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### MEETING DATES

**Board of Supervisors Meeting**  
1st Tues. of each month 7:30 p.m.

**Township Planning Commission**  
3rd Thurs. of each month 7:00 p.m.

**Township Zoning Board**  
2nd Tues. of each month 7:30 p.m.

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## MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMPLEX

We are excited on the progress we are making on our proposed Municipal Services Complex. The proposed complex is expected to house facilities for West Hempfield Fire and Rescue, along with our Police and Administrative offices. As we announced in our Fall 2015 newsletter, a “Request for Proposals” was released in September 2015 to architectural firms to secure quotations for the design of the new facilities. In October 2015, we received four proposals from design firms. Those proposals were carefully reviewed and on November 16, 2015, two firms made presentations at a specially advertised meeting of the Board of Supervisors. As a follow up to that meeting the Board of Supervisors, the Township Building Committee and staff continued our communication with the two firms with the intent to make a selection. We were very fortunate to have more than one excellent proposal to consider and we thank all the firms that had expressed an interest.

On March 1 the Board of Supervisors took action to enter into agreements with West Hempfield Fire and Rescue that would allow the new facilities to be constructed on the five-acre tract presently owned by the Fire Company just across Marietta Avenue from the current Township offices. We greatly appreciate and value the partnership with our Fire Company that allows for this much needed facility to be built to serve the entire community.

The Board of Supervisors, at a special meeting held on Thursday, March 24, 2016, awarded a contract to Buchart-Horn of York, PA to design our proposed Municipal Services Complex. In addition, they awarded a contract to David Miller Associates of Lancaster to prepare the necessary design for the site and the required stormwater management facilities.

We expect both firms to start the process of designing the new facilities very shortly. In a few months we anticipate holding a special meeting for the public to attend in order to review the preliminary designs and to allow for input and questions from the community.



### West Hempfield Fire & Rescue Fundraisers



#### CHICKEN BAR-B-Q

Saturday April 2, June 11 & October 8 @ 11:00 AM

Half Chicken – \$5.00 ■ Meal – \$9.00

Eat-in and Drive-thru service available

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## Public Works Projects

The Township is pleased to announce the annual street maintenance project list. The following streets are scheduled to be resurfaced in 2016: Barberry Drive, Stony Ridge Drive, Thistle Drive, Cottonwood Court, Donnerville Road, Pawnee Road and a portion of Locust Grove Road (west of Prospect Road to Columbia Avenue). As always, we ask for your patience as we complete our work. Please be extremely cautious as you travel through our construction zones.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) plans to replace the Marietta Avenue (Route 23) bridge over Chiques Creek in 2016. There will be a detour established during this construction work. We have posted additional information regarding this project on our website.

## New Floodplain Regulations

On March 1, 2016 the Board of Supervisors adopted an amendment to our Zoning Ordinance to comply with the new Federal government floodplain regulations. Prior to adoption the Board of Supervisors held a public hearing to allow for comments and to gauge public opinion on the amendment to our Zoning Ordinance.

The new Ordinance adopts the Federal Insurance Rate Map of Lancaster County, dated April 5, 2016, and revises and restates such section of our Ordinance to comply with the Federal Emergency Management Agency regulations for the National Flood Insurance Program.

The full text of the adopted Ordinance can be found on our website at: [www.westhempfield.org](http://www.westhempfield.org). To view the new FEMA flood maps go to: [msc.fema.gov](http://msc.fema.gov).



# WHAT IS STORMWATER RUNOFF?



Stormwater runoff is precipitation (rain or snowmelt) that flows across the land. Stormwater may infiltrate into soil, discharge directly into streams, water bodies and drain inlets, or evaporate back into the atmosphere.

In the natural environment, more precipitation is absorbed by trees and plants or permeates the ground, which results in stable stream flows and good water quality.

