



West Nottingham Township Newsletter

Spring 2014

Clean-up Day supports *Keep PA Beautiful* program

The Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful program has been around for more than 25 years. It has effectively used education and action to inform the public of the growing problem that roadside litter creates. April is "spring litter pick-up month" and in keeping with this annual tradition and important service, the Supervisors have chosen Saturday, April 12 as Spring Clean-up Day!

Residents young and old are encouraged to participate in this event which will begin at 9:00 AM at Nottingham County

Park. Participants will register at pavilion 8, where road assignments will be made and gloves, trash bags and safety vests provided. Participants should return to Nottingham



County Park at noon for a free lunch and prizes! Local businesses supporting Spring Clean-up Day have donated a variety of prizes to be raffled off to participants. One lucky

boy or girl will win a bicycle!

This year's co-sponsors are listed on the township's website and Facebook page.

If you can't join us on April 12th, contact the Township Secretary and let her know what day you will be able to volunteer. We'll provide the necessary equipment and you'll still be entered in the raffle! For more information about Clean-up Day, please call 610-932-4072 ext. 8. Please help us keep West Nottingham beautiful and join us for Clean-up Day on April 12th!

Spring Dumpster Day Scheduled

Spring is here and it's time to clean out the garage, sort through the boxes in the closet and get rid of that old mower in the shed! The Township will hold the 2014 Spring Dumpster Day on Saturday, April 19th from 7:00 AM until 3:00 PM, at the municipal building, 100 Park Road. Proof of residency is required.

Acceptable items include furniture, appliances, and air conditioning (AC) units. Doors from refrigerators and freezers should be removed, however do not drain the Freon from appliances or AC units. There will be a \$10 fee for each CFC

appliance. Beginning this year, electronics are no longer accepted in the landfill. A fee will be charged for electronics,

**A fee is required
for ALL electronic
devices...**

as follows: computer monitors, TVs up to 36 inches, stereos and small electronic devices and appliances \$10; TVs larger than 36 inches \$20. Exact change is appreci-

ated, or a check made payable to "West Nottingham Township" will be accepted.

There are a variety of options for unacceptable items: For tires, motor oil and batteries visit www.seccra.org/specialrecycling.htm; for hazardous household waste (HHW) including oil-based paint check out www.wnt-gov.org and click on the "Township Calendar" link. Upcoming HHW events will be listed on the monthly calendar, or visit chestercountyswa.org for more information.

For information about Dumpster Day, please call 610-932-4072 ext. 8.

Real Estate & Per Capita Tax Bills Mailed Soon

Residents and property owners should expect to receive real estate and/or per capita tax bills on or before May 1, 2014. Tax bills paid before June 30 will be at a discounted rate. Real estate and per capita tax bill payments should not be combined. If you are paying by check or money order, please make the payments

separately.

The real estate tax rate for the township remains unchanged at .97 mills. The per capita tax is \$10 per person and must be paid by all township residents who are 18 years and older. Full-time students are exempt from the tax. Please note that mortgage companies do not pay per capita

taxes.

The tax collector, Hannah Rush, will hold two collection events for residents: Monday, June 30, 2014 from 5 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Monday, August 25, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Payments may also be sent to the attention of the West Nottingham Township Tax Collector, P.O. Box 67, Nottingham, PA, 19362. If you would like a receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

If you do not receive your tax bills by May 15, please contact Hannah Rush at 610-932-4072 ext. 404. Residents are responsible for notifying the township if their mailing address has changed. Tax bills are sent to the address on file with Chester County. If this address is incorrect, you should notify the township and Chester County Tax Assessment as soon as possible.

What you need to know about Earned Income and Local Service Taxes

The Earned Income Tax (EIT) is a 1% income tax collected by Keystone Collections Group. One-half of this tax goes to the school district and the other to the Township. **ALL** residents are required to pay the EIT either through their employer or by making quarterly estimated payments. Annual EIT tax returns must be filed with Keystone Collections Group by April 15, 2014.

If you are new to the township, or if you did not get an EIT tax return form, visit the Keystone Collections website listed below. Failure to pay the EIT will result in interest and penalty charges. Visit www.keystonecollects.com for EIT forms and contact information.

