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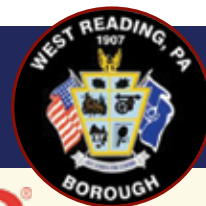
We hope you find the information in this newsletter to be helpful and informative. As always, we welcome your feedback and encourage you to share your thoughts and opinions with us. Together we can all keep West Reading a place we love to call home.

Sincerely,
Borough Council

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Stay Informed!

For up-to-date information pertaining to changes to the trash or recycling collection, meeting dates, snow emergencies, events, etc. around the Borough please visit the Borough website at: www.westreadingborough.com or the West Reading Borough Hall Facebook page. The website allows you to register for email alerts on various topics such as news or announcements, meeting minutes and urgent alerts.

Also, while visiting the Borough website please register with the CodeRED Emergency Notification Program to receive time-sensitive notifications of local events that may impact your safety.

WEST READING BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE

BOROUGH COUNCIL

3rd Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (except May)

April 19th	May 18th	June 21st
July 19th	August 16th	September 20th

BUDGET WORKSHOPS/COUNCIL MEETINGS

August 23rd 7 p.m.	August 30th 7 p.m.	September 10th 9 a.m.
September 27th 7 p.m.	October 8th 9 a.m.	October 25th 7 p.m.
November 5th 9 a.m.	November 22nd 7 p.m.	

PLANNING COMMISSION

1st Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

April 6th	May 4th	June 1st
July 6th	August 3rd	September 7th

TRAFFIC & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

2nd Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

April 13th	May 11th	June 8th
July 13th	August 10th	September 14th

RECREATION COMMISSION

1st Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (except August)

April 5th	May 3rd	June 7th
July 5th	August 1st	September 6th

*All meetings are held at West Reading Borough Hall in Council Chambers
500 Chestnut Street, West Reading, PA 19611*

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

April 15th – Good Friday
May 30th – Memorial Day
July 4th – Independence Day
September 5th – Labor Day
October 10th – Columbus Day
November 11th – Veteran's Day

Code Enforcement Department

Manager Cathy Hoffman

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Code Enforcement Department to fairly, reasonably and with impartiality enforce the building codes, municipal codes and zoning ordinance of the Borough.

Our goal is to ensure compliance for safe living and business operations, thereby protecting property and the quality of life for all Borough residents.

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Prior to beginning any projects, please contact our office to determine if a permit is needed.

Blight and nuisances can devalue, detract and degrade the quality of any neighborhood. The Borough has adopted codes that govern the use and maintenance of private property, such as weed abatement, rubbish and graffiti in order to enhance and protect the quality of life for all who work, live and play in the Borough.

Be a Good Neighbor...Take Pride in Your Borough

What does it mean to be a "good neighbor" and how does that lead to taking pride in our community? Each one of us might interpret that to mean something different. Still, it might be worth considering what being a "good neighbor" and a prideful resident means in your neighborhood, from lifelong to new residents, people of all ages, and from all walks of life. With so much diversity, how can we work and live happily among each other?

Perhaps the first, and easiest way to being a "good neighbor" is to introduce yourself to anyone on your block and particularly those who share a property line with you. This simple act breaks down barriers and creates open dialogue of a respectful nature. Knowing the people who live around you provides a strengthened sense of pride in your home and neighborhood.

Next, take care of your property. This doesn't have to mean that we all must have properties that are featured in the pages of magazines, but when living in a community there are reasonably courteous behaviors expected for the benefit of all. The following provides some examples:

- Walk your dog on a leash and be sure to carry plastic bags to clean up afterwards.
- Put your garbage cans out the night before pick up and put them away as soon as possible. Do not leave your garbage cans out – nobody wants to see your garbage every day of the week.
- Clean your front sidewalks, including weeds in the gutter – it really isn't anybody else's responsibility. Take the lead and think of the curb appeal for all. This includes mowing and weeding your property regularly throughout the summer, and expedited snow removal in the winter.
- Be mindful of your noise levels, particularly late in the evening and early in the morning.
- Be aware of your elderly neighbors, particularly in weather extremes. A friendly check in is the neighborly thing to do.
- "See Something – Say Something" - If you see something that looks suspicious, please report it...allow the police to determine what must be done, you don't know who you might help from this act.

