

# WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP



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717-336-8720

[www.westcocalicotownship.com](http://www.westcocalicotownship.com)



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Spring/Summer 2023

## What is a riparian forest buffer?

Forest buffers are the trees and other plants that grow next to streams and rivers. Forest buffers are also called riparian or streamside buffers. The trees, shrubs and other plants that grow next to streams and rivers are critical to the health of the land and to the Chesapeake Bay. These forest buffers prevent pollution from entering waterways, stabilize stream banks, provide food and habitat to wildlife and keep streams cool during hot weather. One tree can reduce stormwater runoff by 13,000 gallons a year.

### Cleaner Streams with Better Water Quality

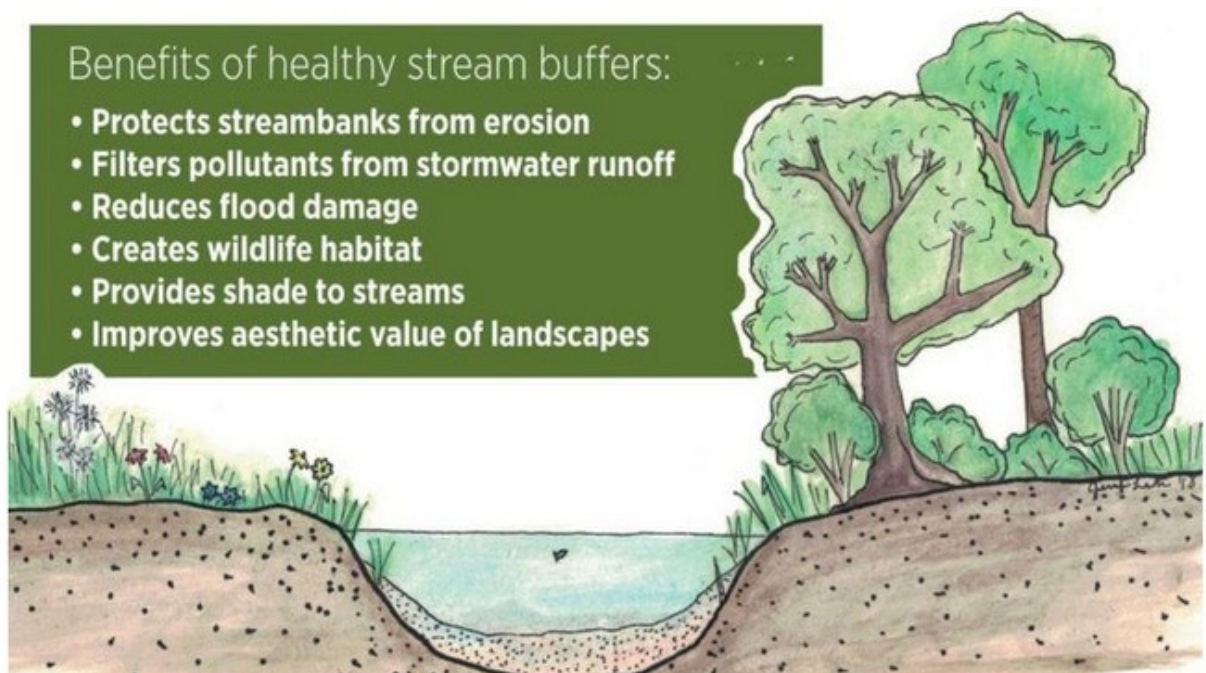
Forest buffers protect streams and local drinking water supplies by helping to intercept and process excess nutrients, sediments, and pathogens from entering them.

### Better Habitat for Aquatic Life and Other Wildlife

"Trout Grow on Trees™" because forest buffers help increase the diversity and abundance of fish food both directly by shedding leaves into streams for macros to feed upon, and indirectly by providing optimum light and temperature conditions for growing the preferred algae of macros.

### Improved Recreation and Human Health Benefits

Forest buffers enhance recreational opportunities, including fishing, bird watching, hunting, hiking, and exploration with children and grandchildren.

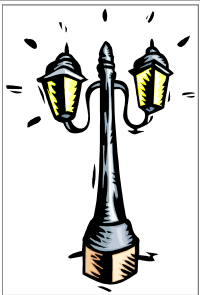


**WOODY WASTE DISPOSAL**

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!**

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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)

**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.

**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 one-time \$25 fee, please submit that with the pumping report.

**CLEAN WATER STARTS WITH YOU****PICK UP**

Trash



Yard clippings and leaves



Pet waste

**DISPOSE OF**

Used motor oil and paint at a waste disposal center

**CHOOSE**

A runoff-free carwash and non-toxic or organic fertilizer and pesticides



### 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 **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**

### 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 **MUST** 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. **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.



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.*

### 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.

### 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.
- ⊗ 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.





# ADAMSTOWN LIBRARY

110 W. Main Street  
Adamstown, PA 19501  
(717) 484 - 4200

[www.adamstownarealibrary.org](http://www.adamstownarealibrary.org)

**Drop-In STEAM** - Mon, May 8 (2-5pm), design and build a bird house, you will also create a gift for Mother's Day. An adult is required to accompany children under 8.

**BEST Pizza in Town** - Every Wednesday in May at 3:30pm, Teens & Tweens you get to be the judge! Every week we will try a "slice" from a different local restaurant. Library will supply the food and drink - you just come ready to critique the crust, cheese & sauce. (Ages 10-19).

