

WEST VIEW BOROUGH

"A Good Place to Live"

NEWSLETTER

Fall/Winter 2020

TRICK OR TREAT

Halloween will be celebrated in the Borough on Halloween Day, Saturday, October 31, between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. We encourage everyone to use your best judgment as to how you want to participate. Stay safe and we hope you have an enjoyable holiday.

STREET SWEEPING

Street sweeping will end on November 15, 2020. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our streets clean. This is a mandatory storm water management program that benefits us in many ways.

MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM

Our Military Banner Program is still going strong. We will be removing the banners after Veterans Day to clean and store them during the winter months. The banners will be displayed again in early Spring 2021. You can still order banners throughout the winter. Visit our website at www. wvboro.com. They make an excellent Christmas or Holiday Gift. For an additional \$10.00, you will receive a yard banner to display proudly at your home.

DUMPSTER PERMITS

If you are using a dumpster in a residential area within the Borough of West View, you are required to obtain a dumpster permit through our office. Applications can be picked up at the Borough office Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Applications are also available on our website.

LOCAL FOOD BANKS

West View HUB 435 Perry Highway Tuesday 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Thursday 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Ridgewood Church 331 Center Avenue (next to Center Avenue Slice) Tuesday 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Wednesday 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Walk-ins welcome.

> North Hills Food Bank 845 Perry Highway Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am – 1:45 pm

SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

Applications for the 2020 West View Borough Senior Citizen Property Tax Relief Program will be available at the beginning of June at the West View Borough Office, 441 Perry Highway, and the Property Tax Office located at 457 Perry Highway.

SWIFT911

Stay informed during emergency situations, important events and more! Download the "SWIFT911 Public" app and text SWIFT911 to 99538. You can also visit our website www.wvboro.com for more enrollment information.

DOG LICENSES

Your dog needs a license. Applications are available in the borough lobby or online at www.alleghenycounty.us/treasurer/dog.aspx.

EMERGENCY PHONE – AFTER HOURS

The Borough of West View has a phone that can be used for **EMERGENCIES AND NON-EMERGENCIES** which is located outside of the police station at 441 Perry Highway. It is a red phone mounted on a concrete post. If you come to the station after hours and need assistance, pick up the phone and it will connect directly to Allegheny County 911 Emergency Dispatch. They will contact an officer to meet you at the station. Remember: all vou need to do is open the door to the phone and pick up the receiver contact is immediately made with a 911 dispatcher.

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Council meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM

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POLICE BLOG

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.

WEST VIEW BOROUGH – BANNER COMMUNITY



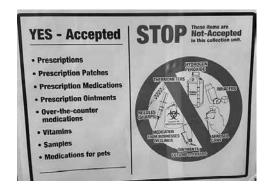
West View Borough was once again designated as a Banner Community for 2020 by the Allegheny League of Municipalities! The Banner Community Program recognizes municipalities that "are committed to professional development, prudent fiscal management, transparency, accountability and proactive communications to engage community stakeholders". West View recognizes the efforts of all departments in helping us achieve this designation.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Did you know that West View Borough has a Little Free Library? Located on the corner of Perry Highway and Chalfonte Avenue, this tiny red schoolhouse library is a part of a network of "Give a Book, Take a Book" libraries cropping up across the nation. Children and adults are encouraged to visit the Little Free Library located in front of West View Elementary School. Happy reading!



PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK BOX PROGRAM



The Borough of West View offers a "Prescription Drug Take Back Box". The secure large red metal drop off box is located inside the main lobby of the West View Borough building at 441 Perry Highway. Anyone can use the drop off box during normal borough business hours (Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm).

This service is for anyone wanting to dispose of unwanted or unneeded prescription drugs, non-prescription drugs and vitamins. NO LIQUID OR NEEDLES ARE TO BE PLACED IN THE BOX – THIS IS DUE TO OBVIOUS SAFETY CONCERNS FOR THE PEOPLE WHO EMPTY THE BOX. This is a safe alternative to disposing of them yourself or keeping them in your house.

WEST VIEW HUB

Please check our website (westviewhub.org), our Facebook page, or call (412-301-8381) or email us (westviewhublibrary@gmail.com) to stay updated on the status of the Hub and our programs. We will do our best to respond to your questions, concerns, and needs in a timely manner. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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CORONAVIRUS FACT SHEET

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT COVID-19 TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS



Know about COVID-19

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person.
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that has spread throughout the world.
- COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness.



