

# WEST VIEW BOROUGH

"A Good Place to Live"

**NEWSLETTER** 

Fall/Winter 2019

# COMMUNITY SAFETY DAY

Saturday, October 5, 2019 Noon - 3:30 PM West View Plaza

Come and visit with our local emergency personnel and see many types of emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks, ambulances, police cars and SWAT vehicles. We are also hoping for a visit from the LifeFlight medical helicopter, as they have done in previous years.



#### SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, October 19, 2019 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM (or until the truck is full) Center Avenue, behind West View VFW

West View Borough will host a shredding event. Bring any documents (tax records, bank records, loan documents, etc.) that you would like shredded. This will be done on site. Please make sure all documents are unbound - no staples, paperclips or binders.

# COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Saturday, October 19, 2019 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Help us keep our community clean! We will walk throughout the borough to pick up trash, tires or any other unsightly items that may be found along our roadways.

This is a great way to show pride in your community and keep it clean. The meeting location is the West View VFW at 386 Perry Highway. All volunteers are welcome.

If you cannot attend the event, feel free to walk around your neighborhood and pick up any trash. Dumpsters will be located beside the West View Borough Building located at 441 Perry Highway.

The dumpster area will be closed off at 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 19 or once they are full. The dumpsters are intended for use by West View Borough residents only.



## WEST VIEW BOROUGH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

Monday, October 28, 2019 Start time: 7:00 PM

Registration will take place at the Borough Building beginning on October 7th, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM,

4:00 PM, Monday through Saturday.

#### **WEST VIEW BOROUGH**

441 Perry Highway Pittsburgh, PA 15229 (412) 931-2800

www.wvboro.com

Mayor: J.R. Henry

#### Members of Council

William F. Aguglia - President
Bryan S. Kircher - Vice President
M. Kimberly Steele
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Robert D. Schellhaas
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Council meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM

#### **Tax Collector:**

Rita Schwarzmeier (412) 931-1633



# **DID YOU KNOW THAT...**

- Property owners are responsible for ensuring garbage is disposed of properly.
- Appropriate trash containers must be used and maintained at all times.
- No trash container or trash shall be placed at the collection point any earlier than 6:00 PM on the day before the designated collection day and all containers must be removed from that point by midnight on the designated day of trash collection.
- Parking in your front yard is prohibited unless already established prior to 2014.
- Grass cannot be longer than 10 inches and must be cut and maintained.
- Pets must be kept on a leash when being walked and cleaned up after.
- You do not need a permit to install a fence as long as it is not higher than 6 feet and does not extend past the front corner of your residence where the house structure connects with the front porch. If a fence is the stockade type of fence, the finished side must face outward from your property.

- We have a free Senior Bus Program for West View Borough residents. Visit our website or call (412) 931-2800 ext 111 or 110 for more information.
- You can report a burnt-out street light through our website (www.wvboro.com) and click the "Street Light Out" link.
- You can report potholes through our website by clicking the "Report a Pothole" link.
- You can drop off any unused prescription medication into the red CVS box in the lobby of the Borough Building. No liquids please.
- You can pay parking tickets at www.wvboro.com.

Please remember to safeguard belongings by keeping all doors and windows of your vehicles and home locked.

Also remember that West View Borough has a soliciting ordinance which requires a permit in residential areas. Be wary of solicitations at your home and ask to see a West View Borough permit. You can also sign up for our No Knock List by visiting our website or calling 412-931-2800 ext 110.



# **PUBLIC WORKS NEWS**







#### **Leaf Collection Program**

The leaf collection program has been a huge success and we thank everyone for their cooperation with this service. This past fall, we collected 28 loads of leaves from our streets. This equates to approximately 145 cubic yards of leaf debris that will be kept out of our combined sewer system. These leaves are taken to the North Hills Council of Governments compost site through a multi-municipal program we participate in. Every spring, Borough residents can utilize compost from that site for their gardens! Contact Joe Assisi for more information at (412) 931-2800 ext 112 or jassisi@wvboro.com.