The Local Services Tax (LST) was enacted January 1, 2008. Anyone who works in the township and earns more than \$12,000 per year must pay a \$52 yearly flat tax. This includes individuals who are self-employed or those who conduct business out of their home. Berkheimer Associates is the collector of the LST. If you have questions, please contact the

Township Secretary at 610-932-4072 ext. 8 or Berkheimer at www.hab-inc.com.

Residents are responsible for notifying the Township when mailing addresses have changed or if a post office box is in use. It is important to have your current mailing address on file with the township so that tax bills and other correspondence reaches you in a timely manner.

Public Hearing for Act 167 Countywide Storm Water Management Ordinance

The Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 100 Park Road, to consider the adoption of, and if approved, will adopt the Chester County Model Act 167 Stormwater Management Ordinance, as amended for West Nottingham Township.

The Ordinance proposes to adopt the Chester County Model Act 167 Stormwater Management Ordinance as required by the Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Act, 32 P.S. §680.1 *et. seq.* This Ordinance will apply to new development, redevelopment and earth disturbance activities

located within the township that are not otherwise declared to be exempt under Section 106 of the Ordinance.

The full text of the ordinance is available at the municipal building on Monday and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., or on the website at www.wnt-gov.org. Also being considered, is an amendment to the Directional Sign ordinance, which can also be viewed online. For more information visit the website or call 610-932-4072 extension 8.



There is a \$25 charge for any check returned for insufficient funds.

Spring Clean-up Day Co-Sponsors

The businesses listed below graciously donated items for the Spring Clean-up Day. We appreciate their support and hope that you will thank them by patronizing their businesses.



800 Commons Drive, Oxford, PA 19363
75 North East Plaza, North East, MD 21901



20 Herr Drive
Nottingham, PA 19362
1-800-63-SNACK



100 Ponds Edge Drive,
Nottingham, PA

Warm Weather Can Bring Problems with Vegetation

As the weather begins to warm, trees flower and sprout leaves, lawns turn green, and new problems begin to grow. Planting trees, shrubs or bamboo along roadways creates a problem for the community. As this vegetation grows, trees pose a danger to power and telephone lines, and can fall into the roadway in severe weather. Bamboo and fast growing bushes and shrubs planted close to the road prevent the road crew from clearing the roads during severe weather.

By planting vegetation away

from the roads and power lines, you are contributing to your safety and the safety of the other residents in the township.



The Code of Ordinances states that any grass, weeds or

vegetation of any kind cannot exceed a height of eighteen (18") inches. Residents who don't comply with the ordinance will be subject to an enforcement notice and possible fine. We ask residents to be mindful of noxious weeds and to eliminate them as soon as you can to prevent spreading. For more information or to review the vegetation ordinance, visit www.wnt-gov.org, click on "Code of Ordinances" and see Chapter 10 Health and Safety, Section 103 Required Height and Cuttings.

Laws Governing Electronics Disposal & Recycling

Under the State Covered Device Recycling Act of 2010, waste haulers will not be able to accept covered devices, such as computers, laptops, computer monitors, televisions and tablets unless the township has a curbside electronics collection program that ultimately sends the devices to an electronics recycler. Please check with your refuse hauler to see if their recycling program accepts these items and sends them to an electronics recycler.

The Chester County Solid Waste Authority (SWA) has a resource directory of businesses that will take recyclable items. Visit www.chestercountyswa.org/businessdirectoryii.aspx. The SWA also sponsors 5-6 Household Hazardous Waste collection events each year. The 2014 schedule can be found online at www.chestercountyswa.org, and search for "HHW Collection". We have also included the dates page 5 of this newsletter. Collection dates are typically on a Saturday and are usually held at a municipi-

ality or school within Chester County. The closest recycling center that accepts e-waste would be SECCRA, <http://seccra.org/location/>. Fees for certain items can be found on their website. They also sponsor free electronics recycling dates throughout the year and post those dates on their website.

