



WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

Semi-Annual

PO Box 244, 156B West Main Street, Reinholds, PA 17569

Spring 2018

NEW ZONING OFFICER

Welcome to Shelly Fizz. Shelly is the new Zoning Officer, here in West Cocalico. Shelly is a life long resident of Berks County. She has worked for the City of Reading for over 20 years. During that time, she worked in the Community Development Department as a Rehabilitation Specialist/Project Manager. Her duties included understanding and implementing Codes and Zoning Ordinances. "I look forward to using my experience to serve the citizens of West Cocalico Township."



Zoning Officer Hours

Mondays 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Wednesdays 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

If you have any questions or need to contact the Zoning Officer please call the township office at (717) 336-8720.



FROM THE EPHRATA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Lock your vehicle – Many criminals are opportunists, they will many times search for unlocked vehicles because no force is needed to enter the vehicle and opening a car door does not appear suspicious.

Remove valuables from your vehicle – Don't allow items like GPS units, purses/wallets, cell phones, cash or anything else that is of value to be easily seen in your vehicle. Thieves usually look for items that are easy to sell and turn into cash. They will often look for these items before breaking into a vehicle.

Don't keep spare keys in your vehicle – Keeping spare keys in your vehicle could turn a theft from your vehicle into a vehicle theft or a burglary.

Try to park in a well lit area – Criminals often use the cover of darkness to their advantage. Most thefts from vehicles occur in the late evening/early morning hours. Keeping your vehicle in a well lit area decreases your chances of becoming a victim.

REGISTRATION FOR YOUR VEHICLE IS STILL MANDATORY IN PENNSYLVANIA



NO STICKER

Act 89 merely eliminated the requirement to place a registration sticker on your license plate effective December 31, 2016. **Customers are still required to maintain current vehicle registration, and must present a registration card to law enforcement when asked.** A valid registration card is also still required when having a safety and/or emissions inspection completed. Law enforcement agencies have electronic access to PennDOT's database from their patrol vehicles, which allows them to verify if a vehicle registration is valid. In addition, many use license plate reader technology to efficiently validate registrations.

ROADS TO BE SEAL COATED/PAVED 2018

½ Chip Seal

Swamp Church Road
(Blainsport to Galen Hall Road)

Swamp Church Road
(Blainsport to Laurel Ridge)

Laurel Ridge Road

Golf Road

Mill Road

Bensing Road

Mountain Road

N Blainsport Road

Wollups Hill Road (Steinmetz to Indiantown)

Binder Road (Gockley to Mt Airy)

½ Double Chip Seal

Binder Road (Gockley to Indiantown)



YOU NOW HAVE A CHOICE...

We are pleased to announce the following building inspection companies that now service the Township:

Associated Building Inspections, LLC

Commonwealth Code Inspection Service, Inc.

Technicon Enterprises Inc., II



PAVILION RENTALS

Anyone may reserve a pavilion in any of the township parks: Chapel Gate Park, Main Street Park or Schoeneck Park. The rental fee is **\$50.00** and is **non-refundable**. Please call the Township Office at (717) 336-8720 to make your reservation.

A rental agreement form **MUST** be signed and submitted with your \$50.00 rental fee to the township office. Forms can be found on the township website or picked up at the Township Office. **Please abide by all the rules listed on Pavilion Rental Agreement Form.**

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

For more information visit
westcocalicotownship.com

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at any of the township parks.

Renters are responsible for removing all trash from pavilions.

Thank you for adhering to this.



SPRING CLEANING...

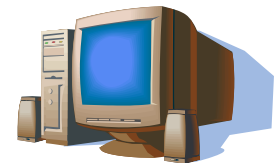
Did you know that **Staples stores** will recycle your old technology for **FREE!**

ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR FREE RECYCLING:

All-in-one computers
Cable/satellite receivers
Calculators
Camcorders
CD/DVD/Blu-Ray players
Computer speakers
Copiers (desktop)
Cordless phones
Desktop computers
Digital cameras
Digital projectors
eReaders (Trade-in eligible)

External hard drives
Fax machines (desktop)
Gaming devices
GPS devices
Pods/MP3 players (Trade-in eligible)
Keyboards
Laptops (Trade-in eligible)
Mice
Mobile phones (Trade-in eligible)
Modems
Monitors
Printers & multifunction devices (desktop)

Routers
Scanners (desktop)
Shredders
Small server
Stereo receivers
Tablets (Trade-in eligible)
UPS/battery backup devices
Video streaming devices



WOODY WASTE DISPOSAL

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. You can contact them by calling (717) 733-1602.

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 office at (717) 336-8720 with this information. We need this info to report the light outage to PPL. Thanks for your help!