Things are different in the built environment. Rain that falls on a roof, driveway, patio or lawn runs off the surface more rapidly, picking up pollutants as it goes. This stormwater runoff flows into streams or storm drains that discharge into waterways such as Chiques Creek, the Susquehanna River and eventually the Chesapeake Bay.

### Why Can Stormwater Runoff be a Problem?

Poorly managed stormwater runoff can cause a host of problems. These include:

■ **Flooding.** As stormwater runs off roofs, driveways and lawns, large volumes quickly reach streams, causing them to rise quickly and flood, instead of a natural slow and steady water rise. When more impervious surfaces exist, flooding occurs more rapidly and can be more severe, resulting in damage to property and people.



■ **Pollution.** Stormwater running off roofs, driveways, roads and lawns will pick up pollutants such as oil, fertilizers, pesticides, dirt/sediment, trash and animal waste. These pollutants “hitch a ride” with the stormwater and flow untreated into local streams, polluting our waterways.

■ **Stream Bank Erosion.** When stormwater flows into streams at unnaturally high volumes and speeds, the power of these flows can cause severe stream bank erosion. Eroding banks can eat way at streamside property, create dangerous situations, and damage natural habitat for fish and other aquatic life. This erosion is another source of sediment pollution in streams.

■ **Threats to Human Health.** Stormwater runoff can carry many toxic pollutants, such as toxic metals, organic compounds, bacteria and viruses. Polluted stormwater can contaminate drinking water supplies and hamper recreational opportunities as well as threaten fish and other aquatic life.

### What Can I Do to Help?

As a homeowner, you can help avoid the problems associated with stormwater runoff by:

- Reducing impervious areas so that the rain soaks directly into the ground.
- Planting native trees and plants which help infiltrate stormwater and increase evaporation and transpiration.
- Managing stormwater on-site with rain gardens, rain barrels and similar practices.
- Doing many small things which have a big impact on improving stormwater management.

Managing stormwater on your property will help protect Chiques Creek and help clean up downstream waterways including the Chesapeake Bay.



# Collections & Recycling

## CLIP AND SAVE AS A REMINDER

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 16**

#### **Large Appliance & Tire Pickup Day**

- Each large appliance must be marked with a blue tag - \$12.00.
- Rimless tires must have one yellow tag attached - \$1.50.
- Tires with rims must have two yellow tags attached - \$3.00.
- Items should be placed curbside on Friday evening, April 15. The hauler usually starts the appliance pickup by 6:00 a.m. on Saturday.
- If you need to purchase a blue or yellow tag, please do so **BEFORE NOON on Friday, April 15.**
- If you have already purchased the necessary tag(s) and are disposing of an appliance, tires and/or rims, please register your name and address with the Township office **BEFORE NOON on Friday, April 15** to ensure pick-up.
- If your appliance and/or tires are not picked up on Saturday, April 16, leave the items curbside and call the Township office on Monday, April 18 after 8:00 a.m., or leave a message on the Township's voicemail.
- The next large appliance pick-up will be Saturday, October 15, 2016.

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6**

#### **First Day for Yard Waste Bag Pickup**

- Recycle your grass clippings, summertime leaves and green plants through our curbside trash program.
- These items must be placed in Kraft biodegradable bags purchased at the Township office for \$1.50 each. Small twigs, small branches & shrubby trimmings must also be placed in these bags during this time.

■ There is a 30 pound weight limit for the Kraft bags. Brush, larger branches and any woody material too large for the Kraft bags must be tied into 4 foot bundles no heavier than 30 pounds and tagged with a green yard waste tag, sold in a sheet of five for \$7.50.

■ Bags purchased at Ace, Home Depot, Lowe's, etc. **WILL NOT BE TAKEN.** The sale of the bags pays for the yard waste pick-up program.

■ All yard waste will be collected on the same day your trash is collected during 2016. If your yard waste is not picked up, please leave the items at the end of your driveway and contact the Township office the next business morning to report the miss. Our hauler has 24 hours to return for any misses, the same as for trash and recycling misses.

