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MUNICIPAL BUILDING OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY 9:00 TO 6:00 PM
TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

CLOSED WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS.
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SEWER/REFUSE PAYMENTS

Sewer/refuse bills for the third quarter payment will be mailed on **July 15th**. Payment is due on **August 15th**. This covers the period from July 1st until September 30th. If it is not received by that date, the \$20.00 penalty will be added.

The following dates are when the bills will be mailed and the due dates:

4th quarter – mailed on October 15th and will be **due on November 15th**. This covers the period from October 1st until December 31st.

If you have not paid your bill for two quarters, you will receive a shut off notice and shut off proceedings will start. All bills must be paid in full. **No partial payments will be accepted.**

The Borough has signed a contract with the water company that states water can be shut off any time. Tenants, if you pay the sewer/refuse bill, please ask your landlord for the bill so you can pay it. If you did not get your bill in the mail, you can call the office and get your account number or bring

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payment in and your account number will be checked and payment received. Once the bills leave the office to be mailed, it is not the responsibility of the office if you receive the bill. **REMINDER: Payments are no longer accepted at Lafayette Ambassador Bank.**



EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to our own Council Member, Kelly Gross. Kelly was chosen by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs as the “Outstanding Council Member of the Year”. This is the first time this distinction was presented to any borough council member in PA. Kelly is an involved, hands-on council member. She will always take the time to assist you. Kelly keeps current on the changes that will affect our Borough and its residents. And she volunteers many hours to make a positive difference in our way of life. She is accountable, attentive and fair. Kelly was nominated by her constituent, Thomas Nodoline. She received her honor at the PSAB Annual Conference. We didn’t tell her she would receive this recognition. What a great surprise – We are proud of our Kelly! Congratulations.



YARD SALE

The West Easton yard sale will be held on Friday, July 10th and Saturday, July 11th from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM. The sign up fee is \$5.00. This fee helps offset the advertising charges. You can sign up at the borough office.



HOLIDAY REFUSE PICKUP

The holidays that garbage is late will be the following dates: Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, the garbage will be picked up on Friday. It is normal service for Fourth of July and normal service for Christmas.



RECYCLING

Waste Management's curbside recycling program includes the following items:

Aluminum and steel ---- aluminum, tin, and bi-metal cans

Cardboard ---- broken down, bundled and tied together (2x3x1)

Glass (clear, green, brown) ---- examples: soda, juice, ketchup, wine or liquor bottles and food containers

Newspapers ---- bundled and tied

Plastics (#1 & #2) ---- examples: soda, water, detergent bottles

REMINDER: CARDBOARD MUST BE BROKEN DOWN TO SIZE OF 2X3X1, BUNDLED AND TIED TOGETHER,

REMEMBER CARDBOARD IS A RECYCLABLE ITEM. THIS MUST GO OUT WITH YOUR RECYCLING, NOT WITH YOUR REFUSE.



REFUSE COLLECTION

ATTENTION RESIDENTS: Please do not mix your refuse and recycling together. Your recycling container **must** only have recyclables in it. It should not have regular refuse. When you mix recyclables with the refuse, the men who pick up the refuse have to go through your container and take out what is suppose to be in the recyclable container. This process takes time and time costs money. Our refuse rates will end up being higher if this continues. So, please, **ONLY RECYCLABLES IN THE RECYCLE CONTAINERS.**

Please also note:

Items containing Freon ---- Freon must be removed (must have the sticker to show it was removed)

Truck and car batteries ---- unacceptable items

Truck and car tires ---- must be removed from rims; rims are an unacceptable item

Leftover paint cans ---- lids removed and dried

*(add kitty litter)

Container weight ---- 40 pound limit



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

A meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2009 at 7:00 PM. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to come or call the office at 252-6651 or call Donna Smith at her home 610-559-1273.



SCHOLARSHIP OF WEST EASTON

Once again the Scholarship Association of West Easton is asking the residents of the Borough to consider making a donation to assist graduating borough residents continue their education beyond high school. In the past a small number of residents and local businesses have contributed to this worthwhile cause. With the economy's continued downturn it is more difficult than every to perpetuate this fund. Every donation is essential no matter the size. If you are unable to make a monetary donation, we welcome everyone to participate in fundraising efforts, the scholarship association meetings and the selection process. We are currently organizing a flea market/yard sale and participating in the upcoming West Easton Community Day as fundraising efforts. Donations can be directed to The Scholarship Association of West Easton, c/o Liz Hanni at the borough office.

If you have any questions about meeting time and dates or getting involved with The Scholarship Association, please contact Bob Troxell @ 610-559-0310 or rtrox24@rcn.com.



BOOK FAIR

Books are coming to Mary Meuser Library! Come to the book fair on Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM and on Sunday, September 13, 2009 from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. The rain date for this event is the following weekend.

The library is also collecting gently used books and movies. They are opened every day except Mondays.



SUMMER PROGRAM

Summer is just around the corner! The West Easton Summer Recreation program is being offered once again for children in grades K-8. Activities are being planned for once a week during the summer months. Most activities will be on Thursdays. Some will be during the day, and a few will be in the evening. You can pick and choose which activities to attend, and it is FREE to borough residents. Non-residents may participate for a fee if space allows.

Our **tentative** schedule this summer begins with a Family Movie Night at the park, which will be open to all residents of the borough regardless of age. Additionally, we will take a trip to Washington Crossings National Park, ride the canal boat and tour the new Emrick Technology Center at Hugh Moore Park; bounce away at "Bounce U"; show off our acting talents at "Theater Day" in the park and our athletic abilities at "Sports Challenge Day" in the park; enjoy ice cream from the "Mr. Ice" truck; and try for a hole in one at Two T's mini golf. The program will end with our traditional Last Day picnic in the park with the always popular Aqua Slide. Registration will be held on June 4th from 6PM – 7PM at the borough office. Registration forms can also be picked up at the office, but must be returned no later than June 10th so that arrangements for the trips can be finalized.

For further information, please contact Liz Hanni (610)438-0049 or Dawn Purcell (610)258-1660.



WEEDS

Ordinance #631 states that it is your responsibility to cut grass and weeds on a regular basis during the spring, summer, and fall. This also includes that which is grown in the gutters and cracks of the sidewalks. Please help to keep our borough looking nice by obeying this Ordinance.

Do not blow cut grass or weeds into the street.



HOME IMPROVEMENTS

On July 1, 2009, the Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act will go into effect. This law will offer protection for consumers who hire contractors to perform home improvements on their residential properties.

This law requires a written contract between the contractor and the consumer when the total cash price for all work agreed upon exceeds \$500.

This law provides criminal penalties for home improvement fraud and civil penalties for violations of the act.

Contractors are required to be registered by the effective date of July 1, 2009. After a contractor is approved by the office of the Attorney General, the contractor will receive a certificate and a wallet card with a registration number.

The contractor shall include his/her registration number with all advertisements, contracts, estimates, proposals to consumers in the Commonwealth.

All consumers will be encouraged to contact the Bureau of Consumer Protection by visiting www.attorneygeneral.gov or by calling the toll-free number, 1-888-520-6680 to check the status of the registration of a contractor.

Kelly Gross



EASTER EGG HUNT

Winners of the egg hunt are: Ages 3-4 was Angelina Frey; Ages 5-6 was Leo Nardino and Ages 7-8 was Spencer Gross.

ENJOY A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!!