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 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

**YARD SALES**

West Cocalico Township does not require a permit to hold a yard sale. No yard sale signs are permitted to be nailed, stapled or taped to utility poles.

LANDSCAPE REMINDERS

With spring finally here, please remember when landscaping or planting, do not plant shrubbery, trees, 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.

**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, replacement windows, swings, and replacement of siding or roofs (unless there is a structural change)

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.

Authority

2nd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Zoning Hearing:

2nd Thursday at 7 p.m.

Park Board:

4th Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Please visit the township website for meeting dates and times, as well as, park information, community events, meeting minutes and zoning hearing ads:

www.westcocalicotownship.com

**STREET LIGHT TAX BILL**

The 2018 Street Light Tax Bills were mailed on March 1, 2018.

If you normally receive a Street Light Tax Bill but did not this year, please call the township office at (717) 336-8720 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

**AVAILABLE AT THE TOWNSHIP 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

BEFORE YOU DIG

Safe digging is no accident! If you are installing a fence, 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.

**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 Meeting Room.

TEN THINGS YOU CAN DO TO KEEP IT BLUE



Plant more trees & shrubs to capture water and pollutants.

Clean up after your dog everywhere you go!



Conserve water. Don't leave water running or water pavement.



Avoid using chemical pesticides & fertilizers.



Wash your car in a carwash or on grass, not on pavement.



Compost or mulch yard waste.



Direct downspouts to a garden bed or yard depression.

Never pour anything down a storm drain.

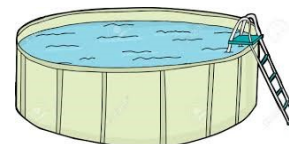
After mowing, use lawn clippings on your lawn as mulch.



Keep all chemicals and medicines out of the drain and toilet.

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).



**The West Cocalico Water 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.**



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 (717) 336-6265.



Going away?
Don't worry about a thing!

The Ephrata Police Department will come and check up on your home while you're away as a courtesy to you.

Call Ephrata Police Department
(717) 738-9265

REINHOLDS FIRE COMPANY

138 W. Main Street, Reinholds, PA 17569
(717) 336-7753 www.reinholdsfirecompany.com

April - Fund Drive Begins

Saturday, June 2 - Pulled Pork Sandwich - 11am-1pm
Includes sandwich, slaw, fries & drink
Advance tickets available; limited amount at the door
Take-out ONLY

Saturday, September 8 - Pit Beef Sandwich - 11am-1pm
Includes sandwich, baked beans, fries & drink
Advance tickets available; limited amount at the door
Take-out ONLY

Sunday, October 7 - Gift Card Bingo

Banquet Hall Rentals: (717) 336-6266 - leave a message
or email hallrent18@yahoo.com

All fundraisers are held at the
Reinholds Fire Company Banquet Hall

ANNOUNCING IMPORTANT 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 (717) 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 (717) 336-8720.**

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2018 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	

STAY UP-TO-DATE

Township website: westcocalicotownship.com

Visit the township website for meeting dates/times, park information, meeting minutes, pavilion rentals, permit applications, community events, zoning hearing ads and much more.



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

For up-to-date news and information happening in the township such as: road closings, emergencies, etc.



SCHOENECK FIRE COMPANY

125 N. King Street, Denver, PA 17517
(717) 336-6767 www.schoeneckfire.com

Saturday, April 21, 2018 - Mud Sale - 9am
Quilt Auction - 12pm

Saturday, May 5 - Yard Sale - 7am - ?
Big John Nolt Chicken BBQ Dinner - 9am - SOLD OUT

Saturday, May 19 - Fish Fry
3pm - 7pm
Advance Tickets Required - Tickets Available until 5/12
Saturday, October 13 - Big John Nolt Chicken BBQ Dinner
10am - SOLD OUT

Saturday, October 27 - Soup & Sub Sale
8am - SOLD OUT

Saturday, November 17 - Bake Sale & Craft Show
8am - 1pm

Banquet Hall Rentals: Contact David High
(717) 271-6727

All fundraisers are held at the
Schoeneck Fire Company Banquet Hall

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156B West Main Street
P.O. Box 244
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(717) 336-8720

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Township Office

156B West Main Street
PO Box 244
Reinholds, PA 17569
(717) 336-8720

Authority

156B West Main Street
PO Box 95
Reinholds, PA 17569
(717) 336-6265

Township Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Except Holidays

Zoning Officer Hours

Mon - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Wed -12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Except Holidays

Township Website:

westcocalicotownship.com

Email:

wcocalico@gmail.com

Water/Sewer

Emergency call

Authority's Cell Phone:

(717) 629-7044

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