

WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP



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Fall/Winter 2021

PAY ONLINE

You can now pay your water/sewer bills and street light bills online, over the phone or in-person by credit card or e-check.



The link to pay online is available on our website at www.westcocalicotownship.com

*Convenience Fees will apply to all transactions.

We will still accept cash or check payments that are mailed in or dropped off at the township office.



**Trick or Treat
will be held on
Friday, October 29, 2021
from 6-8pm**

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.**

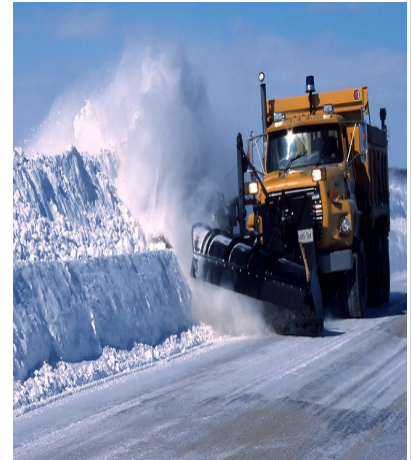
SNOW ROUTE

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, Schoeneck 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 or the road crew trimming them for you.

Thank you for your cooperation!



MAILBOXES

Checking your mailbox now will keep you worry free all winter when snow plows pass by.

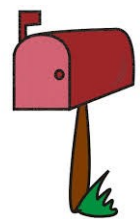
Please ensure your mailbox is secure and does not lean over the curb-line. Mailboxes that lean over the curb-line are more likely to get hit by a snowplow.

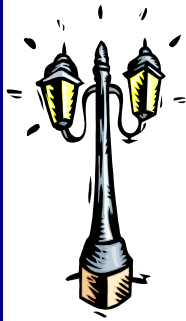
Mailboxes and mailbox posts that are loose, rotten or in generally poor condition can be knocked over by heavy snow.

MAILBOXES WILL NOT BE REPAIRED OR REPLACED IF DAMAGED BY HEAVY SNOW.

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.

For mailbox installation guidelines visit our website at www.westcocalicotownship.com





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.

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 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)

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



DROP BOX AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS

You may drop off:

- Water/Sewer Payments
- Street Light Tax Payments
- Building Permit Applications
- Septic Pumping Reports

The Drop Box is located to the right of the front door.



BEFORE YOU DIG...KNOW WHAT'S BELOW

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

ON-LOT SEWAGE SYSTEMS

On-Lot Sewage Systems **MUST** be pumped every 3 years to make sure they are properly functioning.

Please remember to send in the inspection form (with the township logo) given to you by the hauler after your system has been pumped.

The **homeowner is responsible** for making sure the township gets a copy of the updated inspection report.

Please **DO NOT** send a copy of your invoice.



GOT SNOW? GO LOW SALT!

How to Reduce the Impact of Salt in Our Watersheds

Buy Early: Make sure to have your stock of deicing products already in hand well in advance of the first big storm of the season. This way you will have a better selection of environmentally-friendly products.

Avoid Kitty Litter and Ashes: These products do not melt snow or ice, and when it warms up they get messy. Sand provides better traction.

Shovel Early and Often: Deicers are most effective when there is only a thin layer of snow or ice that needs to be melted.

Apply Salt Early, but Sparingly: After you shovel and scrape as much snow and ice as possible, throw about a handful of rock salt per square yard. For calcium chloride salt, only a handful for every three square yards is needed.

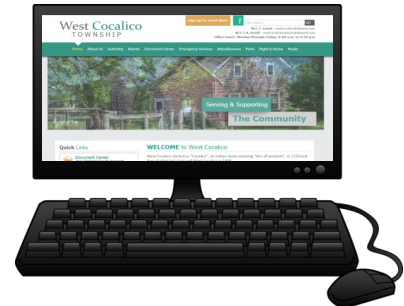
Know Your Salt-Risk Zone: Note any plants, shrubbery, or grass that is within five to ten feet of your sidewalk and driveway and avoid using de-icing products that contain chloride.



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AVAILABLE ONLINE @ www.westcocalicotownship.com

- Building Permits
- Meeting Agendas
- Meeting Minutes
- Zoning Hearing Board Applications
- Pavilion Rental Agreements
- Ordinances
- Snow Removal Policy
- Pay Bills Online



ADAMSTOWN LIBRARY EVENTS

Golden Ticket Search - September/October - check out a book that has a golden ticket inside and get a piece of candy at the circulation desk.

Virtual Touch A Truck - Every Thursday in October & November @ 10am on Facebook. Buckle up for this weekly virtual event that will allow children to see and experience a tour of vehicles of all kinds from dump trucks to fire trucks to backhoes.

Money & Budgeting Program (Oct 2&3) sessions at 9:30, 10 & 11 for various age groups.

This or That or That Family Trivia -1st Tuesday (Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7) on Zoom

Creature hunts -1st Wednesday of the month (Sept 1, Oct 6, and Nov 3) in the woods behind the library.

Wilderness Survival Skills & Camping 101 (Oct 19) for ages 6-15 at 6:30pm at the Adamstown Grove & Playground

Medicare Enrollment (Nov 19) from 10-5 in conference room

Digital Escape Rooms - Turkey Trouble (Nov 16), Christmas (Nov 30) at 6:30 p.m.

Decluttering Reverse Scavenger Hunt (Dec 21) at 6:30p.m. on Zoom.

Digital Mystery Mayhem (Jan 18) at 6:30 p.m.

For more information on all events, please visit the library website at www.adamstownarealibrary.org

WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP	
2021 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

October 10
 Gift Card Bingo

November 2 - Election Day
 Soup & Sub Sale

November 3
 Clam Patty Mix Sale
 Contact any active fireman to place order.

February 13
 Filled Basket Bingo

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.

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

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

October 9
 Big John Nolt Chicken Barbeque Dinner
 10:00 AM until SOLD OUT

October 23
 Soup & Sub Sale
 8:00 AM until SOLD OUT

November 21
 Craft Show/Bake Sale
 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

January 15
 Breakfast
 6:00 AM - 10:00 AM

February 5
 Soup & Sub Sale
 8:00 AM until SOLD OUT

February 19
 Breakfast
 6:00 AM - 10:00 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

Fundraisers are held at the Schoeneck Fire Co. Banquet Hall

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

PRESORTED STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
REINHOLDS PA
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

Water/Sewer

Emergency call

Authority's Cell Phone:

(717) 629-7044

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