

WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP



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Fall/Winter 2020

New Sewer Plant Coming to West Cocalico Township

The West Cocalico Township Authority is in the process of relocating and expanding the sewer plant. The Authority has had a moratorium on new sewer connections since the early 1990's due to the sewer plant being at capacity. This has limited the growth of local businesses as well as residential development in the Reinholds area. [There are empty buildings from businesses moving out that had other businesses interested in moving into them. Unfortunately, the sewer capacity was not available for them to operate the business of their choice and so the buildings remain empty.](#) The residents who will be connected to the sewer should see a positive return on the value of their property. In addition, the Authority chose to plan the expansion before there was an emergency that would force it into a new system without planning for what is best for the Reinholds area.

When considering where to take the expansion of the plant, the Authority considered the areas in Reinholds that were zoned for growth. They also looked to add areas close to the system that had small lots with poor soils that did not have room for replacement on lot systems. If their on-lot system failed, they would have no choice but to put in a holding tank which generally would result in a lower sales price which, in turn, effects sales prices of homes around them.

The existing sewer plant was built in 1987 and was expected to have a 30- 35 year life. It is now time to upgrade that plant before it fails. The Authority considered replacing and expanding the existing plant but quickly found out that expansion was not an option due to the wetlands surrounding the existing plant. They were able to purchase the property across the street from the current plant and the new plant is currently in the design phase. It will be double the size of the current plant, operate more efficiently and be better for the environment. The current interest rates will allow the Authority to borrow the money to build the plant at a significant cost savings. The new plant is expected to have a life span of approximately 35 -40 years. It is hoped that ground will be broken for the new sewer plant in late Spring of 2021. Extensions will be started in 2022 with home connections being made in 2022 and 2023.

The new areas to be served by public sewer are Rose Drive, Galen Hall Road from the railroad track to Resh Road, all of Resh Road and West Route 897 from the existing sewer area through Blainsport. See the map to determine if sewer is coming by your home. There will be a tapping fee to connect as well as a cost to run the pipe from the sewer main to the line going to your current on-lot sewer system. There are low interest loans with a long payback term available to assist in paying for the connections from several non-profit entities. Information regarding the loans will be provided to the residents who need to connect to the system.



Municipal Snow Removal Policy

As we approach winter, we are taking this opportunity to provide a summary of the Municipal Snow Removal Policy and share some helpful guidelines:

At the start of the storm, all trucks are sent out to their assigned areas with the instructions to salt hills, intersections and curve areas first, then all other areas. When there is sufficient depth to the storm to warrant plowing, the drivers are instructed to make one pass in each direction on the street and to make one pass in and one pass out in the cul-de-sacs. Heavily traveled roads will be plowed first and then less traveled areas, as well as developments and cul-de-sacs. After each one is passable, the procedure of pushing back the snow to the road edge and cleaning out the cul-de-sacs will begin. This operation may not begin until the following day or days depending upon the severity of the storm. The road crew does their best to keep the roads passable and to not push snow into driveways, around mailbox areas or damage grass in the right-of-way.

Thank you for your patience during the winter season.

Helpful guidelines to follow:

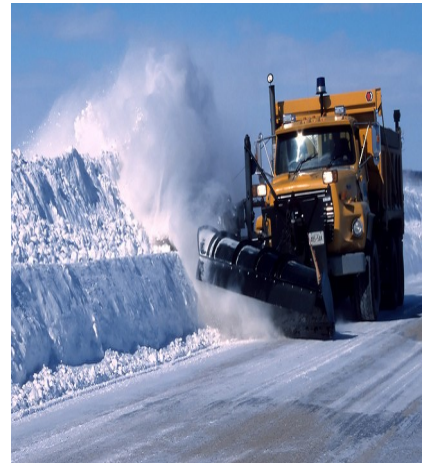
- ✱ Park off the road and in your driveway or in one of our township owned parks. If your driveway is steep or you have multiple vehicles, please park at the mouth of your driveway and off the road. In cul-de-sacs, please park all vehicles off the roadway.
- ✱ Wait to shovel snow from the last five feet of your driveway until the roadway is plowed to full width.
- ✱ **Do not put snow on streets** or on neighboring properties. **It is illegal to shovel or blow snow onto township or state roads.**

SNOW ROUTE

A snow plowing route has been created for: Chapel View Drive, Red Stone Circle, Highland Court, Park View Drive, Steeple Court, Village Spring Lane, Farrow Lane, Pheasant Lane, Krueger Drive, Hollow Road, Pelham Road, Cedar Court, Circle Drive, Bridle Path Way, Hill Drive, Walnut Lane, Green Court, Pine Crest Drive, Martin Circle, Boulder Drive, Pebble Lane, Sandra Circle, Clearview Drive, Joshua Circle, Sunrise Lane, and Linda Lane.

From the time there is an accumulation of any measurable snow or sleet until it has been substantially removed from the streets, **no parking will be permitted on the designated streets.** **This applies even when no emergency is declared.** The township **will not** remind you to move your cars.

