
WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

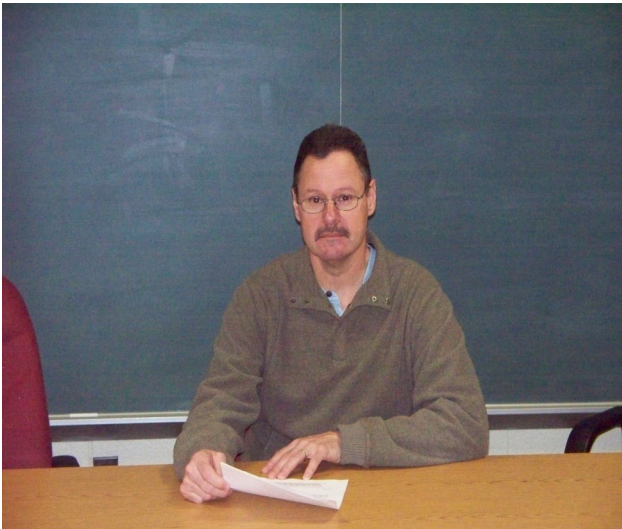
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PO 244, 156 B W. Main Street, Reinholds, PA 17569

Spring 2016

WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP WELCOMES TWO NEW MEMBERS

Township Supervisor, Ray Burns



Newly elected Township Supervisor Ray Burns was sworn in at the Board's January 4th reorganization meeting, taking his position along side veteran supervisors J.J. Stoner and Terry Scheetz. Ray is a retired police officer from East Cocalico Township Police Department, retiring in April 2013 after 30 years of service to the Cocalico Community. He brings to the Board a strong background in public safety, community involvement, and general municipal knowledge. Ray and his wife of 36 years, Dawn, relocated their family to the Cocalico area in 1983 from Bucks County and have lived in Reinholds since 1991. They have two grown children and 5 grandchildren. Ray is a graduate of Neshaminy High School in Langhorne and holds an Associate's Degree from Bucks County Community College.

Administrative Assistant, Joielyn Current

New to the township office is Joielyn Current. She brings with her over 20 years of office experience including a background in payroll and accounts payable/receivable. A long time local to the area, Joielyn is a graduate of Ephrata High School and has lived in the Denver area since 1997 with her husband and two children. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, baking, accompanying her son to baseball tournaments and shopping with her daughter. "I am very excited about my new position here at West Cocalico, and I look forward to working with everyone."



Chapel Gate Park

The Chapel Gate Park Project has begun! This project includes a half mile walking trail with an integrated wetlands boardwalk which will connect with the sidewalk system in the Chapel Gate development. An ADA accessible playground with a separate area for swings, a picnic area and educational signage will also be included. The project will be done in phases and will hopefully be completed by the end of 2016. The first stage is the construction of the boardwalk along the edge of the wetlands which parallels Redstone Circle. The second stage will be installing the paved areas of the trail, installing new playground equipment, and putting in the rain garden and bio-swale to manage the storm water better. The final stage, which will happen after November 1st, is the installation of the second section of boardwalk across the wetlands near the baseball field (which includes a rock climbing wall, a crawling tunnel, a whirligig, a spin cup, a spinami and a 4 bay swing set). This walking trail will be dedicated in memory of Terry Bergman, a long time park board member who helped to bring this project to fruition.



Roads to be Seal Coated/Paved

The following roads will receive ½ inch seal coat for a total of 30,540 sq. yds.
Sunnyside Rd, W. Girl Scout Rd, Girl Scout Rd, N. Cocalico Rd, Bensing Rd, Lincoln Ave, Marsh Rd, Lane Rd

The following roads will possibly receive ¼ inch chip seal for a total of 11,441 sq. yds.:

Hill Drive, Chapel View Drive will be an alternate



TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

westcocalicotownship.com

Please visit the township website for meeting dates and times, as well as park information, meeting minutes and Zoning Hearing Ads



Street Light Tax Bill

The 2016 Street Light Tax Bills were mailed 3/1/2016. If you normally receive a Street Light Tax Bill but did not this year, please call the township office at 336-8720 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30



WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you notice a street light outage, please obtain the two pole numbers located at the bottom of the pole, the one begins with a "4" and the other with an "S" and call the township of-

BURN PERMITS

If you are planning to do open burning of woody yard waste/brush, you will need to pick up a burn permit.