I'm sure you can think of other ways to be good neighbors, making West Reading "Everybody's Hometown" in which we can all take great pride!

Burn Permits

Did you know that a burn permit is needed prior to using any type of chimenea or outdoor fireplace unit? All portable fireplace units must be located a minimum of 25' from all structures in the yard area. This permit application must be approved by the Fire Chief or Fire Marshal and is renewable on an annual basis.



Reminders

- 1) Grass and weeds must be maintained at a height of less than 10" at all times. All grass/weeds in the planting strip and along the alley are the property owner's responsibility.
- 2) Trees, shrubs, hedges or other vegetation must not extend into the sidewalk space, streets or alleyways. Growth shall not be at a height of less than 8' over any sidewalk or pedestrian walkway or 16' over any roadway. Please do not throw weeds, grass clippings and/or hedge clippings into the street.

Did you Know that in West Reading:

- No more than 3 domestic animals (cats or dogs) are allowed per residential housing unit.
- It is unlawful to permit any animal (including cats) to be at large in a public area without a controlled restraint.
- A recent change to the Borough's Animal Ordinance prohibits the tethering of an unattended dog.
- Allowing a dog to bark continuously for a period of 10 minutes or intermittently for 30 minutes or more is prohibited.
- You must pick up after your animal, both in public and on private property and dispose of the waste in a sanitary manner.



For further information, contact the Borough's Code Enforcement Department at 610-374-8273 x 238.

10 Reasons to Keep your Cat Inside:

1. Likely to live longer	6. Helps protect local wildlife
2. Available for cuddles	7. Safe from poisons and traps
3. Won't get into cat fights	8. Won't annoy your neighbors
4. Safe from cars and traffic	9. Safe from getting lost or stolen
5. Reduce the risk of disease	10. Safe from cruelty acts or abuse

"Keep It Safe, Keep It Beautiful"

A cooperative effort of the Borough of West Reading and its neighborhoods.



West Reading Police Department

Emergencies Dial 911 • WRPD Station 610-373-0111 • Office Hours Mon – Fri, 8am – 6pm Wed – Until 8pm

Hours of Operations

- To better serve our residents and visitors, the West Reading Borough Police Department (WRPD) administrative office hours are:
 - o Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday - 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM
 - o Wednesday - 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM
 - o Closed Saturday and Sunday
- As always, the Officers of the WRPD are here to serve you 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. If you need to speak to an Officer or require a police response (non-emergency related) and the WRPD administrative office is closed, please call (610) 373-0111.
- And, in an emergency, please do not hesitate to dial 911. If the Police Department is closed, no parking signs may be purchased, and parking ticket payments may be made at the Administration Office at the West Reading Borough Hall building.

Street Postings

- Please check your street for sign postings, including those that are posted for the street cleaning program. Borough Crew Members may also post streets for other maintenance work. Signs are posted on posts, trees and stakes the day before scheduled maintenance work. Vehicles must be removed during the specified times, or tickets will be issued. Signs will be removed when the work has been completed

Did you know???

You can follow the WRPD on:

- Our Webpage at: www.westreadingpolice.com
- Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/WRPolice>
- Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/westreadingpd/>
- Twitter at: www.twitter.com/WRPolice



Going on Vacation?

- We ask that you notify the Police Department by filing a vacation report to notify us that you will be away. This information will be of assistance whether you will be gone for an overnight trip or for a month. Having the information on file will be helpful if your vehicle will be parked on the street while you are gone in case your street is posted for maintenance work. It will also be helpful if we need to contact someone in the event of an emergency.
- The West Reading Borough Police Department now offers a convenient, online, "Vacation Notice" form to our West Reading Borough residents. Located on our Webpage (under the "Forms Column" and then "Vacation Notice" form) **or** at the following link: <https://berks.crimewatchpa.com/westreadingpd/23545/post/new-online-vacation-notice-form>
- Borough residents can complete the online form any time; 24 hours-a-day/365 days-a-year. Although we are happy to provide this online service to our Borough residents, as always, you may contact our administrative staff directly to provide this information either by phone (610-373-0111) or in person at the WRPD located at 500 Chestnut Street, West Reading, during our normal business hours listed above.