During that time, parking will be permitted on grass and sidewalks without ticketing. Additional parking will also be available in Chapel Gate Park, Schooneck Park and the Township Building. **If plowing starts on your street and the cars are not moved, tickets will be issued by the police.**



LOW HANGING TREES & SHRUBS

All residents are reminded to take care of any low hanging trees and/or shrubs on their property. If the trees or shrubbery on your property are growing onto or over the roadway, please trim the branches. Tree limbs hinder larger trucks, school buses and snow plows from moving freely on the roadway.

Failure to remove any low hanging trees and shrubs may result in that area not being plowed.

Thank you for your cooperation!



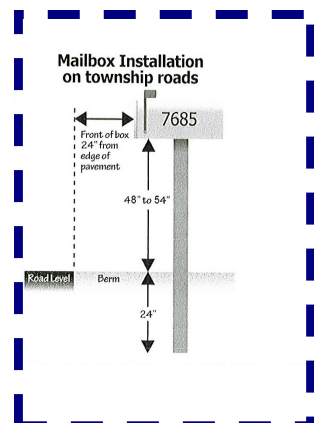
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON MAILBOXES & SNOW

Please keep the face of the mailbox a minimum of 2 to 3 feet off the edge of the road. It would be good to have a pull off area at the mailbox. Please keep in mind that the cutting edge on the plow is 18" from the edge of the plow.

(Please see diagram for installation)

The mailbox owner is responsible for repair or replacement of the mailbox if the mailbox was damaged by the pressure of the plowed snow, and there was no physical contact with the snow plow equipment.

Please maintain your mailbox throughout the year by checking for deteriorating wood, rusty nails and screws. Also, if your mailbox is made of hard plastic, it could become brittle in cold weather and be damaged by heavy snow.





STREET LIGHT OUT OR BROKEN?

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 only good for a maximum of 30 days. After 30 days, you must obtain a new permit.



Burn Permits are available in the township office Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

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



BUILDING PERMIT

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)

A representative from Lancaster County Assessment Office **MAY** visit your property within months to a year after the permit is issued by your office.

This is a separate follow-up inspection



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, meeting minutes, as well as, park information and community events.

www.westcocalicotownship.com

Drop Box available after hours

You may drop off:

- Water/Sewer Payments
- Street Light Tax Payments
- Building Permit Applications

The Drop Box is located to the right of



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.**

AVAILABLE AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

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



- * Household Battery Collection Bags
- * Recycling Bins

*Trick-or-Treat
will be held on Friday,
October 30th
from 6pm - 8pm*



• PROTECT OUR WATERSHED •

WINTER TIPS

ADOPT A DRAIN

Have you adopted a drain yet? Storm drains need to be cared for even in the winter. Do your part to care for our watershed and adopt a drain today!
adoptadrain-1grow.org

SHOVEL

Always shovel storm drains from the sidewalk. Shovel snow onto vegetated areas, where meltwater can soak into the ground. This reduces runoff that goes down storm drains and directly to rivers and streams.

MARK DRAINS

Mark your storm drains in late fall prior to snow fall. This will show you where to shovel during each snowfall. Keeping your drains clear of snow is an easy way to prevent flooding.

MAINTAIN

Winterize vehicles to prevent leaks. Wash cars at a commercial carwashes, where soapy water does not enter the storm sewer.

USE LESS

A little salt goes a long way. Apply sparingly, and remove slush once the snow melts to prevent refreezing. Salt in our stormwater system can be harmful to aquatic life.

STORE SAFELY

Practice good house keeping by storing salt or other de-icers under a roof or other cover to minimize polluted runoff.

WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP**2020 TAX RATES**

REAL ESTATE TAX	1.91 Mills
REALTY TRANSFER TAX	0.005%
EARNED INCOME TAX	0.005%
STREET LIGHTS \$1.56 per street front foot with a 100 foot maximum	



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

Wed, October 28 - Clam Pattv Mix
 Contact any fireman for pre-order

Mon, Nov 9 - Soup & Sub Sale
 Contact any fireman for pre-order

For more info on events, visit the Reinholds Fire Co. website and the Reinholds Fire Co. Facebook page

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

*Fundraisers are held at the Reinholds Fire Co. Banquet Hall.

WEST COCALICO WATER AUTHORITY

Water and Sewer bills are mailed quarterly, per the following schedule.

If you do not receive a bill or have any questions, call the Authority at (717) 336-6265.

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

Sump Pumps **MAY NOT** be connected to the public sewer system as this overloads the sewer treatment plant.



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.



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

Sat, Oct 10 - Big John Nolt Chicken BBQ dinner
 10am - SOLD OUT

Sat, Oct 24 - Soup & Sub Sale
 8am - SOLD OUT

Sat, Jan 16 - All You Can Eat Breakfast
 6am - 10 am

Sat, Feb 6 - Soup & Sub Sale
 8am - SOLD OUT

Sat, Feb 20 - All You Can Eat Breakfast
 6am - 10 am

For more info on events visit the Schoeneck Fire Co. website and the Schoeneck Fire Co. Facebook page.

Banquet Hall Rentals: Contact David High
davidhigh@emypeople.net

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

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PERMIT No. 15

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

Township Website:

westcocalicotownship.com

Email:

wcocalico@gmail.com

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Emergency call

Authority's Cell Phone:

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