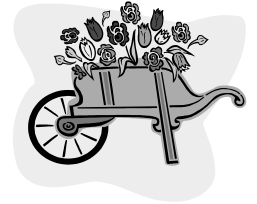


# The West Nottingham Township



# Newsletter



Spring Edition, March 2010

## Spring Dumpster Day Set

The Township will hold its 2010 Spring Dumpster Day on Friday, April 9 and Saturday, April 10 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 and a \$5 fee for each non-CFC appliance. Exact change is appreciated, or a check made payable to "West Nottingham Township" will be accepted.

For unacceptable items like tires, motor oil and batteries, visit

[www.seccra.org](http://www.seccra.org); for hazardous household waste (HHW) including oil-based paint check out [www.wnt-gov.org](http://www.wnt-gov.org) and click on the green recycling logo under "Links".

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

## Keep West Nottingham Beautiful

We need you to help keep West Nottingham Township beautiful! We are looking for volunteers to pick up garbage and debris from the Township roads. Please join us on Saturday, April 10 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Pavilion 8 in Nottingham County Park to receive safety equipment and road assignments. Lunch will be provided by State Line Baptist Church at 11:30 a.m. There will be

a bicycle drawing for helpers under the age of 18 as well as a drawing for the adult helpers. Children under 10 must be accompanied by a parent. Individuals, Scout troops and youth groups are all welcome. For information, please contact Patricia Vail at 610-932-2997. A rain date has been scheduled for Saturday, April 17; same time, same place.

## Mark Your Calendar

### • CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, April 10 beginning at 9:00 AM at Nottingham County Park. Rain date will be Saturday, April 17.

### • DUMPSTER DAY

Friday and Saturday, April 9 - 10, 7:00 AM until 3:00 PM

### • ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, May 18 from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 100 Park Road

### • PROPERTY & PER CAPITA TAXES

Discount rate applies until June 30, 2010. Pay your taxes in person on Saturday, May 22 and Friday, June 18 from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM at 5 Walnut Drive.

## Herr Foods Named West Nottingham's First "Community Hero"

On March 16, the Board of Supervisors created a *Community Hero Award* to be given to individuals, groups, organizations, or businesses who give back to the community.

At the meeting, the Board adopted Resolution 7-2010 to honor Herr Foods as the first recipient of the *Community Hero Award*, declaring March 14 to 20, 2010 as "Herr Foods Week" in recognition of their service to the community. The award will be formally presented at the Supervisors meeting on April 13, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Congratulations to Herr Foods and the Herr family for being the Township's first Community Hero!

We want everyone to be a Community Hero. Find out how you can be more involved in our community! For more information, see the article on page 2 of this newsletter or contact the Township Secretary at 610-932-4072 ext. 8.

## Proper Planning for Permits

Processing permit applications take time. Applications and plans must be reviewed by the Building Codes Official before a permit can be issued and plan reviews can take up to 4 weeks. We recommend you plan early and contact the Codes Enforcement Officer to see if your

project needs a permit. Here are examples of the types of projects that require permits:

- A new home on an empty lot: Building, zoning, road occupancy (for driveway), and use & occupancy permits required.
- Re-roofing your home: Roofing

permit required.

- Placing a shed: Zoning permit required.
- Detached garage (less than 1000 sq. ft in area): Zoning permit required.
- Detached garage (1000 sq. ft. or larger): Zoning and building permits required.
- Building a deck or porch: Zoning & building permits required.
- In-ground or above-ground pool: Zoning and building permits required.
- Sign: Zoning and possibly a building permit required.

## Township Tax Time Draws Near

The 2010 tax rate for property in the township is .93 mills. The per capita tax remains at \$10 for each resident over the age of 18, except those who are full-time students. Residents and property owners can expect the 2010 tax bills to be mailed on or before the first week in May. If you pay your property tax and/or per capita tax by June 30 you will receive the discounted rate.

**Please note that per capita taxes are NOT paid by mortgage companies.** Township residents are responsible for paying per capita taxes.

John Vail, Tax Collector, will be available to accept tax payments on Saturday, May 22 and Friday, June 18 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

at 5 Walnut Drive in Nottingham.

If you did not pay your 2009 taxes on or before December 31st, your property was put into tax lien and you must contact Chester County Tax Claims/Liens at 610-344-6360. Per capita tax bills that were not paid by December 31 were turned over to Berkheimer for delinquent collection. You may contact Berkheimer at 610-599-3135 for information on paying delinquent per capita taxes.

If you moved, changed your name or changed your mailing address, you are responsible for notifying the Township at 610-932-4072 ext. 8. For more information on property or per capita taxes, please call John Vail at 610-932-4445.

Mobile home park residents who want to install a shed must have a zoning permit from the township. Failure to obtain a permit before starting your project, could result in a fine. For permit applications and fees schedule, visit [www.wntgov.org](http://www.wntgov.org) and click on the "Applications, Permits & Fees" link or call 610-932-4072 ext. 5.

## Nominate a Community Hero

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond to help a neighbor? Perhaps someone who is a mentor for children or a family in need? We want to know who the Community Heroes are in West Nottingham Township!