**Opening Day Drive-Thru Party** - Sat, June 3 from 9-11am at Denver Park. Safely stay in your car while picking up your Summer Packet, snacks, gifts, crafts and raffle prizes - 801 Main St, Denver.

**Daytime Discoverers at Adamstown Grove** - Thurs, June 8 at 1pm. This month's topic is Animal Forensic Science. Learn how to look for clues and examine why and how wildlife forensics can protect the wild animals.

**Pool Storytime @ Denver Comm. Pool** - Take a break from swimming and join Miss Jess at the Pool Pavilion. (Pool entrance fee @ discount rate or membership required). (June 14, July 12 & Aug 9 at 1pm).

**Pool Storytime @ Adamstown Comm. Pool** - Take a break from swimming and join Miss Jess at the Pool Pavilion. (Pool entrance fee @ discount rate or membership required). (June 21, July 19 & Aug 16 at 1pm).

**Drop-In STEAM** - Mon, June 12 (2-5pm). Build a bridge/city out of Legos, K'nex and other materials. An adult is required to accompany children under 8.

**Ran D Shine Magician & Comedian** - Wed, July 5 at 1:30pm - Highly engaging show is a playful interactive relationship with the audience.

**Dinosaur Dig** - Tues, July 25 at 10am. Participate in digging up real dinosaur bones, touch of magic and show & tell of rare fossils. All ages.

**End of Summer "Magical" Party** - Sat, Aug 5. Drop in 9:30am -11am. Celebrate all you have accomplished this summer with a magic show and balloons by The Amazing Magi. Be sure to return your Summer Reading Log to receive prizes. All Ages

For more information on events, visit the library website.

# THANK YOU!

The Lancaster County Commissioner's awarded \$1,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act Funds to the West Cocalico Township Authority to be used towards the West Cocalico Township Authority Sewer Plant and Sewer Extension project. Their partnership with this project is greatly appreciated!

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL & SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

The residents of West Cocalico Township are cordially invited to an Ice Cream Social and Scholarship Night hosted by the Schoeneck Area Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service organization.

Schoeneck Area Lions Club has been supporting our local communities and beyond since 1980. Primary areas of service include persons who experience visual impairments, diabetes, childhood cancer, and/or hunger. We also aim to help our youth, environment, and to provide disaster relief and humanitarian efforts to over 200 countries around the world.

Join us on Monday, April 10, 2023, at the Udder Choice, Ephrata from 6-8PM to learn more about volunteer opportunities to better serve your community. Attendees will receive one scoop of ice cream in a dish or cone. To reserve your spot, or if you are unable to attend but would like additional information, please contact Sharon Leshner, secretary at 717-203-7068.



## ROADS TO BE SEAL COATED/PAVED

### Chip Seal - 1/2" stone

Sunnyside Road  
W Girl Scout Road  
Marsh Road

Lincoln Avenue  
Girl Scout Road  
N. Cocalico Road

Horseshoe Trail Road

### 1/2" and 1/4" chip and fog seal roads

Hill Drive

Tamarack Road

### Paving

Tannery Road  
Sportsman Road (between house numbers 1079 - 1164)

# PROPERTY TAXES

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.**

**SCHOENECK FIRE COMPANY**  
125 N. King Street, Denver, PA 17517  
(717) 336-6767 [www.schoeneckfire.com](http://www.schoeneckfire.com)

**Saturday, April 15**  
**Mud Sale/Quilt Auction**  
9:00 a.m. - Mud Sale/11:00 a.m. - Quilt Auction

**Saturday, May 6**  
**Yard Sale**  
7:00 a.m. - ?  
**Big John Nolt Chicken BBQ Dinner**  
9:00 a.m. - SOLD OUT

**Saturday, July 8**  
**Gospel Singing**  
Time TBD

**Saturday, October 14**  
**Big John Nolt Chicken BBQ Dinner**  
10 a.m. - SOLD OUT

**Saturday, October 28**  
**Soup & Sub Sale**  
8:00 a.m. - SOLD OUT

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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### 2023 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	

## STREET LIGHT TAX BILL

The 2023 Street Light Tax Bills were mailed on March 1, 2023

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



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

**May Election Day**  
**Soup & Sub Sale**  
**Pork BBQ by the quart**

**Saturday, June 3**  
**Pulled Pork Sandwich Meal**  
11am - 1pm or until SOLD OUT  
Includes sandwich, slaw, fries & drink  
**Drive Thru ONLY**

**Sunday, July 23**  
**Meat Bingo**  
Doors open at 11:30am; Bingo starts at 1pm  
Winners take home fresh meat

**Saturday, July 29**  
**Chicken BBQ**  
More details to come

**Saturday, Sept 9**  
**Pit Beef Sandwich**  
11am - 1pm or until SOLD OUT  
Includes sandwich, baked beans, fries & drink  
**Drive Thru ONLY**

**Sunday, October 8**  
**Gift Card Bingo**

**November Election Day**  
**Soup & Sub Sale**

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

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

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**West Cocalico Township**  
156B West Main Street  
P.O. Box 244  
Reinholds, PA 17569  
(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**

**Township Website:**

[westcocalicotownship.com](http://westcocalicotownship.com)

**Email:**

[wcocalico@gmail.com](mailto:wcocalico@gmail.com)

**Water/Sewer**

**Emergency call**

**Authority's Cell Phone:**  
(717) 629-7044

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