SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

West Earl Township Lancaster County, PA

157 W Metzler Road, Brownstown, PA - (717) 859-3201

IMPORTANT BILLING DATES

Trash (Eagle)

Quarterly Bills due: August 29 November 28

Water

Quarterly Bills due: July 28 October 27

All bills are due by 4PM on the due date.

White Goods Pick Up

The next White Goods pick up date for Eagle customers is scheduled for Tues., October 24, 2023.

Please purchase a pick-up tag at the Township office. If you have pre-purchased a tag, please contact the Township office to let them know you will have an item out for pickup.





Compost Yard News Accessing the Compost Yard

Does your West Earl Township Compost Yard access card still look like the one pictured to the left? Then you need to stop by the Municipal Building to obtain a new access fob for the new gate system! All previously purchased trips to the Compost Yard will be transferred to the new fob.

Purchasing Trips to the Compost Yard

You may purchase trips to the Compost Yard by visiting the West Earl Township Municipal Building during regular business hours: Monday through Friday 7:30AM to 4:00PM. The cost for West Earl residents is \$2.00 per trip.

You can also drop off card refill payments at the Township's night drop, 24 hours a day, by filling out the "Yard Waste Facility Fob Reload" located on the Township website under "Forms" and include a check for payment. The newly purchased trips will be loaded onto the Fob by 11:00AM the next business day.

Did you know?

In 2022, the Compost Yard created over 1,400 yards of compost made out of the yard waste that was dropped off to the Yard!

Septic Systems and the OLDS Program

The Township began implementation of the On-Lot Management Program on March 1, 2007. An On-Lot Management Program is designed to ensure that On-Lot Disposal Systems (OLDS) are maintained properly to avoid malfunctions or failures. The On-Lot Management Program was a strategy identified by the West Earl Township Act 537 Plan Official Sewage Facilities Update to mitigate existing and potential health risks and environmental pollution associated with improper disposal of sewage.

The On-Lot Management Program is designed primarily to ensure proper maintenance through regular septic tank pumping and OLDS inspections. This will be accomplished by requiring each user of an OLDS to obtain a Use Permit. The Use Permit will be valid for three years and will require:

A written record that the system has been pumped by a septage hauler registered in the Township. A visual inspection of the system by a registered septage hauler, a Township inspector or by an approved third party.

An application fee of \$10.00.

For questions about the OLDS program, please call the Township Office at (717) 859-3201.

Road Work Ahead

The Township Road Department has the following projects slated for the 2023 construction season:



Oil and Chip

Snapper Road Wissler Road Amishtown Road Sawmill Road Groffdale Church Road **Brick Church Road** School Road

Double Chip & Fog Seal

Batton Circle Valley View Drive Suncrest Road



Residents who reside in an area where a project is scheduled will be notified prior to any road closures or detours.

SWIMMING POOL DRAINIG RULES

At the end of the season, it's time to drain your pool. But where do you put all that water? This factsheet describes what to do with your pool water and outlines good pool maintenance practices to use in order to protect local water quality and enhance quality of life.



Did You Know?

Copper is an algaecide used in pools, spas, and fountains and copper piping is commonly used in pool plumbing. Copper is a threat to aquatic wildlife.



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When releasing water to the sanitary sewer, the maximum pump rate is 50 gallons per minute (GPM). This will help prevent treatment plant overload and sewer back-up into your house.

Don't drain into a street, gutter, or storm drain. Use a pool test kit to measure the chlorine level prior to draining to make sure levels are less than 0.1 mg/l free chlorine. This may take multiple days to two weeks after you stop adding chlorine to achieve this level.

If possible, drain your pool water to your sanitary sewer cleanout on your property. Look for a small circular pipe with a raised square on it or a pipe with a concrete/metal cover that says 'SEWER' or 'C.O.' on it. If you have a septic system or are not connected to public sewer, use one of the other discharge guidelines.

When releasing the water on-site, do so in a manner that water will not flow off your own property or into a stream or storm sewer. Also be sure to keep the flow below the 50 GPM maximum pump rate. If your pool water is being discharged with chlorine still present and/or leaving your property and impacting a neighboring property, you may be susceptible to enforcement or fines from West Earl Township and/or PA DEP.