Know how COVID-19 is spread

- You can become infected by coming into close contact (about 6 feet or two arm lengths) with a person who has COVID-19. COVID-19 is primarily spread from person to person.
- You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- You may also be able to get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then by touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.



Protect yourself and others from COVID-19

- There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Stay home as much as possible and avoid close contact with others.
- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth in public settings.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcoholbased hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



Practice social distancing

- Buy groceries and medicine, go to the doctor, and complete banking activities online when possible.
- If you must go in person, stay at least 6 feet away from others and disinfect items you must touch.
- Get deliveries and takeout, and limit in-person contact as much as possible.



Prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.
- Separate yourself from other people and pets in your home.
- There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, but you can seek medical care to help relieve your symptoms.
- If you need medical attention, call ahead.



Know your risk for severe illness

- Everyone is at risk of getting COVID-19.
- Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more severe illness.





Due to the COVID-19 the Annual Halloween Parade in the Borough of West View will not take place. Because this has been a tradition for so many years, Borough Council wants to have a Halloween Drive Up Event instead.

This will be for children Preschool to Fifth Grade. You will still sign up for a number at the Borough Building. It is very important that you bring the number with you to receive a goodie bag, there will be no EXCEPTIONS.

On Saturday, October 31st from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, you will drive up to the areas marked on Center Avenue behind the VFW and receive a goodie bag for the children registered with a number, you MUST have the number with you. We are only packing enough bags for those that are registered so if you don't have a number you will not receive a goodie bag.

The following schedule is when you should drive up:

If your last name begins with: A -F 10:00 am -11:00 am

G - L 11:00 am -12:00 pm M -R 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

S-Z 1:00 pm - 2:00pm

SIGN UP INFORMATION:

You may register at the Borough Building, 441 Perry Highway, Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM starting October 1, 2020 through October 16, 2020 and Monday October 12th & Tuesday October 13th from 5 PM -7 PM upstairs at Council Chambers.

If you would like to submit a picture of your child in their Halloween costume, please email it to: events@wvboro.com. We will post them on our website.

WASTE MANAGEMENT



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.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented all of us with many challenges over the past several months. The health and safety of our community is our top priority. West View Borough is taking the current spread of COVID-19 very seriously and we are working in partnership with health officials to monitor this evolving situation.

The Borough building is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM. We will continue to follow all CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health recommendations. Masks are required to be worn when entering a municipal building and social distancing standards will be enforced.

Monthly Council Meetings are being conducted via ZOOM.

Visit our website www.wvboro.com for more information.

NORTH HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT - SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNTS

A Senior Citizen Athletic Pass that entitles North Hills School District residents over age 60 FREE admission to all North Hills home athletic events is available by visiting the high school athletics and activities office.

North Hills School District also offers free admission for senior citizens to the matinees of the fall play and spring musical.

For more information, visit www.nhsd.net.



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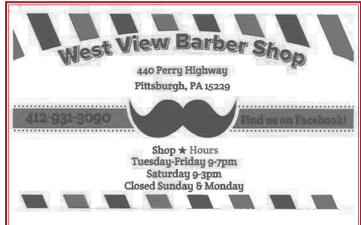
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BURNING PERMITS

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: www.achd.net/air or call 412-578-8115. You can also call the helpline at 412-687-2243.

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".

2020 CENSUS

Starting in the middle of March, you will receive census information in your mailbox. We encourage everyone to complete their census by mail, phone or online. It is important for everyone to be counted in the 2020 census! An incomplete count in Allegheny County can negatively affect the impact in Pennsylvania.

On April 1, 2020 the U.S. Census Bureau will be counting all residents living in the United States. In Pennsylvania, we're committed to working together to make sure all our neighbors are included in the census. We encourage all Pennsylvanians to learn more about the 2020 Census and your role as a resident.

Census 2020

The U.S. Constitution requires a census of all residents in the entire country every 10 years. The census counts every person living in the U.S. once (and only once) in the right place. You are counted based on where you are living on April 1, 2020. Regardless of your living situation, you count as a Pennsylvanian. It also doesn't matter what your citizenship status is, how old you are, or your gender. If you live here, you matter to us and the census. Complete the 2020 census to help our community and define the important issues of the new decade. You can contact the Census Bureau for support at 1-800-923-8282 or www.2020census.gov.