Have a safe trip and we will be here for you when you return!



As the weather begins to turn warm and pleasant, and more people begin to enjoy outside activities, please remember:

- Keep watch for children playing outside and operate all motor vehicles in a safe and cautious manner, especially near the park, playground and pool.
- Always remember to lock your vehicle doors, raise all windows, and never leave your vehicle running, unattended, even if only for a few moments. Always remove all portable electronics from view and place them in secure locations such as the glove box, center console, etc. when away from your vehicle.
- Always secure your homes when away and ensure that all basement and first floor doors and windows are closed and locked at night. Ensure that all shrubbery is trimmed around your homes, so that officers on patrol have a good view of the residence and potential entry points.
- As the weather gets hot, please check on the welfare of your neighbors, especially if they are elderly and live alone.
- Please keep watch in your neighborhoods for unusual activities or suspicious persons. Do not hesitate to call police if you see or hear something suspicious or out of the ordinary at 610 373-0111.

The Officers and staff of West Reading Police Department wishes all Borough residents and visitors alike, a very safe and enjoyable spring and summer.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES



Join Us! Help shape the future of your community by becoming a volunteer member of one of your local boards or committees. These resident-led groups help shape public policy, direct economic development, provide local services and make tremendous positive contributions to our quality of life. Public service is a valuable resource and your time is greatly appreciated! You can make a huge difference by contributing just a few hours every month. Please refer to the Borough's website: www.westreadingborough.com for a list of current boards/committees with vacancies. Typically, appointments are made during the annual Reorganization Meeting in January. However, appointments to fill vacancies occur throughout the year.

West Reading Fire Department - Fire Chief Chad T. Moyer

Emergencies- DIAL 911 | Non-emergency- 610-372-9621 | website: www.wrfire.com
Email: westreadingfire@hotmail.com | Facebook: West Reading Fire Department



WRFD in Cyberspace

Please check out our website at www.wrfire.com. The website has given us an opportunity to give the public a better look at who we are and what we do for the community. Please check us out! Also, if you are a Facebook or Twitter user please search for "West Reading Fire Department" and "Like" our page to keep up to date on what's happening at the WRFD!

Fire Safety

Please remember that with warm weather on the way, outdoor cooking on grills is right around the corner. Please make sure that if you use a gas grill you confirm that it is correctly connected and that you don't have any gas leaks before you turn it on. If you have even a small leak, it could cause a fire with dangerous consequences. Also remember to keep your grill away from your home or any other combustible structures. Also, an important thing to remember is to use any gas-burning grill outside, not inside your home. These grills produce carbon monoxide, which is colorless and odorless and can kill you. If you have any questions about using your gas grill, please give us a call.



Fire Safety
Stay Aware & Stay Safe



Also remember to periodically check your smoke detectors, because a dead battery in your smoke detector will not help you in a fire emergency. Many of the homes that we visit on fire calls do not have operating smoke detectors, or they have none at all. Smoke detectors are a cheap way to keep your family safe, so please make sure they are in working order. We have smoke detectors available for sale at our station at a cost of \$10 each and we can also install them in your home at no charge to you. We will also install owner provided smoke detector batteries for you at no charge if you are unable to do it yourself. Please give us a call for more information.

Open Burning

Please be advised that open burning is illegal in the Borough of West Reading unless you apply for and receive a permit from the Codes Office. This means **no open burning of leaves or other yard waste, or any type of outdoor temporary fireplace without prior authorization from the fire department.** Please have consideration for your neighbors and refrain from burning anything in your yards this spring. If you have any questions, please contact the Borough's Code Enforcement Department.

Fire Extinguishers

We get calls at the station from residents all the time about fire extinguishers.... what kind do I need for my home?? What can be done with old or used fire extinguishers?? We would love to help you!

We do not sell fire extinguishers here at the WRFD, but we would recommend that you visit any home improvement store or fire extinguisher vendor and look closely at the packaging to make sure you purchase an extinguisher that will work with the hazards you have in your home. Selecting the wrong fire extinguisher for the fire hazard can be very dangerous.