■ Residents are urged to not bag grass clippings. Grass clippings left on the lawn decompose and act as a natural organic fertilizer. Please consider using our woody waste drop-off site as an alternative for other yard waste.

■ Last day for yard waste/Kraft bag pick-up is Thursday, October 20, 2016.

■ After October 20 through early April 2017, small amounts of yard waste may be placed in the regular trash.

■ If you have yard debris or woody waste at other times of the year (mid-October to early April), you may place it in the regular trash. All yard and woody waste material must be contained in trash bags. If you exceed the capacity limit for the toter or have more than 3 bags of trash, you must

purchase yellow tags for extra trash, sold in sheets of 5 for \$7.50.

■ Dirt, stone and rocks are not considered trash or yard waste and will not be picked up by our hauler.

■ Burning of yard waste and/or leaves is **NOT ALLOWED.**

### **WOODY WASTE DISPOSAL SITE**

■ The Township's woody waste collection site, located off Norwood Road near Fairview Park and the Township Maintenance Building, opens Saturday, April 9, 2016. The site is open from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays until the end of September.

■ Drop-off dates at the woody waste site are April 9 and 23, May 14 and 28, June 11 and 25, July 9 and 23, August 13 and 27, and September 10 and 24.

### **WEEK OF OCTOBER 24TH**

#### **Curbside Leaf Collection Begins**

■ The Township Public Works Crew will begin residential curbside leaf collection starting Monday, October 24.

### **2016 HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

■ Trash collection for Township customers **will be delayed by one day** after the following 2016 holidays: Memorial Day (May 30), Independence Day (July 4) and Labor Day (September 5).

■ Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 24. **Wednesday Customers:** The Thanksgiving holiday does not affect your trash collection. **Thursday**

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# POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

## RETIREMENTS



### **Miles K. Bixler (1-4-16)**

Corporal Bixler has been a member of the West Hempfield Township Police Department for just over 27 years. He was

hired in October 1988 and was assigned to patrol. Prior to joining the Police Department Cpl. Bixler served in the United States Navy and as a full-time and part-time officer with the Columbia Borough Police Department. In March 1999 he was promoted to the rank of corporal and assigned as officer in charge of a patrol platoon (shift). In addition to his assignment as shift supervisor, Cpl. Bixler served in many other capacities during his tenure, including Firearms, Taser & OC (mace) instructor and Use of Force instructor. In March 2002, Cpl. Bixler was one of the initial county officers that formed the newly-created Lancaster County SERT Team.

Following his retirement, Cpl. Bixler started a new chapter in his life as the recently elected Magisterial District Judge for District 02-1-03 which encompasses West Hempfield Township and Mountville and Columbia Boroughs.



### **Alfonso P. Villano (1-25-16)**

Officer Villano has been a member of the West Hempfield Township Police Department for just over 27 years. He was

hired in October 1988 being and was assign to patrol. Prior to joining the Police Department Officer Villano

received his BS degree from Saint John's University in New York, served in the US Army Reserves and was an officer with the Plainfield, New Jersey Police Department. During his tenure Officer Villano received many awards and commendations, including the West Hempfield Township Police Department's Life Saving Award for actions in 2012 and 2015 and the Department's Commendation Award in 2013.

**We wish both officers the best of luck in all their future endeavors.**

## NEW HIRES (1-4-16)



### **Ryan Patrick McKernan**

Officer McKernan is a resident of West Hempfield Township and a recent graduate of the Municipal Police Academy

at Delaware County Community College, where he also holds an Associate's Degree in Administration of Criminal Justice. He is originally from Paoli, PA. Officer McKernan also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from West Chester University.



### **Michael Paul Murray**

Officer Murray is a resident of Elizabethtown Borough and a recent graduate of the Harrisburg Area Community

College Police Academy. He is originally from Nottingham, PA. Officer Murray graduated from Millersville

University in 2014 with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Criminology.

