

WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP



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

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Spring/Summer 2024

CHECK OUT OUR NEW SEWER PLANT

We are excited to announce that the new sewer plant officially received flow on September 22, 2023 and the new sewer extension lines were completed on December 1, 2023. The new sewer plant doubles the amount of sewage capacity that can be treated. This will allow opportunities for growth for in home businesses as well as local businesses. Those who are located within 150' of the new sewer extension lines must be connected by June 30, 2024.

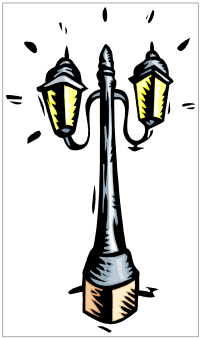


WOODY WASTE DISPOSAL

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.

PROTECTING OUR PLANET STARTS WITH YOU**BIKE MORE
DRIVE LESS****reduce
REUSE
recycle**

Cut down on what you throw away. Follow the three "R's" to conserve natural resources and landfill space.

choose sustainable

Learn how to make smart seafood choices at www.FishWatch.gov.

Trees provide food and oxygen. They help save energy, clean the air, and help combat climate change.



**PLANT
A TREE**

**EDUCATE**

When you further your own education, you can help others understand the importance and value of our natural resources.

CONSERVE WATER

The less water you use, the less runoff and wastewater that eventually end up in the ocean.



Buy less plastic and bring a reusable shopping bag.



Don't send chemicals into our waterways.
Choose nontoxic chemicals in the home and office.

**Volunteer!**

Volunteer for cleanups in your community. You can get involved in protecting your watershed too!



Energy efficient light bulbs reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Also flip the light switch off when you leave the room!



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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

Summer Reading Program runs from June 1 thru August 10.

Drop-In STEAM - Drop-in from 3-5 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month - Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14, Jun 11. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math through games, activities, and projects with Miss Maribeth. An adult is required to accompany children under 8.

Vegetable Gardening on a Budget - Thursday, March 21 at 6pm. Growing your own food doesn't have to be expensive! "Vegetable Gardening on a Budget" will teach you the basics of setting up your vegetable garden while cutting back your costs and increasing your harvests. Covering a range of topics from recycling materials to high yield crop ideas, it will get you started without breaking the bank. Presented by Lancaster County Master Gardener Indie Kachel.

Opening Day Drive-Thru Party - Sat, June 1 from 9-11am at Denver Park. Safely stay in your car while picking up your Summer Packet, snacks, gifts, crafts and Refreshing Mountain raffle prizes, fire truck, police car and more - 801 Main St, Denver. First 200 kids get Boehringer's Ice Cream cone coupon

Visit adamstownarealibrary.org to learn more and see all of the fun & free programs happening at your library this summer!
"Adventure Begins at your Library"

Would you like to be a member of the biggest membership and help your community, please call Lion Sharon Leshner at 717-203-7068 and be a proud member of the Schoenck Area Lions Club.

Lions Club International is an international service organization featuring 46,000 clubs and 1.4 million members. Join and be a part of this terrific organization serving your local community.

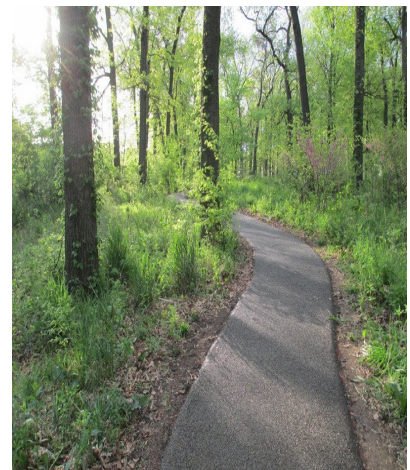
We would love to have you a member of our local chapter.

Being a Lion means making an impact through service.

Revised On Street Parking Ordinance

The parking of boats, truck tractors, trailers and trucks except those not exceeding 3/4 ton capacity shall be prohibited on all streets in the Township provided that trucks, truck tractors and trailers shall be permitted upon any street for the purpose of making deliveries to or picking up goods, wares, merchandise or materials from premises or providing services to premises situated upon any such street or alley. All vehicles and trailers must be inspected and licensed if they are parked on the streets.

Denver Borough, Adamstown Borough, West Cocalico Township, and East Cocalico Township are working together to conduct a feasibility study of the potential of extending the successful Warwick to Ephrata Rail Trail (WERT) from downtown Ephrata 5 miles north through East Cocalico Township and Denver Borough to the Village of Reinholds in West Cocalico Township. The study is also examining ways to connect the Boroughs of Adamstown and Denver with walking and bicycling facilities. Completion of this trail extension would open access to nature, scenic spaces, and parks in the area, and would create an active transportation (i.e., walking and bicycling) corridor for residents and visitors. The study is focusing on a broad corridor connecting our communities, neighborhoods, and businesses.



The study is currently examining how a trail could be envisioned for our area, highlighting opportunities for making connections and identifying future considerations for trail development. Options are also being studied to connect Adamstown and Denver, including upgrading the existing Horse-Shoe Trail or identifying a new route between the two communities. Be on the lookout for future project updates and for opportunities to provide input on this exciting initiative for our community!

ROADS TO BE SEAL COATED 2024

Bensing Rd.
S.Blainesport Rd.
Blue Lake Rd.
Creamery Rd.
Creek Rd
Cherry Alley
Circle Drive
Hertzog Valley Rd.
Kline Rd

Lane Rd.
Long Lane Rd.
Mill Rd
Wollups Hill Rd.
RailRoad St.
Rose Dr.
Shenks Mill Rd.
Sportsman Rd.
White Hall Rd.

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 scfco@windstream.net

Saturday, April 20
Mud Sale/Quilt Auction

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

Saturday, May 4
Yard Sale

7:00 a.m. - ?

Big John Nolt Chicken BBQ Dinner
9:00 a.m. until SOLD OUT

Saturday, June 29
Gospel Singing
Time TBD

Saturday, September 7 / Rain Date September 21
100th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, October 12
Big John Nolt Chicken BBQ Dinner
10 a.m. until SOLD OUT

Saturday, October 26
Soup & Sub Sale
8:00 a.m. until SOLD OUT

Saturday, November 23
Craft Show-Bake Sale
8:00am - 1:00pm

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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2024 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 2024 Street Light Tax Bills were mailed on March 1, 2024

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

Tuesday, April 23 Election Day
Soup & Sub Sale

Saturday, June 1
Pulled Pork Sandwich Meal
10 am until SOLD OUT
Includes sandwich, slaw, fries & drink
Drive Thru ONLY

Sunday, July 21
Meat Bingo
Doors open at 11:30; Bingo starts at 1pm
Winners take home fresh meat

Saturday, July 27
Chicken BBQ
10 am until SOLD OUT
Drive Thru ONLY

Saturday, Sept 7
Pit Beef Sandwich
10 am until SOLD OUT
Includes sandwich, baked beans, fries & drink
Drive Thru ONLY

Sunday, October 8
Gift Card Bingo
Doors open at 11:30; Bingo starts at 1pm

November Election Day
Soup & Sub Sale

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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U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
LEBANON PA
PERMIT No. 146

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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