#### **Snow Removal**

The Public Works crew makes every attempt to keep all roads clear during snow events. The trucks, when equipped with plows, are difficult to safely navigate the many narrow, hilly streets within our community. To assist them with this task, there are a few things you can do to make this process more efficient.

- (1) Please park as close to the curb as possible and observe any no parking areas marked in yellow.
- (2) Keep your vehicle's side mirrors turned in.
- (3) When shoveling your sidewalk, it is best to shovel the snow away from the street. Do not blow or shovel snow into the street. Remember, snow and ice must be cleared from your sidewalk within 24 hours of the end of the event. Thank you, in advance, for your patience as we make every attempt to clear all roads as quickly as possible.











## **BURNING PERMITS**

Visit www.wvboro.com and click on

"Salute to Our Veterans" for more

information and to apply.

Burning permits are NOT required in West View Borough. Like most neighboring municipalities, West View Borough follows the Allegheny County Health Department's Air Quality Program, as outlined below.

ANYONE FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THESE GUIDELINES WILL BE SUBJECT TO FINES AND/OR PENALTIES. ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AIR QUALITY PROGRAM GUIDELINES FOR ISSUANCE OF OPEN BURNING PERMITS AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE OPEN BURNING REGULATION - §2105.50 OF ARTICLE XXI (Revised: January 1, 2015)

- 1. OPEN BURNING SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE ALLOWED WITHOUT A PERMIT ONLY IF:
- a. For recreation, camping, or a cookout: i. Only dry, clean wood products or other clean-burning fuels are burned; ii. Only smokeless fuels, if any, are used to start the fire; iii. The

pile of material being burned is no larger than 3' wide, 3' feet long, and 2' high; iv. The fire is at least 15' from the nearest structure, inhabited area, roadway, property line, or utility; and v. No fires are permitted to be burned on Air Quality Action Days. To determine if a day is under this restriction, please visit the Health Department's website at:

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b. For Warmth of work crews: i. The burning is conducted in a noncombustible container no larger than a 55 gallon drum; ii. The material being burned is completely contained by the container; iii.

Only one container is used for each work crew; and iv. The outside temperature is less than forty degrees Fahrenheit (40 F).

TO REPORT SOMEONE WHO IS IN VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE RULES, CONTACT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AT "9-1-1".



Dial 9-1-1 for all emergency AND non-emergency calls for Police, Fire and Ambulance. This is the most efficient and effective way to have your call answered in a timely manner.

When you call 911 during a time of crisis or emergency, please know that the call taker is forwarding the information to the appropriate emergency service agency as you are talking to them. This sends the needed services to you as fast as possible. If there is any doubt whether your concern merits a call, err on the side of caution and call 911.

If you need to reach a specific West View Borough police officer, email addresses and phone exchanges can be found on our website at www.wvboro.com.



Important reminder: If your vehicle is parked outside after dark, lock the doors and remove all valuables. If you see or hear any suspicious activity, call 911 immediately.



### **MERCANTILE/BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAXES**

Effective July 1, 2019, the North Hills School District Tax Office assumed collection of the Mercantile and Business Privilege Taxes for West View Borough and the North Hills School District. Mercantile and Business Privilege tax returns and payments should be sent to the North Hills School District Tax Office at 135 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229.



### **COME CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH US!**

"WELCOME CHRISTMAS TO WEST VIEW" will be held on Friday, December 6, 2019 beginning at 6:00 PM. There will be Reindeer food to be made, entertainment and hot chocolate. Santa will make an appearance to light the Borough's Christmas tree and take pictures.

If families or organizations would like to donate a weather resistant handmade ornament for the outdoor tree, you can drop them off by November 25, 2019 at West View Floral Shoppe, 452 Perry Highway. If you have any questions, please call Beth at (412) 931-1258 (West View Floral).