Unfortunately, there are no recycling centers located in our immediate area. You can find a list on the website of merchants and non-profits that accept various items. If you have something that still works, please consider donating the item(s) to an organization such as the Neighborhood Services Center in Oxford or the Habitat for Humanity Restore in Kennett Square. Some thrift stores will pick up your items at no charge. Please contact them for details.

Covered devices will be accepted at Dumpster Day on April 19 for a small fee. For information on Dumpster Day, see page 1 of this newsletter.

Single-Stream Recycling

The Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority (SECCRA) and many refuse haulers now accept co-mingling of recyclable materials. This means that you don't have to separate glass from plastic or paper from cardboard. Known as "single-stream recycling", this process allows materials to be collected and mixed together, then sent to a facility for processing.

The Township offers a 24-hour recycling center to accept glass, plastic, paper, junk mail, magazines, and cardboard. Please check with your trash hauler for curbside recycling guidelines.



Search "West Nottingham Township, Chester County"

Don't Be a Victim of Theft

Petty theft is on the rise in our area. Criminals are breaking into cars, sheds, and garages to steal items that can be sold quickly or scrapped for cash. Residents are encouraged to lock the doors of all vehicles, even when parked in front of your own house. Always remove valuables from your vehicle; lock them in your trunk if removing them is not an option. Never leave valuables on your dashboard or in the seat. It only takes a few seconds

for a well practiced criminal to break your car window and grab your new cell phone, computer, wallet or even spare change. At home, make sure to lock your shed and keep your garage doors closed. Residents are advised not to leave packages on door steps. If you can't be home to accept delivery, make arrangements for the package to be delivered to a neighbor. We have also had reports of unknown

persons calling residents "phishing" for personal information to include bank account information, social security number, and/or credit card numbers. NEVER give your personal information to anyone! If you get a phone call requesting this type of

information, hang-up and call the Police to report the scam. If you think you've been a victim of crime, please contact the Police immediately and file a police report. Non-emergency phone calls to the Township Police should be made to 610-467-0312.

Don't Build It Without a Permit!

Building permits are required for most construction projects. A few examples of the types of projects that require permits include, but are not limited to a new home, shed, detached garage, re-paving/paving or widening a driveway, deck, porch, patio, and in-ground or above ground swimming pool (including all pools that can hold up to 2 feet of water). If you live in a mobile home park, you must have a zoning permit from the township before placing a shed. Failure to obtain a permit before starting your project, will result in a fine. For permit applications and fees schedule, visit www.wnt-gov.org and click on the "Applications, Permits & Fees" link or call 610-932-4072 ext. 5. The Codes/Zoning Officer holds office hours on Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. and Friday from 7-9 a.m. New zoning ordinances were adopted in August 2012. Setbacks may have changed so it is a good idea to check with the Codes/Zoning Officer to see if you need to revise

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

HHW Collection Event, April 12

9 AM - 3 PM at 1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville

Spring Clean-up Day, April 12

9 AM - Noon at Pavilion 8, Nottingham County Park

Federal/State Tax Filing Deadline, April 15

Dumpster Day, April 19

7 AM - 3 PM at 100 Park Road, proof of residency required

HHW Collection Event, April 26

9 AM - 3 PM at Octorara HS, E-waste accepted

HHW Collection Event, May 17

9 AM - 3 PM at Owen J. Roberts MS, E-waste accepted

Primary Election, May 20

7 AM - 8 PM at 100 Park Road

HHW Collection Event, June 20

9 AM - 3 PM in Coatesville, E-waste accepted

Tax Collector's Office Hours, June 30

Accepting Real Estate and Per Capita tax payments from 5 PM - 8 PM at 100 Park Road

Tax Collector's Office Hours, August 25

Accepting Real Estate and Per Capita tax payments from 5 PM - 8 PM at 100 Park Road

For more information about HHW events, please visit the following website: www.chestercountyswa.org

Spring Road Maintenance

It's time to put away the snow removal tools and break out the mowers! The road crew will be mowing along township roads and performing various road repairs. Please drive slowly and cautiously through work zones and around mowing equipment, and observe posted speed limit signs. To report a downed tree or debris in the roadway, please call 610-932-4072 ext. 301 during business hours or dial 9-1-1 on weekends and after business hours.

