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MUNICIPAL BUILDING OFFICE HOURS:

Monday and Wednesday 9 AM to 6 PM
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 AM to 2 PM
Closed Weekends and Holidays

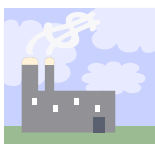
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SPECIAL MEETING

There will be a special meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 7:00 PM. The meeting is to hear about a zoning amendment for the old Ashley property. The amendment would permit a wide variety of uses for this property. If approved it would include uses for schools and non-profit educational institutions, hospitals; medical health centers; hotels; retail and commercial uses; municipal uses, retirement communities, advanced health care treatment, Alzheimer facilities and residential treatment facilities for housing individuals "for the purpose of receiving medical, psychological or social treatment and/or counseling". If you have any questions or opinions on this topic, attend this meeting – be informed.

NEWSLETTER

WINTER EDITION – JANUARY 2010

SEWER/REFUSE PAYMENTS

Sewer/refuse bills for the 1ST quarter- will be mailed on **January 15th**. Payment will be due on **February 15th**. This covers the period from January 1, 2010 until March 31, 2010. If payment has not been received by that date, the \$20.00 penalty will be added. If you have not paid your bill for two quarters, you will receive a shut off notice with an extra charge of \$50 to your account and shut off proceedings will begin. If the bill is still not paid and a letter is sent to the water company, another \$50 charge will be added to your account.

All bills must be paid in full. NO PARTIAL PAYMENTS WILL BE TAKEN!

The Borough has signed a contract with the water company that states water can be shut off at any time. Tenants, if you are responsible for paying the sewer/refuse bill, please contact your landlord. If you do not get your bill in the mail, call the office for the billing information. Once the bills leave the office and are mailed, it is not the borough's responsibility if you do not receive your bill.

REMINDER: Payments are no longer accepted at Lafayette Ambassador Bank.



BOROUGH SECRETARY

The Borough is seeking applicants for a part time position as Borough Secretary. This person would be responsible for day to day operations of the borough. Duties would include a working knowledge of governmental functions, administrative finance, computers, zoning, UCC/IRC codes and permits, and personnel management. Applications must be received by January 25, 2010. Send a cover letter, resume and salary expectation to: Borough of West Easton, 237 Seventh Street, West Eaton, PA 18042. Attention: Council President, Kelly Gross.



PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE

OPERATOR

West Easton is seeking applicants for a Public Works Maintenance Operator. A high school diploma and driver's license is required. Physically demanding outside work. Experience in lawn care, snow removal and equipment maintenance is helpful. Supervisory experience is necessary. Also needs positive attitude and ability to take direction. Application is available from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM at the West Easton Borough Office, 237 Seventh Street, West Easton, PA 18042.



SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE

Weather forecasters are predicting a bad winter this year. With this in mind, please remember that the snow emergency routes are:

Main St. from East St. to Adamson St. to Borough boundary (Easton)

East St. from Spring St. to Third St.

Third Street from East St. to Keystone Ave.

Seventh St. from East St. to Center St.

Spring St. from Center St. to Iron St.

Spring St. from Ridge St. to East St.

Ridge St. from Spring St. to Wilson boundary

Tenth St. from Ridge St. to Palmer St.

Palmer St. from Tenth St. to Wilson boundary

Keystone Avenue from Spring St. to Front St.

Front St. from Keystone Avenue to Iron St.

For snow plowing purposes, vehicles are to park on the even street number side of the street on even numbered calendar days. Vehicles are to park on the uneven street number side of the street on uneven days. This does not include the snow emergency routes. Snow emergency routes must be totally clear of all vehicles.



JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON PROGRAM

Councilwoman Kelly Gross has created the West Easton Junior Council Person Program. This program is an outstanding opportunity for one student to participate in our local governing process. She believes in the outreach of both our community to our youth and the youth to our future.