**Welcome Officer McKernan & Officer Murray.**

## PROMOTIONS (3-4-16)



### **Ryan P. Draper**

At the West Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors meeting on March 1, the Board took formal action to promote an

officer to the rank of Corporal to fill a vacancy of a patrol supervisor's position. After considering seven officers, the Board announced the promotion of Officer Ryan P. Draper to the rank of Corporal.

Officer Draper has been a member of the West Hempfield Township Police Department since January 7, 2002. Prior to joining our department, he was an officer with the Columbia Borough Police Department for 2 years, giving him over 16 years of total law enforcement experience. Officer Draper has served the department in many facets including bicycle officer, accident reconstructionist, Crisis Intervention Team officer, and DATA Master coordinator to name a few. Officer Draper serves as a department instructor for computer software programs for the entering and issuing of traffic citations and completing accident reports online. Additionally, for the past several years he has been assisting in teaching new accident reconstructionist formal classroom material and is a certified Project Lifesaver instructor. In 2015 he was named as a platoon designated Officer in Charge.

**Congratulations Corporal Draper!**

# ZONING OFFICER REMINDERS



The following are details to keep in mind for your spring clean-up and outdoor activities, as well as your everyday living in the Township. For more information, go to [westhempfield.org](http://westhempfield.org), click on the Departments tab and then the Zoning tab.

West Hempfield Township adopted a new Stormwater Management Ordinance in April 2014; subsequently, the following regulations apply:

■ Projects that encompass less than **1,000 square feet of new impervious area** are exempt from providing new stormwater management facilities, but an exemption application must be completed and approved for those projects.

■ Projects greater than **1,000 square feet but less than 2,500 square feet of new impervious area** will be labeled a Minor Land Disturbance project and a specific application and regulations have been established.

■ Projects greater than **2,500 square feet of new impervious area** will require the submission of a formal Stormwater Management Plan prepared by a design professional which will be processed for a full review and approval by the Township to confirm the SWM Plan is in compliance with the new regulations.

## Call 811 Before You Dig!

Whether installing a fence or deck, digging for a mailbox post, or just planting a tree, it is important to know what's below before you dig. Either you or your excavator must call PA One Call at 811 or 1-800-242-1776, anytime, three to ten days prior to beginning the project. The utility companies will be notified and will mark where their underground lines are as necessary. It is the responsibility of the person digging to place the call. If you do not and underground utility lines are damaged, you could be held responsible for all losses and expenses.

## Trash/Garbage/Refuse/Junk

Accumulation of trash, garbage, refuse, or junk for a period exceeding fifteen days is prohibited.

## Grass and Weeds

Per the Code of West Hempfield Township Chapter 104, grass and weeds in excess of six inches in height shall be mowed. If found to be in violation, two notices will be sent. Thereafter, action will be taken by the District Justice for the violation without further notice.

## Construction Code Inspections

All inspections are performed by third-party inspectors that have been approved by West Hempfield Township. These inspectors have provided the Township with their credentials verifying the types of inspections they may perform. Contact an inspector early in the planning stages to ensure that your project will be up to code. The list of the inspectors is available at the Township Office and on the Township website at: [www.westhempfield.org/subpage.php?link=permits](http://www.westhempfield.org/subpage.php?link=permits).

## Building, Demolition and Removal of Mobile Homes

Before any building is demolished or any mobile home is removed, a Zoning Permit is required. This permit creates a record of the demolition or removal for tax assessment purposes and for Township records. When a mobile home is removed, a permit is also required from the Lancaster County Treasurer's Office in order to remove the mobile home from the tax records. Call the Treasurer's office at 717-299-8000 for more information.