How to get a REAL ID in Pennsylvania First driver's license AFTER 9/1/2003? Start here: st driver's license BEFORE 9/1/2003? Start here: 📷 REAL ID IN PENNSYLVANIA ONLINE N PERSON WHAT IS REAL ID? REAL ID is a federal law that affects how states issue driver's licenses and ID cards if they are going to be GET VERIFIED REAL ID CENTER acceptable for federal purposes, such as boarding a Apply online to see if **Bring your REAL ID** domestic commercial flight, or entering a military PennDOT has your REAL documents to a REAL ID installation or federal facility that requires ID. ID documents on file. center for verification and get a REAL ID at the time of service. Beginning October 1, 2021, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-compliant license, identification card, **ORDER ONLINE** OR or another form of federally-acceptable identification If PennDOT has your (such as a valid passport or military ID) to: **REAL ID documents on** Board domestic commercial flights. file, you can order your. LOCAL DMV REAL ID online. Enter a military base. **Bring your REAL ID** Enter a federal facility that requires ID at the door. documents to any driver You do NOT need a REAL ID to: license center for verification and get a Drive. **REAL ID within 15** Vote. VERIFY IN PERSON business days. Access hospitals. If PennDOT does not Visit the post office. have your REAL ID Access federal courts. documents on file, you Apply for or receive federal benefits, such as social must get verified in person. 0 - security or veterans' benefits.

For More Information visit https://www.pa.gov/quides/real-id-pennsylvania/

DEADLINE TO FILE FOR PROPERTY TAX OR RENT REBATE EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 31

AMBRIDGE, March 19 – State Rep. Rob Matzie, D-Beaver/Allegheny, announced today that in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the state Department of Revenue has extended the deadline to file for a rebate under Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program from June 30 until Dec. 31.

"The deadline extension on this popular program is always great news, but this year, it's more important than ever, as seniors and other eligible residents who want help with the application process are being advised to limit public outings, and district offices are temporarily closed to the public because of the COVID-19 epidemic," Matzie said.

"It's good to know that our seniors and other vulnerable residents who want help filing for rebates on their 2019 taxes or rent paid will now have more time to seek that assistance later in the year, when it should be safer to do so."

Matzie added that residents can still request applications online through the Department of Revenue's website. The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program benefits seniors 65 or older, widows and widowers 50 or older and people with disabilities 18 or older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded.

Spouses, personal representative and estates may also file claims on behalf of claimants who lived at least one day in 2019 and meet other eligibility guidelines.

The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975.

More information on the program is available at the Department of Revenue's webpage, www.revenue.pa.gov.

PORT AUTHORITY CONNECTCARD

ConnectCard is a reusable plastic smart card that makes paying your fares faster, easier and more secure than paying with cash.



Using a ConnectCard instead of cash saves

25 cents on every ride and more if you transfer.

You can purchase and reload ConnectCards online, at select Port Authority light rail and busway stations, Port Authority's Downtown Service Center and at participating retail outlets, including most Giant Eagle and Goodwill locations throughout the region.

Balance Protection is available in case your card is ever lost or stolen.

Port Authority Contact Information Customer Service: 412-442-2000 Weekdays 6AM – 7PM Weekends and Holidays 8AM – 4:30PM

You may also contact State Representative Adam Ravenstahl's office at 412-321-5523 or State Senator Lindsey Williams' office at 412-364-0469.

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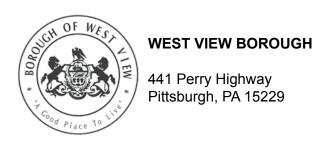
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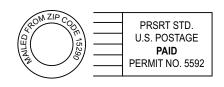
Capitol Office: 321 Irvis Office Building P.O. Box 202020 Harrisburg, PA 17120-2020 (717) 787-5470

District Office: 3689 California Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15212 (412) 321-5523 Satellite Offices: Avalon Borough Building 640 California Avenue Avalon, PA 15202 Open 8:30 a.m. to noon Thursdays

Polish Hill Civic Association 3060 Brereton Street Pittsburgh, PA 15219 Open 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays

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Due to COVID-19, we will not be able to have our Annual Holiday Tree Lighting event.

We wish you a happy and safe holiday season.