Program Guidelines:

- Must be a high school Junior or Senior
- Must take the "Oath of office"
- Must serve a one or two-year term
- Must attend monthly borough council meetings, budget session, and any other "special" meetings
- Will be seated on the council, participating in any and all business as necessary.
- Will observe all borough council meeting rules.

Any students who would like to participate should write a letter of interest to Council President Kelly Gross at the borough offices. The entire borough council will select the most qualified candidate. Kelly looks forward to hearing from you.



BUSINESSES IN THE BOROUGH

Our Ordinance #818 requires the licensing or re-licensing of all businesses, whether permanent or transient, operating within the Borough of West Easton for an annual fee of \$20.00. The business license application can be obtained at the municipal office.

Please note:

A business includes any person, entity, corporation or partnership that has an actual place of business or does business within the Borough or has its mail delivered to a location in the Borough. Any types of sales are also included. This further includes contractors who perform construction, alterations, repairs or demolition with the Borough.



HALLOWEEN PARADE

The winners of the parade are as follows:

Age Group 0-4:

Most Original –Rayana Badwa and Dylan Miggins

Prettiest – Sage Brotzman

Funniest – Jonathan Frank

Scariest – Riley Badwa

Cutest – Danica Gross and Mariah Wambold

Age Group 5-7:

Most Original – Matthew Bracken

Prettiest – Hailee Hall

Cutest – Amy Weber and Chelsie Bracken

Scariest – Justin Farnack

Age Group 8-10:

Most Original – Bryce Vasvari and Paige Dreyer

Prettiest – Talia Thatcher and Andie Harrison

Scariest – Spencer Gross and Ethan Smith

Age Group 11 & Over:

Most Original – Emily Purcell

Prettiest – Jessica Buttner

Scariest – Helen Trimmer

Adults – Groups – Floats:

Best Adult – Natalie Gross

Best Group – Hunter Enstrom and Noah Enstrom

Original Group – Gabriel Cartagena and Jarrett

Hanni

Special Awards: Wilson High School Band



STRAY CATS

It's responsibility of our residents who own cats to prevent their ca or cats from running free. Any resident has the right to report your animal as a stray, call the borough office and it will be taken to the Animal Center. Once there, the Center has the right to spay/neuter the animal, and if you reclaim your cat, you must pay for these costs. NO resident should pick up strays and take them to the Center. If you see a stray animal, please call the police or call the borough office and they will contact our ACO. DO NOT CALL the ACO.



SUMMER PROGRAM

We are looking for summer program volunteer/volunteers that would be interested in developing and supervising the summer program. If interested, please call the borough office.



TAX COLLECTOR HOURS

The Tax Collector will be in the borough office on **Wednesday's** from **9 AM to 1PM**. During these hours I can be reached at 610-252-6651. After hours, please call 610-438-0049.

Additional hours will be:

Tuesday, March 9th - 9 AM to 1 PM and

Wednesday, March 31st - 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

The tax office will be **CLOSED** on Wednesday, June 23, June 30th and August 11th.

You may also pay your bill by mail or deposit it in the mail slot on the side door at the West Easton Municipal Building. **Please enclose a self addressed stamped envelope if you require a receipt.**

If your mortgage company pays your tax bill, please forward the bill to them.

The Tax Collector will not be in when the Borough Office is closed for the holidays.



REMEMBER RECYCLING

With the New Year finally here, try adding "avid recycler" to your list of resolutions. Keep reading for a few tips on how easy it is to make recycling one of your resolutions this year!

Recycling cans and bottles may seem basic, but is one of the easiest ways you can reduce your carbon footprint with little or no extra effort.

Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours!

Recycle old scrap paper that may be hanging around the house. Between junk mail and used pieces of computer paper, you'll be surprised at how fast you can fill the recycling bin up.

Americans use 85,000,000 tons of paper a year: about 680 pounds per person.

Check labels to see if some of your favorite household products are recyclable. Products such as aluminum foil are often overlooked, but can be thrown in the recycling bin along with (aluminum) cans and glass. Americans toss out enough aluminum every three months to rebuild our entire commercial air fleet, according to the Aluminum Association.