



WEST VIEW BOROUGH

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NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer 2023

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

The Borough of West View will be holding a Community Clean-Up Day on April 22nd, 2023. If you would like to help, volunteers should report to the West View VFW Post 2754 located at 386 Perry Highway up at 9:00 am.

The Borough will also be providing three (3) dumpsters for items that are not normally collected by weekly trash collection. The dumpsters will be located at the Borough Tax Office parking lot adjacent to the Borough Building at 441 Perry Highway. They will be available beginning at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 22nd - until they are full. The dumpsters also will not be accessible after 6:00 pm on Saturday or Sunday and will be monitored by the police dept.

Items which WILL NOT be collected or placed in the dumpsters include any electronic items such as televisions, radios, computers and monitors, disc players, etc... paint cans that are not dried out, and tires of any kind.

Electronic items can be disposed of by using the Waste Management At Your Door Service by calling 1-800-449-7587 to schedule FREE curb side pickup.

MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM

Our Military Banner Program is still going strong. The banners will be displayed again in early Spring 2023. You can still order banners to honor a current or former member of the military. Please visit our website at www.wvboro.com for a Military Banner Application form. For an additional \$20.00, you can receive a yard banner to display proudly at your home.



MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

This year's Municipal Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 16, 2023. The polls are open from 7am to 8pm. If you are unsure of your polling location, please visit our website www.wvboro.com to determine your polling location.

Special note for those who vote at the West View Elementary School located on Chalfonte Ave. The polling place in the Gym area is still open during the construction. Please use the side entrance near the playground – look for signs which will indicate where to enter.

FYI: The last day to register to vote is May 1, 2023, and the last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot is May 9, 2023

BOROUGH OFFICE CLOSURE DATES

The Borough business office will be closed on the following dates:

Tuesday, May 16: Primary Election Day

Monday, May 29: Memorial Day

Tuesday, July 4: Independence Day

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Monday, May 29, 2023

Start time: 10:00 AM

Start location: Intersection of Perry Highway and Highland Avenue

End location: West View VFW Post 2754 with a memorial service

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Please see inside for important information regarding upcoming changes to your trash and recycling collection.

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Council meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm.

Tax Collector:

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VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE

Is your vehicle registration plate (license plate) peeling and unreadable? For a free replacement of your registration plate you can download the form PA MV-44 (7-21) from our website under the Borough forms tab and fill out sections A and D on the form then bring it to the Borough Building to have an police officer validate and complete section C. You can then submit the form to the Department of Transportation. A few weeks after the form is submitted to the state you will receive a new registration (license) plate for your vehicle. You can also stop in the Borough building Monday thru Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm and obtain a form MV-44 as well.

HELP WITH YARD WORK

Did you know if you are 60 and above you can request assistance with yard clean up, light landscaping, (no cutting of grass) weeding, planting of flowers? North Hills Community Outreach Services provides that help. Reach out to Greg Brunner at grbrunner@NHCO.org for more information.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK BOX PROGRAM

The Borough of West View has 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 8:00am to 4:00pm). 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.

How much could possibly be collected with the drug take back box you might ask? From January 2022 to April 1st, 2023, we have collected more than 450 lbs. of medications which were dropped off by residents who no longer needed medications and wanted to remove them from their medicine cabinets.

DOG WASTE STATIONS

West View Borough has placed dog waste stations/trash cans for convenient use at Center Avenue between Frankfort and Oakwood, Center Avenue at Township Road, and Center Avenue at Schell Field. Please be mindful and pick up after your pet.

CATCH BASIN REPAIR

Due to aging infrastructure, the Public Works Department has started replacing stormwater catch basins. We ask that you be aware of the work zones and proceed with caution while driving and walking through the area.