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# YOUR AD COULD BE HERE

If you would like to support
this newsletter with an
advertisement for your business,
please contact Cathy Mann
at camann@wvboro.com
or 412-931-2800 ext. 111.

All proceeds go towards the production and cost associated with the newsletter.

# DONATE YOUR OLD CAR, BOAT OR RV

Do you have a car, boat or RV that is no longer any use to you?

Make-A-Wish or Vehicles for Veterans will pick them up and dispose of them for FREE! Your donation is also tax-deductible. For more information, contact Make-A-Wish at (844) 440-9474, www. wheelsforwishes.org or Vehicles for Veterans at (877) 505-2838, www.vehiclesforveterans.org.





Waste Management's At Your Door Special Collection service can safely collect many types of unwanted potentially hazardous and hard-to-recycle items from your home.

In 2013, Pennsylvania passed the Covered Device Recycling Act that prohibits the collection of electronic devices such as televisions, computers, laptops, monitors and tablets with regular garbage service. The intent was to keep this e-waste from ending up in landfills.

Please visit www.wmatyourdoor.com or call 1-800-449-7587 for more information on how the program works or to schedule a pickup.

Yard waste can be collected with your regular collection as long as it is bundled in 3 foot sections and does not exceed 40 lbs.



# **ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

Earlier this year, Allegheny County announced a newly consolidated call center, online support center and free mobile app where residents can ask questions and request services.

Allegheny County residents and visitors can now use a single phone number 412-350-INFO (4636) to request snow and ice removal from county roads and bridges, ask questions related to parks programming and shelter reservations, plus a variety



of other topics. Call center staff are available weekdays from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. Evening and weekend calls for parks and public works that require immediate attention are directed to on-call staff those departments. Other non-emergency calls will be responded to on the following business day.

Residents can also visit https://CallCenter.AlleghenyCounty.us to use the online support center. Users have an option of creating an account to manage their requests but can also submit anonymous service requests. The Allegheny County app is a mobile version of the support center.

#### **Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program**

For a limited time only, the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program will accept applications to acquire vacant properties in 48 municipalities at reduced cost to the applicant.

Requirements of the Side Yard and Blighted Structure Program are:

- Must share a common boundary with the parcel owned by the applicant on which the applicant's primary residence is located
- Must be a vacant lot or structure that will be demolished by the applicant
- Must be less than ½ acre
- Must have at least 3 years of unpaid taxes

For more information, visit www.alleghenycounty.us/VPRP



The West View HUB (located at the old PNC Bank, 435 Perry Highway, across from Islay's) is off to a great start. We have enjoyed a very busy summer by providing over 130 programs to the community and hosting more than 2,500 visitors!

The HUB offers students a quiet place to come after school to read, complete homework or use computers. It is a place for parents to bring their kids to read or play a quiet game. It is a place for groups to meet – either in our conference room or at one of the tables in the library area. It is a place to find connections to the resources you need. It is a place to learn new skills and make new friends. We invite you to stop by and reminisce with West View Park memorabilia, take a "ride" on our airplane, or read a book in the old bank vault. The West View HUB is feeding mind, body, and spirit!

Now that school is back in session, we have expanded our fall hours and we are currently open during the day, after school and in the evening. We have programs for all ages from preschoolers to seniors, and we are adding new events regularly. For example, we will offer meditation classes, yoga, adult learning series, on-site tutoring and learning support, computer training, an autumn open house and book sale, 1,000 books before Kindergarten program...just to name a few! You can learn more about upcoming programs on our website (westviewhub.org), from our bi-weekly e-newsletter (westviewhublibrary@gmail.com), and on-site (435 Perry Highway).

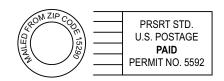
Suggestions are welcome regarding additional programs or services that we should offer or if your business or organization would like to partner with us. Although book donations are not needed at this time, monetary and in-kind donations are always welcome. Please see our Wish List on-site to see what is most needed at any time. Thank you to all who volunteer their time to the HUB. Without you, the HUB wouldn't be possible.





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