recycling reduces the amount of waste that is placed in land fills or processed at the Solid Waste Authority in Lancaster.
- 3. **What should I recycle?** Aluminum cans, tin/bimetallic cans, clear & colored glass and plastic bottles with a #1 or #2 on the bottom.
- 4. **Do cans & glass need to be separated?** No. They can be placed in the same recycle bin. Please remember to rinse out containers and throw the lids in your regular trash.
- Newspapers should be placed in a paper bag (no plastic bags) or tied into bundles and placed on top of, or next to your recycle bin. Please remember to remove all colored inserts from the newspapers before placing them at the curb for collection. Do not place newspapers out for collection on rainy days. Save them until the next weekly pickup.
- 6. Can I recycle other paper such as magazines with my newspapers? No. Other paper such as magazines, office paper and junk mail can not be recycled with your newspaper. Please place these items in your regular trash.
- 7. Can I recycle my used batteries? Yes. Orange battery bags are available at the Township office. Once the bag is full, place it next to or on top of your garbage container. The bag will be collected during your regular trash pickup. Please do not place the bag in your recycle bin.
- 8. **Can I recycle my cardboard boxes?** Yes. The Township has a dumpster for recycling your corrugated cardboard. Please make sure you flatten the boxes before placing them into the dumpster.
- What should I do with my old cell phone or computer? You can recycle these items free of charge at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster. For more information please call (717) 397-9968 or email info @lcswma.org.



If you have a question that was not answered here, please call the Township office at (717) 859-3201. West Earl Township PO BOX 787 Brownstown, PA 17508 Presorted First-Class Mail U.S. POSTAGE PAID Brownstown, PA Permit No. 1

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 as needed 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 7:00pm

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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