WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP



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Spring/Summer 2022

New Look to the Township website

West Cocalico Township has a new and improved look to our website. The updated website provides easier menu options along with mobile phone and tablet capabilities. You can make online payments, view meeting dates/times, meeting minutes, pavilion rental information, permit applications, FAQs, ordinances and much more.



Chapel Gate Walking Trail

The Chapel Gate Walking trail was just recently updated. The old wood boards along the boardwalk have been replaced with trex boards giving it a fresh new look.

Stop by and take a walk on the boardwalk!







ADAMSTOWN LIBRARY 110 W. Main Street Adamstown, PA 19501 (717) 484 - 4200 www.adamstownarealibrary.org

All April - Easter Egg Search - Check out a book that has a beautiful paper egg inside and get a piece of candy at the circulation desk.

<u>April 15</u> - Flashlight Egg Hunt - Bring your Easter basket and flashlight to find some candy filled eggs in the dark library. Hunt starts at 5:00 p.m.

April 25 - 30 - Superhero Scavenger Hunt - In honor of National Superhero Day (4/28) we would like to honor all our heroes, both real and fictional. Pick up an entry form at the Circulation Desk and when finished return for a chance to win a raffle prize. Ages 10 –18.

<u>June 4</u> - Summer Reading Program starts with a drive thru party at the Denver Park from 9:30 - 10:30.

Every Monday - Turntable Tales: Join Miss Jess every Monday at 10am for a radical record player experience. Children will followalong to a classic Disney story followed by fun activities.

Every Wednesday 10am - "Budding Bookworms" Preschool Storytime with Miss Maribeth. Join us for books, songs, activities and craft.

For more information on programs, visit the library website.

REINHOLDS AMBULANCE 34 E. Main Street, Reinholds PA 17569 (717) 336-0217

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Have you ever considered becoming a volunteer with the Reinholds Ambulance Association?

The Reinholds Ambulance Association is always looking for volunteers to help continue bringing high-quality care and coverage to our growing community!

If doing something like this would interest you, they can help you get started!! Their EMTs would be happy to answer questions you may have, or help you find a training course!

Please contact the Reinholds Ambulance Association, if interested at: (717) 336-0217 or visit their Facebook page and send them a message.

Stormwater Word Search

Nonpoint Source	Runoff	Watershed
Monitoring	Environment	Water
Conservation	Pollution	Low Impact
Rain Gardens	Nutrients	Sediment
Pesticide	Fertilizer	Xeriscape
Riparian	Erosion	

Nonpoint Source Word Search

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ROADS TO BE SEAL COATED/PAVED - 2022

Chip Seal - 1/2" stone

Wollups Hill Road from Steinmetz Road to Swamp Bridge Road
Yellow Mountain Road
Windy Mansion Road from Route 897 to Blainsport Road

Blue Lake Road Tannery Road Leisey Road

Paving

Swamp Bridge Road - Queen to Greenville

Joshua Circle Sunrise Lane Hollow Road Village Spring Lane
Pelham Road Cedar Court Pheasant Lane Krueger Drive
Farrow Road

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.



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.

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.

AVAILABLE AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

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



- * Household Battery Collection Bags
- * Recycling Bins (1 per household)

ON-LOT SEWAGE SYSTEMS

Just a friendly reminder that on-lot sewage disposal systems must be pumped out every 3 years.

When your system is pumped, please send a copy of the septic system report to the Township office to be kept on file.

Please do not send a copy of your invoice.

If you have not paid the <u>one-time</u> \$25 fee, please submit that with the pumping report.

TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Board of Supervisors:

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

Planning Commission: 2nd Monday at 7 p.m.

Authority Board 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, agendas, and meeting minutes

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 or attend a Park Board Meeting held the 4th Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. in the Township Meeting Room.



Night

Tuesday, August 2, 2022 Schoeneck Park and Carnival Grounds 5pm to 8 pm

The Schoeneck Area Civic Association is pleased to announce it will partner with the National Association of Town Watch (and our local community services) to host the first National Night Out Celebration in Schoeneck, PA!

Here's a partial list of participants: Ephrata Police Dept. vehicles and equipment, McGruff the Crime Dog, Middle Creek Search and Rescue, Lancaster County SERT team and equipment, and Schoeneck Fire Company truck display and safety events.