As far as old extinguishers or used units, if you don't feel comfortable throwing them away in the trash, please bring them to the station any Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. and we will dispose of them for you. Any questions please give us a call.

Membership

We are always looking for a few good men or women! We accept membership applications starting at the age of 14. If you are interested in volunteering with your neighborhood fire department as a firefighter, fire police officer, or just to help out with non-fire related events please log on to www.wrfire.com and download an application or visit us any Wednesday night to pick up an application.

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Public Works Department- Director Kerry Grassley

Keeping West Reading Moving and Open for Business

Street Cleaning

Street sweeping keeps roads safe by removing debris that clog storm drains and reduces the number of pollutants that collect on Borough streets. Be mindful of street sweeping signs that are posted on the street where you park. There are a few additional streets that may be added to the street sweeping program, so be on the lookout for additional signage. To remind yourself of the street cleaning schedule place a reminder in your smart phone calendar to make sure to remove your vehicle at the appropriate time to avoid a parking ticket.

If a scheduled street cleaning day falls on a holiday, unless otherwise specified, that street would not be cleaned until the next scheduled cleaning day.

Upcoming Infrastructure Improvement Plans

- **Linden Lane Paving & Curbing Repairs**– Entire length
- **Sunset Road Paving & Curbing Repairs** – 500 block
- **Water Line Replacement** – 500 block of Spruce Street

These projects could present some inconveniences for residents and travelers alike. Please use extreme caution through changing traffic patterns and detour routes. Allow additional time during your travel through the Borough for the safety of everyone!



Why should I care about stormwater?

Does stormwater really affect me? Whether you live in a town, the country, a city, or the suburbs, when it rains, the water that runs off needs somewhere to go. Stormwater affects everyone!

Pennsylvania abounds in natural beauty, its landscape entwined with over 83,000 miles of streams and more than 3,900 lakes, reservoirs, and ponds. Water is the lifeblood of the Commonwealth, supporting vast forests, abundant fish and wildlife, and a wide array of human uses that draw more than four billion gallons of ground and surface water per day. This wealth of water is a blessing, but population growth has radically altered the natural systems that manage rainfall through transpiration, infiltration, and gradual runoff into surface waters – leading to everything from poor water quality to flooding, severe erosion, and droughts.



When the amount of rain falling exceeds the land's ability to absorb it, the result is stormwater runoff. The volume of runoff and rate at which it flows varies with the intensity and duration of the rainfall – and with the type of land surface upon which it falls. A short light rain falling on permeable soils might produce little to no runoff, while heavy rain landing on an impervious parking lot can produce a substantial amount.

Without treatment, most of the stormwater that runs from the land into our waterways is unhealthy for people and bad for the environment. Runoff can carry chemicals, metals, bacteria, viruses, organic compounds, and other pollutants directly into creeks, lakes, rivers, and streams. And, stormwater runoff can cause severe erosion and flooding – even during a typical Pennsylvania storm.

Acknowledging the problems stormwater can create has forced us to take its management more seriously than ever before. We're working to preserve natural cycles and find innovative ways to mimic the environmental functions that existed before we disturbed landscapes with buildings, parking lots, and roads.

The solution lies in comprehensive stormwater management, which offers tremendous rewards to local economies, the environment, and quality of life.

Making changes to how stormwater is managed can go a long way to reduce negative impacts. Even small actions by individual homeowners like using a rain barrel, choosing permeable landscaping surfaces, or installing a rain garden can make a difference. Stormwater affects everyone!

Sewer Backups

Backups can be caused by a multitude of problems such as grease build up, tree roots, feminine products, towels/wipes, toys, etc. Therefore, we want to remind all residents and businesses to avoid flushing anything other than toilet paper.

At any time, day or night when a sewer backup occurs at your home or business your first call should be to the Borough. As part of your sewer maintenance fee, the Public Works Department will plunge the sewer trap located near your home/business in an effort to remove the clog, possibly saving you the expense of hiring a plumber. If the clog is located between your home and the curb line, we will notify you of the need for plumbing services. The Borough maintains the sewer system from the curb to the main.