Twice a year, the Board of Supervisors will review nominations and select an individual, group, organization or business as the *Community Hero*. Recipients will be honored at a Township meeting and presented with a certificate. Nominees should live or own a business in the Township. If you would like to nominate someone or want more information, please call the Township Secretary at 610-932-4072 ext. 8.

## Identity Theft: Don't be a Victim

By Chief McIvor, WNT Police

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personally identifying information, like your name, social security number, or credit card number, without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes. One of the best ways to spot identity theft is by monitoring your credit.

To receive a FREE credit report, visit: [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com). It is the ONLY authorized source for the free annual credit report that's yours by law. The Fair Credit Reporting Act guarantees you access to

your credit report for free from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies once a year (Experian, Equifax, and TransUnion). You may check all three at the same time, but we suggest accessing one company every four months which would allow you a credit report every four months. At the end of the 12th month, start the process over again with the company you started with first. To learn more about protecting your identity, visit: [www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/consumers/about-identity-theft.html](http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/consumers/about-identity-theft.html).

# 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 (#1 and #2), paper, junk mail, magazines, and cardboard. Please check with your trash hauler for curbside recycling guidelines.

Looking for a way to recycle that old table and chairs or run down dresser? Instead of setting it out for your trash hauler to take to the land-

fill, consider listing it on SECCRA's "swap" site, SECCRA-Swap.com. SECCRA's advice, "Don't throw it away! Give it away!"

Do you have an old TV or computer that you want to get rid of? Visit SECCRA.org for information on recycling electronics. You can also take advantage of recycling events sponsored by Chester County. Visit [www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org) and click on the "Household Hazardous Waste Schedule" icon.

## ONE MORE THING...

### Driveway Permits are Required!

You must get a permit if you want to pave OR re-pave your driveway! It must be inspected by the Road Master. Failure to obtain a permit will result in a fine.

### Roadside Plantings

Please refrain from planting trees, shrubs or bamboo along roadways. As they grow, 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.

### Vegetation Mowing Requirement

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. For more information or to review the vegetation ordinance, visit [www.wnt-gov.org](http://www.wnt-gov.org), click on "Ordinances and Zoning" and see Chapter 10 Health and Safety, Section 103 Required Height and Cuttings.

## Earned Income & Local Service Taxes

### What You Should Know About EIT & LST

All residents who work, whether full-time or part-time, are required to pay a 1% Earned Income Tax (EIT). The revenue from the EIT is split between the township and school district (.5% each). It does not matter whether you work in the township or outside of the township. **If you live in the township and you have a job, you must pay the EIT.**

If you work in the township and earn more than \$12,000 a year, you are required to pay the Local Services Tax (LST), a flat tax of \$52 per year. The revenue from this tax goes to support local emergency services such as Union Fire Company No. 1, and the West Nottingham Township Police Department.

If you make less than \$12,000 a year or if you pay the LST in the township of your primary employer, you may file an exemption form.

Berkheimer Associates is the Township's Tax Administrator for the EIT and LST. Failure to file an EIT or LST return by the annual due date will result in penalty and interest at the rate of 1% per month for each month after the original filing due date. The 2009 EIT filing due date is April 15, 2010. To file your EIT return electronically, download forms, or for more information on the EIT or LST, visit [www.hab-inc.com](http://www.hab-inc.com). For more information, contact the Township Secretary at 610-932-4072 ext. 8.

## Historical Commission Conducts Research

The West Nottingham Township Historical Commission continues to conduct deed research. We are also interested in learning about "bygone" township mills, mines, churches, schools, post offices, grange, stores, farmers' groups, railroad, celebrations, maps, books, pictures, postcards and any other memorabilia. If you have anything you would share the Historical Commission, please contact the Township Secretary at 610-932-4072 ext. 8. We would love to copy it or take a photo of it for our archives. Anything we borrow to duplicate will be returned promptly.

The Historical Commission meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the municipal building located at 100 Park Road. Please feel free to join us!

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Eric Todd, Chair	402
Patricia Vail, Vice Chair	401
Gerald Cox, Supervisor	400

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Planning Commission, 1st Tuesday  
at 7:30 p.m.  
Supervisors Workshop, 2nd Tuesday  
at 7:00 p.m.  
Board of Supervisors, 3rd Tuesday at  
7:30 p.m.  
Historic Commission, 3rd Thursday  
at 7:30 p.m.

## 2010 Census: Be Counted

By filling out the census form, you're making a statement about the resources our community needs to move forward. Accurate data reflecting changes in our community are extremely important in deciding the number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and deciding how more than \$400 billion per year is allocated for road work

and education. If you don't complete the census, our community may miss out on much needed funds for education or infrastructure. Lack of funding will require state and local municipalities to find the funding which could result in increased taxes. Please do your part to be counted! Visit [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) for more information!

## Special Needs Registry

The Board of Supervisors would like to create a "Special Needs" registry for emergency situations or severe weather conditions. If you or someone you know requires special medication or non-emergency medical treatment, we would like to encourage you to register with the Township. Seniors are also encouraged to register. Your information

will remain confidential. In the event of an emergency or severe weather conditions, the Board will use the information you provide to check on you to make sure that you are not adversely affected by the events.

Please contact the Township Secretary at 610-932-4072 ext. 8 for more information or to register.