In addition, the committee is planning a corn hole tournament, various entertainment options, and lots of activities for kids!

The Schoeneck Lions Club and additional food vendors will provide a variety of food choices and carnival refreshments.

We look forward to providing our community a fun filled experience coupled with learning more about our community service agencies. We will post pertinent information via social media and local newspapers beginning in early July.

Please contact a committee member if your desire additional information.

Kristy Firestone - kristykritter@gmail.com Freda Fausnacht - doughnuts371@gmail.com Elaine Bowman - eb7243@dejazzd.net Officer Ken Lockhart - klockhart@ephratapd.org

LANDSCAPE REMINDERS

Spring is 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 are not hindered.

BUILDING PERMITS

Permits <u>ARE</u> required for <u>ALL</u> construction projects as well as a **fence**, **shed**, **or a change in use of a property**.

Permits <u>ARE NOT</u> 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 <u>MAY</u> visit your property within months to a year after the permit is issued.

<u>This is a separate follow-up inspection</u>

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 **\$100.00** and is **non-refundable**. Please call the Township Office at (717) 336-8720 to make your reservation.

A rental agreement form <u>MUST</u> be signed and submitted with your \$100.00 rental fee to the township office. Forms can be found on the township website or picked up at the Township Office. <u>Please abide by all the rules listed on Pavilion Rental Agreement Form.</u>

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 <u>NOT</u> permitted at any of the township parks.

Renters are responsible for removing all trash from pavilions.

Thank you for adhering to this.

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 <u>MAY NOT</u> be connected to the public sewer system as this overloads the sewer treatment plant.

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:

Dial 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776 before you dig.

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

- No swimming pool, spa or whirlpool shall be permitted without a 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 a West Cocalico Township Building Inspector. In-ground pools shall require two (2) inspections, a footer/foundation inspection and final electrical inspection.
- O 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 inspections.





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 (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 the township at (717) 336-8720.

TOWNSHIP DROP BOX

You may drop off:

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



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

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

Tuesday, May 17 Soup & Sub Sale 7am - SOLD OUT

Saturday, June 4

Pulled Pork Sandwich Meal 11am - 1pm or until SOLD OUT Includes sandwich, slaw, fries & drink **Drive Thru ONLY**

Sunday, July 24

Meat Bingo Doors open at 11:30am; Bingo starts at 1pm Winners take home fresh meat

> Saturday, July 30 Chicken BBQ More details to come

Saturday, Sept 10

Pit Beef Sandwich
11am - 1pm or until SOLD OUT
Includes sandwich, baked beans, fries & drink
Drive Thru ONLY

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

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

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

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2022 TAX RATES					
REAL ESTATE TAX	1.91 Mills				
REALTY TRANSFER TAX	0.005%				
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EARNED INCOME TAX	0.005%				

STREET LIGHTS \$1.56 per street front foot with a 100 foot maximum

STREET LIGHT TAX BILL

The 2022 Street Light Tax Bills were mailed on March 1, 2022.



If you normally receive a Street Light Tax Bill but did not this year, please call the township office at (717) 336-8720.

DID YOU KNOW...

Milton Hershey actually started his first milk chocolate factory in 1894 in Lititz, PA. Mr. Hershey decided that the building was too small for the expansion he had planned and wound up in nearby Hershey where he built the famous factory in 1903 and town that was named after him in 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Hershey had tickets to board the Titanic but for some reason never did. Ponder that for a moment!

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

Saturday, April 16

Mud Sale/Quilt Auction 9:00 a.m. - Mud Sale/11:00 a.m. - Quilt Auction

Saturday, May 7

Yard Sale 7:00 a.m. - ? Big John Nolt Chicken BBQ dinner 9:00 a.m. until sold out

Saturday, May 21

Fish Fry
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Advance Tickets Required
Last Day to purchase tickets is May 14th.

Saturday, July 9

Gospel Singing Time TBD

Saturday, October 8

10 a.m. - SOLD OUT Big John Nolt Chicken BBQ Dinner

<u>Banquet Hall Rentals</u>: Contact David High <u>davidhigh@emypeople.net</u>

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

**For more info on events, visit the Schoeneck Fire Co. Facebook page.

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Township Office

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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**

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wcocalico@gmail.com

Water/Sewer Emergency call Authority's Cell Phone: (717) 629-7044

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