To report a sewer backup during normal business hours (Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm) contact Borough Hall at 610-374-8273; outside of normal business hours contact the non-emergency Police line at 610-373-0111 to dispatch a member of the Public Works Department to your location.

Go Green Program

Did you know that your yard waste can be disposed of at the Borough Garage?

Yard waste may be disposed of between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday by appointment at the Borough Garage, please call 610-374-8605 to schedule an appointment: **Or** Yard waste may be disposed of on the first Saturday of the month without an appointment from 9:00 a.m. to Noon during the months of April through November.



The following types of yard waste will be accepted:

- Grass clippings
- Hedge clippings
- Leaves
- Tree branches (cut 4' or shorter and no thicker than 4" in diameter)
- Garden waste

The Borough Garage is located at South 1st Avenue and Chestnut Street. The program is open to West Reading residents only, proof of residency is required. No contractors are permitted at the drop off site. We reserve the right to refuse large quantities or unsuitable materials. The yard waste will be transported to an area facility and converted into mulch to keep yard waste out of the landfill.

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WATER/SEWER/REFUSE BILL SCHEDULE

Quarter	Months Billed	Bills Mailed	Due Date *
1st	January - March	April 1st	April 29th
2nd	April - June	July 1st	July 29th
3rd	July - September	October 1st	October 31st
4th	October - December	January 1st	January 31st

* Utility bills are due on the last business day of the month.

Please Note: Online payments are not a payment option for real estate taxes.

2022 TAX COLLECTOR SITTING DATES

Where: West Reading Borough Hall, 500 Chestnut Street, West Reading, PA

Time: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Dates: Monday, April 18, Tuesday, April 19, Wednesday, April 20, Friday, April 22, Monday, April 25, Tuesday, April 26



TIPS FOR CONSERVING WATER

Next to air, water is the most important element for the preservation of life. Water conservation can go a long way to alleviate impending shortages.

Bathrooms:

- Never use your toilet as a waste basket.
- Do not let the water run while shaving or brushing teeth.
- Take short showers instead of tub baths. Turn off the water flow while soaping or shampooing.
- If you must use a tub, close the drain before turning on the water and fill the tub only half full. Bathe small children together.
- Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it, such as watering a plant or garden.

Kitchen & Laundry:

- Keep drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool.
- Wash fruits and vegetables in a basin. Use a vegetable brush.
- Do not use water to defrost frozen foods, thaw in the refrigerator overnight.
- Use a dishpan for washing and rinsing dishes.
- Scrape, rather than rinse dishes before loading into the dishwasher.
- Add food wastes to your compost pile instead of using the garbage disposal.
- Operate the dishwasher only when completely full.
- Use the appropriate water level or load size selection on the washing machine.

Outside:

- Sweep driveways, sidewalks and steps rather than hosing off.
- Wash the car with water from a bucket, or consider using a commercial car wash that recycles water.
- When using a hose, control the flow with an automatic shut-off nozzle.
- Avoid purchasing recreational water toys that require a constant stream of water.

- If you have a swimming pool, consider a new water-saving pool filter.
- Lower pool water level to reduce the amount of water splashed out.
- Use a pool cover to reduce evaporation when pool is not being used.
- Water the lawn or garden during the coolest part of the day (early morning is best). Do not water on windy days.
- Plant native plants in your landscape, they require less care and water than ornamental varieties.
- Use mulch around shrubs and garden plants to reduce evaporation from the soil surface and cut down on weed growth.
- Raise your lawn mower cutting height. Longer grass blades help shade each other, cut down on evaporation, and inhibit weed growth.

Equipment:

- Repair all leaks. A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons per day. To detect leaks in the toilet, add food coloring to the tank water. If the colored water appears in the bowl, the toilet is leaking.
- Install ultra-low flow toilets, or place a plastic container filled with water or gravel in the tank of your conventional toilet. Be sure it does not interfere with operation of the toilet's flush mechanism.
- Install low-flow aerators and showerheads.
- Consider purchasing a high efficiency washing machine which can save over 50% in water and energy use.