Burn Permits are available in the Township office Monday through Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm.

AVAILABLE AT THE WCT OFFICE

The following items are available at the township office for use in recycling:

- * Household Battery Collection Bags
- * Recycling Bins
- * Cell Phone drop off box



Tree Donation

If you would like to donate a tree to one of the Township parks in memory of a loved one, please contact the Township Office during regular hours or attend a Park Board Meeting held the 4th Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. in the Township



TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are held monthly in the township meeting room on the following days:

Supervisors:

1st Thursday at 7 p.m.
3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission:

2nd Monday at 7 p.m.

Zoning Hearing:

3rd Thursday at 7 p.m.

Park Board:

4th Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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www.westcocalicotownship.com

PAVILION RENTALS



Chapel Gate Park Pavilion

Anyone may reserve a pavilion in any of the parks: Chapel Gate Park, Main Street Park, or the Schoeneck Park. The rental fee is \$50.00 and is non-refundable. Please call the Township Office at 336-8720 to make your reservation.

The Schoeneck and Chapel Gate Pavilions have a refrigerator. If you are interested in using the refrigerator area, an additional \$50.00 fee will be charged. This fee is refundable.

For pictures and more information visit our westcocalicotownship.com

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at any of the Township Parks. Thank for adhering to this.

BUILDING & ZONING PERMITS



Permits **ARE** required for all construction projects as well as a fence, shed, or a change in use of a property.

Permits **ARE NOT** required for sealing driveways, painting, wall-papering, new flooring, sidewalks, swings, and replacement of siding or roofs (unless there is a structural change)

YARD SALES

West Cocalico Township has no limit on the number of yard sales you may have per year. No yard sale signs are permitted to be nailed, stapled or taped to telephone poles.



BEFORE YOU DIG



Safe digging is no accident! If you are installing a fence or deck, or digging for a mailbox post, patio or other excavation project, it is important to Know What's Below. Dial 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776 before you dig.

LANDSCAPE REMINDERS

With spring finally here, please remember when landscaping or planting, do not plant shrubbery, trees or crops or place decorative stones close to the roads.

It's important to stay several feet from the roadway so the flow of traffic or the sight of motorists is not hindered.

Thanks for your help!

SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS & WHIRLPOOLS IN-GROUND & ABOVE-GROUND

- ⚙ No swimming pool, spa or whirlpool shall be permitted without filtering system.
- ⚙ No swimming pool, spa or whirlpool shall be permitted unless it is enclosed by a permanent fence with a self-closing gate which is at least four (4) feet in height and conforms to other requirements listed in Section 1903. This requirement shall not apply to above-ground pools, spas or whirlpools having a wall measuring four (4) feet in height and having a retractable ladder.
- ⚙ No swimming pool, spa or whirlpool shall be within ten (10) feet of any property line.
- ⚙ No swimming pool, spa or whirlpool with a capacity of 10,000 gallons or more shall be constructed or installed unless the Township Engineer has certified that the drainage of such pool, spa or whirlpool is adequate and will not interfere with any domestic water facilities, any sanitary sewage facilities, any streets or any neighboring properties.
- ⚙ No swimming pool, spa or whirlpool may be erected or installed within any required minimum front, side, or rear building setback.
- ⚙ No swimming pool, spa or whirlpool shall be located closer to the front of the lot than the front wall of the principal building.
- ⚙ Swimming pools, spas, or whirlpools shall be secured from unauthorized access by means of a lockable door, gate, cover or similar control device.
- ⚙ No water from a pool shall be discharged onto any public street or alley.
- ⚙ All swimming pool, spa or whirlpool electrical outlets and facilities shall have ground fault devices.
- ⚙ Swimming pools, spas, or whirlpools shall be inspected by the West Cocalico Township Building Inspector. In-ground pools shall require two (2) inspections, a footer/foundation inspection and final electrical inspection.
- ⚙ Pools, spas, or whirlpools shall not be put in use until after the electrical inspection has been completed.
- ⚙ Permit fees shall be based upon the cost of the improvement plus cost for (2 INSPECTIONS).