If you aren't able to drain your pool into a sanitary sewer cleanout, or can safely discharge your water on your own property without impacting a neighboring property or the MS4 system, contact a local pool or water company to drain your pool.

If you have any questions regarding pool discharges, please contact West Earl Township at 717-859-3201.

A MESSAGE FROM REPRESENTATIVE KEITH J. GREINER Spring Legislative Update

Dear Neighbor,

It has been a busy spring for my staff and me as we settled into our new district office and our newly configured legislative district. I have been having a great time meeting people throughout the district and familiarizing myself with the issues affecting each unique municipality.

At the state Capitol, preparations for a new state budget have generated some angst among many members of the General Assembly, including myself. Our new governor has proposed a budget that would drain the state's Rainy Day Fund, a resource that my colleagues and I have spent the past eight years trying to re-build after it was exhausted during the Rendell administration. Spending money that is meant to protect us in lean times or emergencies is not a responsible strategy and could leave us vulnerable when we can least afford it.

For this reason, we have adopted a platform to guide us this legislative session. It's called the Keystone Commitment, and it is a promise to you that we will work to grow our economy, promote policies that encourage affordable living, create safer communities, and expand educational opportunities.

As a certified public accountant (CPA) and chairman of the House Finance Committee, I will be paying particular attention to the budget and how your tax dollars are proposed to be spent. I am driven by my responsibility to the taxpaying citizens of the 43rd district, to do everything I can to ensure working families and small businesses are able to grow and thrive here in eastern Lancaster County, that our most vulnerable citizens have what they need.

If there is anything I can do to assist you or your family, please do not hesitate to stop by my district office in the West Earl Township Municipal Building, 157 W. Metzler Road in Brownstown or call 717-588-2044. We are available weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. to assist you with state-related issues, programs and services.

If you have questions or need assistance filling out applications for the PACE or PACENET prescription drug program, the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program or information concerning driver and motor vehicle services offered through PennDOT, we can help! We also provide information concerning veteran's assistance, student aid, and unclaimed property.

For the latest news from the state Capitol, be sure to sign up for my weekly emails. You can do so by visiting my website at <u>www.RepGreiner.com</u>, and clicking the

"contact" button. You can also "follow" me on Facebook at Facebook.com/RepGreiner.

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

Sincerely, Rep. Keith J. Greiner 43rd Legislative District





WEST EARL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2023

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023 6PM-9PM

BROAD STREET PARK 725 BROAD STREET AKRON, PA 17501



TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING COMMUNITIES SAFER, MORE CARING PLACES TO LIVE AND WORK

Parking on Grass or Exposed Soil Surfaces



The Township's Code Enforcement Department occasionally receives complaints about residents parking their cars in the front yard of their property. The West Earl Township Property Maintenance Code **prohibits** the parking of motor vehicles on grass or exposed soil in any yard of any premises upon which one or more residential dwelling units are located. Residents are reminded that motor vehicles can only be parked on impervious surfaces, such as a paved driveway, when there is a dwelling unit located on the premises. Residents who wish to construct or expand a driveway to allow for additional parking should contact the Township Code Enforcement Office for more information.

West Earl Township Meeting Dates June

Planning Commission Tuesday, June 20 Board of Supervisors Monday, June 26

July

Water Authority Monday, July 3 Board of Supervisor Monday, July 10 Planning Commission Tuesday, July 18 Board of Supervisors Monday, July 24

August

Water Authority Monday, August 7 Board of Supervisors Monday, August 14 Planning Commission Tuesday, August 15 Board of Supervisors Monday, August 28



All other items, such as those below, do not belong in your recycling bin.



It's okay to throw *everything else* away. It will be turned into energy. Lancaster County has an advanced waste-to-energy process that converts these materials into renewable energy, powering local homes and businesses and helping to reduce our reliance on non-renewable sources of energy. So, when in doubt, throw it out



Visit recyclerightlancaster.org for more tips.