## Building Permits

Building permits are required for all construction projects as well as installing a fence, pond, or a change in the use of the property. Permits are not required for sealing existing driveways, painting, wallpapering, new flooring, and replacement of existing siding or roof shingles. Please call the Zoning Office at 285-5554 if you have any questions.

As of July 1, 2009, all contractors who perform home improvements totaling a cash value of \$5,000 or more per year need to register with the State

Attorney General's Office. The law requires written contracts between the contractor and consumer when the price of the project exceeds \$500. You can check if a contractor is registered by logging onto the Attorney General's website at: [www.attorneygeneral.gov](http://www.attorneygeneral.gov) or by calling 1-888-520-6680. All contractors must display their official registration number on all contracts, estimates, proposals, and advertisements distributed within the Commonwealth.

## Requirements for Common Projects

**All project applications will be reviewed to determine if compliance with stormwater regulations is required.**

■ **Storage Shed** – Zoning Permit required. Construction Code Permit required if the shed is larger than 200 square feet or if electricity is provided.

■ **Detached Garage/Accessory Building** – Zoning Permit required. Construction Code Permit required if the building is over 200 square feet or if electricity is provided.

■ **Patio** – Zoning Permit required. Construction Code Permit required if the patio will ever be enclosed or placed under roof.

■ **Deck** – Zoning Permit required. Construction Code Permit required if the deck is over 30 inches above grade.

## Swimming Pools

Any pool over 24 inches deep requires a permit. Any pool over 36 inches deep, including soft-sided pools without a four-foot barrier, requires a fence or wall. Pools must be at least ten feet from lot lines and other structures.

If you are considering changing your pool water you need to refer to the PA Department of Environmental Protection's website for the fact sheet entitled *Swimming Pool Water Discharge Guidelines*. [www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/dsweb/Get/.../3850-FS-DEP4251.pdf](http://www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/dsweb/Get/.../3850-FS-DEP4251.pdf).

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## West Hempfield Township

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## Collections & Recycling

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**Customers:** Your trash collection is delayed by one day to Friday, November 27.

- Christmas 2016 and New Year's Day 2017 fall on Sunday and will not affect trash collection for either Wednesday or Thursday customers.
- The Columbus Day holiday and Veterans Day holiday will not affect Township trash pickup.

## RECYCLE BINS

- The Township provides a recycle bin to every Township household trash customer. If your recycle bin is cracked or broken beyond repair, you must bring in your old bin for trade-in and disposal in order to receive a new bin. Otherwise, you will be charged \$5.00 for a replacement bin.
- Old bins can be placed in the small dumpster at the Township building.

## Zoning Officer Reminders

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- **Above-Ground Pool** – Zoning and Construction Code Permits required for all pools over 24 inches deep. A fence or locking ladder is required to limit access to the pool.
- **In-Ground Pool** – Zoning and Construction Code Permits required.
- **Hot Tub/Spa** – Zoning and Construction Code Permits required.
- **Screened Porch** – Zoning and Construction Code Permits required.
- **Sun Room/Three Season Room** – Zoning and Construction Code Permits required. Smoke detectors in the entire house must be upgraded to operate from the house's electrical system with battery backup.
- **Fences** (including single section) – Zoning Permit required.
- **House Addition** – Zoning and Construction Code Permits required. Smoke detectors in the entire house

must be upgraded to operate from the house's electrical system with battery backup.

- **Finishing Basement** – Zoning and Construction Permits required. Direct access to the outside must be provided by an emergency escape and rescue opening.
- **Interior Remodel** (no outside work) – Zoning and Construction Code Permits required if walls are moved or changed, or if the plumbing and/or electrical systems are modified.
- **Replacement Windows and Doors** – Zoning and Construction Code Permits required if the new window or door is larger than the old one.
- **Agricultural Buildings** – Zoning Permit required. Construction Code Permit required if electricity is provided to the building, if the building contains spaces that are used for processing, treating, or packaging of agricultural products, or if it contains areas of occupancy by the general public.