SERVICES OFFERED BY THE SPCA OF LANCASTER COUNTY

Below are some of the services the SPCA offers at little or no cost:

1. **Adoption Counseling**—Our trained staff is happy to help you identify not only the right pet for you but also the right breed.
2. **Abuse Investigation**—If you witness animal abuse, please report it to the LCSPCA immediately by calling 717-917-6979 or sending an email to info@lancasterspca.org. Please make sure your email or voice message includes your name, your phone number so we can call you with an update, the address where the animal is located, and the reason for your concern.
3. **Humane Education**—Although having affection for pets may be innate in most of us, knowing how to care for them is a learned skill. To help children learn about pet care, ways to be safe around animals, and how the LCSPCA helps pets, we offer free, educational programs to groups of all ages.
4. **Microchip Identification**—The size of a rice grain, a microchip is an electronic device that stores an identification number unique to that animal which is also recorded in a national database. If a microchipped pet is found anywhere in the country, animal shelters, veterinary offices, and police departments can use a universal scanner to read the microchip's number and find the animal's owner. Every dog and cat that enters the LCSPCA is scanned for a microchip and many have been reunited with their owners as a result. To help even more pets, we offer microchipping services for any owned dogs and cats during regular shelter hours with no appointment necessary. The microchipping procedure takes only a few minutes and is done simply by injecting a microchip under the skin between the shoulder blades. The cost of microchipping is only \$25, and the protection lasts the life of the animal.
5. **Trap, Neuter & Release of Feral and Outdoor Cats**—Our trap, neuter & release program enables anyone to trap a feral or outdoor cat, bring it to the LCSPCA for sterilization surgery and vaccinations, and then release it back to where it was trapped. The fee for renting a humane trap is \$60. (Trap renters receive a \$50 refund upon returning the trap.) The fee for sterilization and vaccination is \$40. Additional testing for feline immunodeficiency virus and feline leukemia is also available for an extra \$20.



SPCA
848 S. Prince Street
Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 917-6979
www.lancasterspca.org
info@lancasterspca.org

TAX INFORMATION

The **County and Township Tax Bill (Spring Taxes)** is sent to you by the County of Lancaster. Payments are to be made to the Treasurer of Lancaster. If you have questions about your Spring Taxes, please call 717-299-8222.

Your **School Tax or (Fall Taxes)** is mailed to you by the Cocalico School District. If you have questions, please call the tax office 336-1406.

The West Cocalico Township Office mails the **Street Light Tax** to residents that have a street light on their street. If you have questions, please call 336-8720.

WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP	
2016 TAX RATES	
REAL ESTATE TAX	2.175 Mills
REALTY TRANSFER TAX	0.005%
EARNED INCOME TAX	0.005%
STREET LIGHTS \$1.56 per street front foot with a 100 foot maximum	

MARTIN'S MULCH

55 Woodcrest Road, Ephrata, PA 17522



For a small fee, Martin's Mulch will help dispose of your Woody Waste such as tree branches, shrubs, etc.

SCHOENECK FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

125 N. King Street, Denver (717) 336-6767
www.schoeneckfire.com

Sat 3/19—All U Can Eat Breakfast—6am-10am

Sat 4/16—All U Can Eat Seafood Night—3pm-7pm
(Oysters, Shrimp & Fried Fish)
Tickets available until 4/9 or sold out
Dine in only * No Take Outs

Sat 5/7—Yard Sale—7am-?

Chicken BBQ Dinner—9am-? - Cost TBD

Sat 5/21—Consignment Auction—9am-?

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PO Box 244
Reinholds, PA 17569
336-8720

Authority

156 B W. Main Street
PO Box 95
Reinholds, PA 17569
336-6265

Hours

Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Except Holidays

Township Website:

westcocalicotownship.com

Email:

westcocalico@dejazzd.com

Police: 336-1725

Emergency: 911

**Water/Sewer Emergency
call-Authority's Cell
Phone:**

717-629-7044

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The Authority reads your water meters four times a year.

Sump Pumps may not be connected to the public sewer system as this overloads the sewer treatment plant.

Billing Information

Water and sewer bills are mailed on a quarterly basis. You should receive your bill, per the following schedule:

- **1st Qtr. (Jan/Feb/Mar) by April 15th**
- **2nd Qtr. (Apr/May/June) by July 15th**
- **3rd Qtr. (July/Aug/Sept) by October 15th**
- **4th Qtr. (Oct/Nov/Dec) by January 15th**

If you don't receive a bill or have any questions, please call the
Authority at 336-6265.