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Welcome

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Welcome to the Fall/Winter 2022 Edition of the Borough of West Reading Newsletter

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 snow emergencies, changes to trash or recycling collection, meeting dates and times or events around the Borough please visit www.westreadingborough.com

Also, while visiting the Borough website please register with the CodeRED Emergency Notification System to receive time-sensitive, targeted location notifications of local events that may immediately impact your safety. Messages for the following types of events can be received via phone call, text message, and email or through a CodeRED Mobile Alert App:

- Missing Persons
- Emergency Preparedness
- Emergency Evacuation
- Weather Related Necessities
- Criminal Activity
- Shelter in Place/Lockdowns
- Boil Water Advisories
- Large Local Events

WEST READING BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE

BOROUGH COUNCIL

3rd Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

October 19th & 25th November 15th & 22nd December 20th & 27th

BUDGET WORKSHOPS/COUNCIL MEETINGS

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.

October 5th November 2nd December 7th

TRAFFIC & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

2nd Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

October 12th November 9th December 14th

RECREATION COMMISSION

1st Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

October 4th November 1st December 6th

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

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

October 10, 2022 – Columbus Day
November 11, 2022 – Veteran's Day
November 24 & 25, 2022 – Thanksgiving Holiday
December 23 & 26, 2022 – Christmas Holiday
December 30, 2022 – New Year's Eve Day
January 2, 2023 – New Year's Day
January 16, 2023 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 20, 2023 – President's Day
April 7, 2023 – Good Friday

Code Enforcement Department

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.

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.

Sidewalk Snow and Ice Removal



Thank you for shoveling your sidewalk, it's the neighborly thing to do! West Reading is a vibrant, walkable community, which is why it is vitally important to maintain public sidewalks and walkways in a manner safe for travel.

We do not issue notices/warnings for snow and ice removal from public sidewalks on your property.

Every owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, property agent or any other person responsible for property within the Borough must remove a clear path of at least 36" from public sidewalks within 36 hours following the end of a snow/ice event. In order to accommodate increased pedestrian traffic on Penn Avenue, a path of at least 48" shall be cleared within 24 hours following the end of a snow/ice event. All sidewalks must be maintained free of snow/ice by placing salt, sand or other abrasive or chemical material upon areas where melting and refreezing has occurred to render sidewalks safe for travel. If snow/ice is not removed within the time frame allowed, a fine for each offense will be assessed until the violation is corrected: Fine 1 - \$25; Fine 2 - \$50; Fine 3 and subsequent instances \$100 each.

Also, please be sure to clear snow away from fire hydrants as this will assist fire department personnel to extinguish a fire in the event of an emergency.

As always, the Borough seeks volunteers to assist our elderly and/or disabled residents who cannot maintain their sidewalks in the event of snow or ice. Please contact our office if you are interested in volunteering. On the same note, if you cannot maintain your sidewalk or know a resident that is elderly/disabled and in need of assistance, please contact our office to be added to a list so we may offer assistance.

One never knows when you'll need a little neighborly assistance. Unfortunately, less than half of Americans actually know the people



in their communities, a fact that becomes all that more acute when it comes to needing cups of sugar or dealing with snowstorm aftermath. Make an effort to get to know your neighbor and assist each other in staying safe.

~ Allow us to find ways to show neighborly kindness to all people ~

Reminders

1) Trash collection is every Tuesday and Friday; recycling collection is every Wednesday.

2) Four (4) trash cans per household per trash collection day are allowed. Please do not place bulky items out for regular trash collection. One bulk item per household per month may be placed out for collection on the first Friday of every month. Please remember to store all trash within durable, water-tight containers equipped with handles and tight-fitting covers to deter the attraction of rodents to your neighborhood. It is also recommended to mark your containers and lids with your address.

3) Please do not place trash/recycling out prior to noon the day before collection and promptly remove your receptacle(s) by midnight the day of collection.

4) Electronic items such as washers, dryers, televisions, microwaves, refrigerators and air conditioners will not be removed by the trash/recycle hauler. 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.