WEST READING
recreation

Recreation Department - Director Christine Boud

The mission of the West Reading Recreation Commission is to provide excellence in the delivery of programs, events and services. The Borough's 23-acre park is for the use of West Reading residents and their guests. The Park facilities includes a stone pavilion, walking trails, pickleball and basketball courts, baseball and softball fields, a gravel track, volleyball court, community swimming pool and a disc golf course with a double tee pad to make it an 18-hole course.

Facility Rentals

The Bicentennial House was introduced back in 1976 by Elta K. Bitz. The Bicentennial House is available for small parties, gatherings, meetings and

special events. The building has a large gathering room with a full kitchen and handicapped accessible restrooms. There is also green landscape for outdoor entertainment.

The Pavilion was built in 1939 by Wyomissing Industries, who helped provide funds for the stone field house. This recreation facility also has a tot-lot, playground and outdoor exercise area. The Pavilion is available for gatherings and small parties.

Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Information pertaining to rental fees for residents and non-residents for both facilities can be found on our website www.westreadingborough.com

RECREATION HAPPENINGS

Reading Fightin Phils Tickets- On Sale now at Borough Hall

Help support the Recreation Commission by purchasing six undated general admission tickets for any of the 2022 season home games for \$39. Tickets are normally \$10 each but with this special pricing you will be paying \$6 per ticket. You may purchase tickets at Borough Hall or online at: <https://bit.ly/3nCGBA> Enter West Reading Recreation for Organization and Seller's name.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 9th at the Pavilion - 505 Sycamore Road

Children ages 14 and under whom reside within the Borough of West Reading are invited to participate in our annual Easter Egg Hunt. To register for this event please visit the Borough's website or West Reading Recreation Facebook page.

Family Fun Night

Friday May 13th at Scottish Rite Cathedral 6:30pm - 9:00pm

This is a new event, in lieu of the Father/Daughter or Mother/Son Dance. The Recreation Commission decided to combine the two events into one Family Fun Night. The theme will be a 50's Sock Hop with 1950's music for dancing, games and refreshments. Open to all ages. *Cost is \$10 per person. Tickets are limited.*

West Reading Night at the Ballpark

Tuesday July 12th at First Energy Stadium

Come out to the ballpark to enjoy a free event to say "Thank You for Making West Reading a Beautiful Place to Live". Bring your family, neighbors and friends to the stadium for a night of fun with the Fightin Phils. **Tickets are FREE** and can be picked up (mid-June) at Borough Hall, the pool, or any business in West Reading.

Summer Playground Group

Come and let your children enjoy their summer at our summer camp at the Pavilion. The program is open to children ages 5-12. Your child will get to play with old friends and make new friends too! The number of participants in the 2022 program may be limited in order to maintain social distancing guidelines. Priority will be given to Borough residents.

Dates: June 13th – August 5th (8 weeks Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm)

Cost: Half Day Residents (9am to Noon) \$200

Cost: Half Day Non-Residents (9am to Noon) \$250

Cost: Full Day Residents (9am to 4pm) \$400

Cost: Full Day Non-Residents (9am to 4pm) \$500

Every Friday is Pool Day, so bring your swimsuit and towel and get ready to have some fun!

Borough Resident Early Bird Registration:

A 10% discount will be offered when you register your child for the playground program by 5pm on Friday, June 3, 2022 and register for a pool membership by 5pm on May 3, 2022. Payments must be made in full. Registration forms are available at Borough Hall and on the Borough website and can be submitted via email to cboud@westreadingborough.org or delivered to Borough Hall. Proof of residency will be requested.

Happenings at the West Reading Pool

Pool Schedule: (weather permitting)

May 28th- 30th - Open Memorial Day Weekend Only 12pm- 8pm

June 4th- July 31st Open Every Day 12pm – 8pm

August 1st – August 28th - Open Every Day 12pm -6:30pm

August 29th-September 2nd - Closed

September 3rd – September 5th – Open Labor Day Weekend Only 12pm – 6pm

September 5th- Doggie Swim- 6pm- 7pm

Pool Rates:

Under age 2	Free	Free
Age 3-12	\$85	\$150
Age 13-60	\$125	\$200
Age 61 +	\$65	\$150
Daily Rate	\$10	\$18
6 Day Pass	\$50	N/A
Spectator Fee	\$5	\$10
Family Pass:		
2 Adults + 2 Children under 17	\$325	\$600
Additional Child	\$25	\$25

Moonlight Swim

Mark your calendars to join us at the pool for our moonlight swims!

