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BOROUGH OFFICIALS

- MAYOR:** Gerald W. Gross
- PRESIDENT:** Louis Niko
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- COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Daniel DePaul
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- ACTING SECRETARY:** Donna M. Smith
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- TAX COLLECTOR:** Elizabeth Hanni
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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

WEB SITE: westeastonborough.org

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Emergency: 9 1 1

Non-Emergency: 610-330-2200



SEWER/REFUSE PAYMENTS

Sewer/refuse bills for the 4th quarter-mailed on **October 15th**. Payment is due on **Nov. 15th**. This covers the period from Oct. 1st until Dec. 31st. If it is not 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 and shut off proceedings will begin. **All bills must be paid in full.**

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.

NEWSLETTER

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TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treat will be on Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM.



HALLOWEEN PARADE

The Halloween parade will be on Monday, October 26th. This year the parade will start at Front & Iron Streets. Everyone will form at 5:45 PM and the parade will start at 6:00 PM. The parade will travel down Front Street to Keystone Avenue; down Keystone Avenue to Third Street; down Third Street to Center Street; down Center Street to Sixth Street; down Sixth Street to the basketball court.



ATLANTIC CITY

COME WITH US AND TRY YOUR LUCK. West Easton Activities Committee is hosting a bus trip to the Showboat Casino in Atlantic City on Saturday, November 14, 2009. The cost is \$35.00, this includes a hoagie and a soda for your trip down. You will get a \$30.00 voucher for the casino. If you are interested, call Donna Smith at the borough office at 610-252-6651. Seats are going fast, reserve now. The bus will leave from the municipal building at 9:00 AM and will return approximately at 9:00 PM.



FIRE SAFETY

As Mayor, I am very proud to have our Safety First Volunteer Fire Company representing the borough and our public safety needs. Safety First Volunteer Fire Company is always first class with their equipment, leadership, and dedicated personnel that serve and protect our community. We all appreciate their allegiance to fire safety and rescue for all of the citizens of our borough as well as their ability to consistently respond to mutual aid calls in surrounding areas. Thank you.

Mayor Gross



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 to 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 Councilwoman 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. The business license application can be obtained at the municipal office.

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.

The cost of a business license is an annual fee of \$20.00.



TAX COLLECTOR HOURS

The tax collector will be in the borough office on **Wednesdays** from **9:15 am to 12:15 pm**. During these hours I can be reached at 610-252-6651. After hours, please call 610-438-0049.

Additional hours will be:

Tues. **Nov. 10, 2009** from **9:15 am to 12:15 pm**

Fri. **Jan. 8, 2010** from **9:15 am to 12:15 pm**

Tues. **March 9, 2010** from **9:15 am to 12:15 pm**

The tax office will be **CLOSED** on **Wednesday, November 25, 2009, December 23, 2009 and December 30, 2009.**

You may also pay your bill by mail or by depositing 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 holidays. – Liz Hanni



FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Let's practice these simple fire safety tips to keep the families of our borough safe:

1. Electrical cords are in good condition (not damaged).
2. Appliances and lights are plugged into separate electrical outlets.
3. All smoke alarms work when tested.
4. All escape routes are clear of clutter and easily accessible.
5. Curtains and other things that can burn are away from the stovetop.
6. Portable space heaters are off whenever you leave the room or go to sleep.
7. The clothes dryer has a clean vent and filter (no lint build-up).
8. Stay in the kitchen whenever food is cooking on the stovetop.
9. All extension cords are used safely (not under carpets or across walking areas).
10. Portable space heaters are 3 feet away from anything that can burn.
11. The furnace has been inspected in the past year.
12. The chimney has been inspected and cleaned in the past year.



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 be higher if this continues. Please, **ONLY RECYCLABLES IN THE RECYCLE CONTAINERS!**

REMINDER:

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

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



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

Also note:

Items containing Freon ---- Freon must be removed

Truck and car batteries ---- unacceptable items

Truck and car tires ---- unacceptable items

Leftover paint cans ---- lids removed and dried

*(add kitty litter)

Container weight ---- 40 pound limit



CLOTHING DRIVE

The clothing drive was a success. We collected 1,965 pounds of clothing. Another clothing drive is being planned for the spring.



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Association of West Easton is once again selling Bon Ton Community Day Coupon Books. The books are \$5.00 which is a 100% donation to the Scholarship Association. The book contains a \$10.00 off coupon and six 20% off coupons. This year's Community Day is Saturday, November 14th.

Please consider donating to this worthy cause! Books are available at the borough office.

If you have any questions or need information, please call Liz Hanni at 610-438-0049.