5) Pet waste management is an important responsibility of dog ownership. The first step is picking up what your pet leaves behind. The second is making sure it is disposed of properly. A common misconception surrounding pet waste disposal is that Fido or Fluffy's waste serves as a natural fertilizer. Dog owners take note: this is not true. In fact, leaving pet waste on the ground or concentrating it in one specific area of the yard can seriously harm soil quality and can be dangerous for both families and their pets. Pet waste should always be picked up and removed from your property on a regular basis. It is recommended to scoop waste into a trash bag, then double-wrap with another bag and place in the garbage to be collected and taken to the landfill.

6) Cars, trucks, RV's, motorcycles, trailers, etc. cannot be parked on the grass on your property or the property where you reside. Vehicles may only be parked on a stone, concrete or macadam pad. Prior to installing a parking pad, a zoning permit application is required.

7) In an effort to allow emergency personnel to quickly identify your home, the Borough requires all properties to be clearly marked in the front and rear of the property. The numbers should contrast with the background and be a minimum height of four inches.

8) No soliciting without a permit – Going door-to-door for the



purpose of soliciting, handing out flyers and door hangers, etc. requires first obtaining a Borough permit. After a background check and receipt of a permit fee a Borough issued ID badge must be worn at all times while soliciting. Hours available to solicit are from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday only. If a solicitor comes to your door without a Borough issued ID do not hesitate to contact the West Reading Police at 610-373-0111 to make a report. Please provide as much detail about the solicitor as possible. If you receive a brochure or letter from the solicitor, please mark the date received and turn it into the Borough for processing.

Rental Property

Regulating the condition and operation of rental housing is a major challenge facing local governments across the United States. While a stock of sound, well-managed single-family rental properties can be a valuable community asset and most landlords are responsible owners that is not always the case.

The responsibility for making sure that landlords maintain and manage their properties well falls to local governments, which has the authority to enforce codes and take a variety of other actions under the legal powers' municipalities are granted to regulate property. The goal of these regulations is to ensure to the extent possible that landlords who own property in the municipality are responsible stewards of their properties, working with the municipality to ensure that neighborhoods remain safe and clean.

Safety inspections improve and maintain the quality of West Reading's rental properties. The inspections help educate property owners and renters about our safety requirements, encourage proper maintenance for safety, and increase communication between rental property owners, their tenants, and West Reading Borough.



New Building Code Official Introduction

I would like to take a moment of your time to introduce myself to you. My name is Chad Moyer and I am the newest member of the West Reading Borough Codes Department. I began filling the rolls of building code official, assistant zoning officer, and assistant building inspector in August 2022.

I am not only a life-long resident of West Reading Borough, but I have also worked for the borough since 1998, serving in the roles of lifeguard, pool manager, public works summer help, and most recently as a public works laborer from 2007 till 2022. I also have volunteered with the West Reading Fire Department since 2000 and currently hold the title of Fire Chief.

While living, working, and volunteering in the borough, I have come to understand and appreciate the important role that the Codes Department plays in the planning process, zoning processes, and keeping the borough safe, clean, and a place where people and businesses can flourish. I am very excited to be a part of the Codes Department team and I look forward to working with all of the property owners, residents, business owners and guests to help ensure that the borough remains safe, prosperous, and a place that everyone is proud to call home.



Chad Moyer

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West Reading Police Chief's Message

Emergencies Dial 911 • WRPD Station 610-373-0111



For over the past two decades I've had the privilege to be a part of the West Reading community as a sworn Police Officer. Being an anchor of Berks County, West Reading Borough is a welcoming, caring, and diverse community and is clearly a model for other communities. Nothing brings me greater satisfaction than seeing everyone that lives, works, and visits West Reading fully enjoy their experience while here.

Our department's mission is to enhance the community's quality of life while providing a safe and secure environment by maintaining strong relationships between the Police Department and the residents of West Reading. My policing philosophy focuses heavily on being a good neighbor in the community. A good neighbor is willing to lend a helping hand when needed, give advice, or just be a good listener. We will continue to work with our neighbors to help solve problems and promote safety in the Borough. You can rest assured that the Officers of the WRPD will be a neighbor you can trust and count on!

Our department will remain steadfast in our commitment to the West Reading community by giving our very best effort while in our residential neighborhoods, schools, and business district. If you see an Officer, please stop and introduce yourself as we always welcome your engagement. Together, we will continue our part to build a healthy and strong community; one that cultivates a police department that is rooted in fairness, with compassion for everyone, and thrives from community relationships.