Dates: July 1, 15, & 29 • Time: 8:30pm – 10pm • Cost: \$5 for Residents/Members
\$8 for Non-Residents

Volunteer

The Borough's Park and Recreation Department provides fun and safe activities for Borough residents. We have a Recreation Commission which meets regularly to discuss and plan upcoming events and projects. We are always looking for volunteers, so if you have the time, come out and join us!

If you would like volunteer your time with the Recreation Commission, please contact the Parks & Recreation Director at Borough Hall 610-374-8273 ext. 243.



WEST READING COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION FOUNDATION 2022 EVENTS

West Reading Craft Pretzel & Beer Tasting • Saturday, April 23rd, 11a.m. - 5p.m.

Music at 6th and Penn • 2nd Fridays, May - October, 6 - 8p.m.

Art on the Avenue • Saturday, June 18th, 11a.m. - 7p.m.

West Reading Sidewalk Sale • Saturday, August 6th, 11a.m. - 5p.m.

Fall Festival • Saturday, September 17th, 11a.m. - 7p.m.

More Information: Visit WestReading.org



Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Looking for a responsible way to dispose of unwanted paints, cleaners, oils, batteries and pesticides at no cost to you? Berks County residents can bring their household hazardous waste items to the Governor Mifflin Intermediate School located at 600 Governor Drive, Shillington on Saturday, April 9th from 8:00 AM – Noon. All residents must pre-register to participate. Please visit www.co.berks.pa.us/dept/swa for a list of acceptable materials and to register for this event.



Community Shredding Event

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in the United States according to the FBI. Approximately 7 million Americans become victims to identity theft each year. Berks County residents can bring their confidential documents to the Berks County Solid Waste Authority community shredding event on Saturday, April 16, 2022 from 8:00 AM – Noon. All residents must pre-register to participate. Please visit www.countyofberks.com/swa or call 610-478-6362 for a list of acceptable materials and to register for this event.

2022 Calendar

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■ = Recycling Collection

■ = Trash Collection

■ = Bulk* & Trash Collection

* One bulk item per household may be placed out for collection along with regular trash.

Please Note: Items such as tires, appliances, batteries, and electronic items will not be collected. These items must be recycled due to hazardous materials. Please contact Berks County Solid Waste Authority at 610-478-6362 or visit their website at www.co.berks.pa.us/swa for more information.

** Trash and recycling materials are to be placed out the night before collection. The truck will not come back if you did not place your materials out the night before.



Join your Neighbors to celebrate Earth Day on Sunday, April 24th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and help beautify West Reading. Volunteers will meet at the Pavilion located at 505 Sycamore Road.

THE BASICS OF GOOD RECYCLING

The fact is that some recycling actions make a bigger impact than others. So please remember these three rules the next time you recycle:

You'd be amazed how big an impact just following these simple rules can have!



WEST READING FARMERS MARKET BY GROWING ROOTS PARTNERS


The West Reading Farmers Market opening day is Sunday, May 1st and features the very best in locally grown food every Sunday from 9am - 1pm on the 500 Block of Penn Ave + on 6th Ave! The producer-only market features locally grown fruits and vegetables, sustainably raised meats, poultry and farm fresh eggs, fresh cut flowers, artisan baked goods and breads, local beer & wine, kombucha, hand-made pasta, local honey, and value-added products made with locally sourced ingredients. We are committed to supporting and promoting the rich agricultural history of Berks County! Check out the market website www.GrowingRootsPartners.com/west-reading for more information including the updated weekly line-up of producers or to subscribe to the market newsletter.

West Reading Farmers Market • 500 Block of Penn Ave + 6th Ave • Every Sunday, 9am - 1pm (May-Dec)
Visit www.growingrootspartners.com/west-reading for up-to-date information.

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Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Language assistance services are available free of cost.
Equal Opportunity Employer/Program For Equal Opportunity information or to file a complaint, contact:
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