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NH SENIOR PASS

North Hills School District offers free athletic passes to residents age 60 or older entitling them to free admission to all North Hills athletic events. To obtain a senior citizens pass, visit the Athletics & Activities Office which is located on the first floor of North Hills High School, 53 Rochester Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. Proof of age and residency via a driver's license, passport, or a document with a photo ID is required. The senior citizens pass does NOT include admission to events such as the school play or spring musical. However, the district does offer senior citizen discounts and/or senior citizen performances. In addition, school-sponsored choral and instrumental concerts are FREE and open to the public. For more information, visit North Hills School District's website here: <https://www.nhsd.net/SeniorCitizen-AthleticPass.aspx>

STREET SWEEPING

The annual Street sweeping program will begin April 25th. Many residents don't know that the Borough is mandated to perform this service in an effort to reduce runoff waste into our sewer system. This is one of nine (9) mandatory minimum controls which the Borough is mandated to follow by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and ALCOSAN.

This program is much more than "making the roads look nice." During the street sweeping program, our dedicated DPW workers collect leaves, silt, sediment, and other foreign bodies that would otherwise go into the three (3) local watersheds which West View feeds. These watersheds include Girty's Run, Spruce Run, and Lowries Run. All three of these watersheds eventually feed into the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers.

Please make note to adhere to the street sweeping signs. The times and days of the week for street sweeping are posted on each street in the Borough. Vehicles are to be moved during those times, even if the street sweeper has passed through. Fines for street sweeping are \$10.00 and if not paid, a state citation will be issued.

We want to thank you in advance for keeping the lanes clear, so the street sweeper can clean the streets. Street sweeping schedules are available in our lobby at 441 Perry Highway and on our website at www.wvboro.com.

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STREETSCAPE PROJECT UPDATE

Mayor J.R. Henry and members of West View Borough Council along with our Streetscape Consultant, Ben Levinger from Downtown Redevelopment met with Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, County Finance director Lance Chimka, State Senator Lindsey Williams, and State Representative Emily Kinhead in January to discuss the ongoing Streetscape Project and to seek support and ideas on how to make this a successful project. The Borough has aggressively been seeking grant monies in order to update the business district. The last time this area was updated was in 1980.



We are updating sidewalks, curbs, trees, benches, handicapped ramps and crosswalks. We are also looking for grant funds to assist business owners to receive low interest financing for their respective store fronts. We have already received funding for the decorative street lighting that has been installed and a portion of the northbound curbs on Perry Highway Rt 19.



WASTE MANAGEMENT – UPCOMING CHANGES

What to know about the upcoming Waste Management service changes in West View Borough:



- Your collection day will remain the same.
- Waste Management will be distributing one (1) new 96 gallon cart free of charge and one (1) new 64 gallon recycle cart free of charge. This will begin the week of April 17th.

If the 96-gal cart is too large, call the Borough office at 412-931-2800 ext. 114 for a FREE exchange. Someone will return your call by the next business day. Leave your name, address, and phone number and include what size of garbage cart you would like. The options are a 64 gallon cart or a 32 gallon cart. The recycling cart must remain a 64 gallon cart and cannot be exchanged for a smaller size.

- All garbage and recyclables must now fit inside the carts. WM will no longer collect anything that is outside of the cart.
- Recycling will be collected biweekly on the same day of the week as your garbage collection.
- Residents may purchase up to 2 additional 96-gallon trash carts for an additional \$8 per cart per month. Residents may also purchase up to 2 additional 64-gallon recycling carts for \$7 per cart per month. Residents may purchase up to 2 additional 32-gallon carts for \$6 per cart per month. These fees will be added to your WM bill. *You must call Waste Management in order to ADD any additional carts 800-866-4460.*
- Carts may not remain out at the curb and must be stored until the next collection day.
- Continue using your current cans and recycle bin until you've received the new carts. Once you receive the new trash and recycle carts your old can and red recycle bin are obsolete. Repurpose the current red recycle bin as you see fit, the Borough does not need them back. If you want to dispose of your current garbage can, place a large note on it **"Please Take"** and WM will take it and any other used cans away free of charge.
- Where do I place my cart for pick up? Wherever you currently place your garbage can now is where you will place your cart. Waste Management personnel will wheel the cart to the back of the truck and the cart will be lifted, tilted and emptied. There is no arm on the truck that picks up the cart that you may see in other communities.
- Bulk items will be collected every 3rd full week of the month at no additional charge. Place your bulk item at the curb on the same day as your trash collection during your bulk collection week. Residents are permitted one bulk item per month at no additional charge. Additional items can be arranged for pickup for a fee by calling Waste Management.
- Yard waste must be placed in biodegradable paper trash bags and will be collected once a month on the 3rd Saturday from April through November. You can also request leaf collection at the curb from the Borough by calling 412-931-2800 ext 112.
- Residents will continue to have access to the Free At Your Door Special Collection Service to properly dispose of any recycle household hazardous waste. These items include paints, household cleaners, compact fluorescent lamps (CFL), automotive products, garden chemicals, batteries, televisions, computers, and more. To participate, you must set up a collection appointment. You can do so by visiting www.WMAYourDoor.com or by calling 1-800-449-7587.
- West View Borough Residents age 65 and over are eligible for a Senior Discount of 15%. Call 1-800-866-4460 to register.
- If Waste Management missed your scheduled collection, call (800) 451-3060.

Three Basic Rules of Recycling:

Knowing these rules and putting them into practice will help you recycle more efficiently. And it will help to ensure everything that makes it into your bin finds a second life.

RULE 1: Recycle bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard.

RULE 2: Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.

RULE 3: No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables



HONORABLE MAYOR RICHARD E POWELL PARK UPGRADES

Thank you to State Representative Emily Kinkaid and State Senator Lindsey Williams for their support in West View receiving a \$100,000.00 grant for the equipment upgrades at Mayor Powell Park which is located in the 500 block of Perry Highway. We are currently working with a playground equipment supplier to select and install new equipment at the park.

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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. They are also available on our website: www.wvboro.com Under the "Borough Forms" tab.



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

You may have noticed a few new faces in and around the Borough.

We welcome a New Full Time Police Officer John Michael Karski.

Officer Karski has five years full time police experience as a police officer in Spartanburg South Carolina. Family brought him to Pa where he has worked in a few communities in Allegheny County as a part time officer. This includes as a part time officer with West View PD for one year.

Part Time Officer Kristopher Paakanen. Officer Paakanen dedicated four years to the United States Marine Corps. and received an Honorable Discharge.

Part Time Officer Michael Brunner is just beginning his law enforcement journey after working as a carpenter.

Department Of Public Works welcomes Joseph Scheller who has a background in heavy machine operation, carpentry, and landscaping. He is also an Assistant Fire Chief in the West View Fire Dept.

Daniel Huebner has formally worked for the Franklin Park Department of Public works and brings his experience to include certifications for pesticides to the Department of Public works for West View.

SPRING LEAF COLLECTION

Spring Leaf collection will begin on April 3rd and end April 28th. You may place brown paper leaf bags or loose leaves at the curb. To better serve residents, you may now go to our website at www.wvboro.com and click the "Request Leaf Collection" link to request a pick-up. Please be courteous when placing leaves at the curb. Do not block catch basins, driveways, sidewalks, or fire hydrants.

BUILDING PERMIT INFORMATION

Please note that is unlawful for any person, partnership, business, or corporation to undertake or cause to be undertaken the construction, reconstruction, enlargement, alteration, or relocation of any building or structure unless an approved building permit has been obtained from the Municipal Building Permit Officer. A building permit shall not be required for minor repairs to existing buildings or structures, provided that no structural changes or modifications are involved.

2023 PAVING PROGRAM

The bid for this year's paving project has been awarded to Youngblood Paving. Roads scheduled to be paved are:

- Center Avenue from Oakwood to Brightwood Avenue
- Arden Alley off Oakwood Avenue to the dead end
- Norval Alley off Ridgewood Avenue (Farley Park alley)
- Bryant Alley between Montclair Avenue and Jamaica Avenue
- 7th Alley between Amherst Avenue and Princeton Avenue

Once we are notified of the paving schedule, we will post no parking signs on poles, vehicles, and at affected residents' doors.



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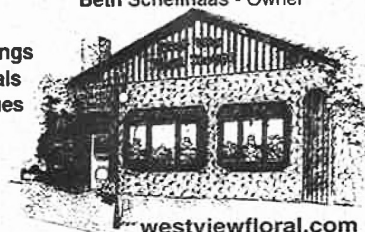
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