In closing, I consider it an honor to work in the Borough alongside the Officers and staff of the WRPD. Serving our community is our priority and partnering with our residents is our goal. West Reading is truly a place this community can be proud of, and I am blessed to be a part of it! I look forward to each day ahead serving as your Chief of Police. Thank you for your continued support.



Wayne Holben

Winter Stormwater Tips

Shovel early, the sooner you shovel the less likely snow and ice will build up and you will not need to use as much salt. Apply salt sparingly and remove the slush once the snow melts to prevent from refreezing. Salt in our stormwater system can be harmful to aquatic life.

Refrain from using kitty litter or sand as these could clog drains and contribute to runoff pollution.

Always shovel storm drains from the sidewalk. Shovel snow into vegetated areas, where meltwater can soak into the ground. This reduces runoff that flows down storm drains and directly into rivers and streams. Mark your drains in late fall prior to snow fall to help you to see where to shovel during each snowfall. Always keep your drains clear of snow and ice to prevent flooding.



Holiday Happenings on the Avenue!



Small Business Saturday • November 26th, all day

Get out + support the places you love with the people you love! Small Business Saturday – a special day when we can show support as a nation for small business owners and communities – helps fuel the #ShopSmall movement.

Holiday Glow on the Avenue • December 1st - 18th

Penn Avenue, West Reading is decked out for its Holiday Glow featuring carriage rides, music, caroling + Santa visits the first three weekends in December! Events are held rain or shine!

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



Fire Prevention Week

The week of October 9th to the 15th is Fire Prevention Week 2022. This year's theme is "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape." The goal this year is to educate everyone about the simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires.

Open House

We will be holding an Open House at the station on Wednesday, October 12th starting at 6:30pm and running until 8:30pm. We will have fire prevention displays for the entire family, refreshments, and our fire apparatus and station open for tours. Please plan on stopping by and enjoying the evening with your local firefighters!

Smoke Detectors

Please call the station if you have questions about smoke alarms or if you need your batteries changed and are unable to do it yourself. We also have new smoke alarms for sale at a cost of \$10.00 each installed. Just call or email for more information!

Fire Safety

We are now approaching the peak heating season, so it is important to keep some safety tips in mind. Make sure that you have a functioning Carbon Monoxide detector in your residence. Remember to keep all curtains or other combustible materials away from space heaters, and also be careful to keep children away because just bumping a heater while playing could cause a fire. Also remember that natural Christmas trees can be a hazard if not properly cared for. Please remember to keep the water bowl in the stand full at all times and use only lights that are UL approved for indoor use and have been checked for any problems before they have been installed on the tree.

Kiddies Christmas Party

Saturday December 17th from 2 pm until 4pm we will be holding our annual Kiddies Christmas Party for children of borough residents who are age 10 and under. Admission is free and all children will get to see Santa and receive a small gift. You will need to fill out an online registration form available through the link on our website. Santa will also be riding around the borough before the event in one of our fire trucks to wave and say hello and remind you of the event. Hope to see you there!

Membership

We are always looking for a few good residents! We accept membership applications starting at the age of 14. If you are interested in volunteering with the West Reading Fire Department, 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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The West Reading Farmers Market features the very best in locally grown food every Sunday from 9am - 1pm on the 500 Block of Penn Ave + on 6th Ave! The market is held weekly during our regular season, and twice a month during our winter season (see above for schedule)! 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.



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Go Green Program

Did you know that your yard waste can be disposed of at the Borough Garage? We currently accept grass and hedge clippings, leaves, tree branches and garden waste. Yard waste can be bundled or placed in biodegradable bags. Plastic bags will not be accepted. The Borough Garage is located at 1st & Chestnut Streets. We ask that you please call 610-374-8605 to schedule an appointment between the hours of 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Friday.

Leaf Collection

The street cleaning program has been a great success! The street cleaning schedule will continue to be used for leaf collection. Please be sure to have your leaves raked out onto the street closest to the curb. Branches and other heavy debris should be separated from the leaves by placing these types of materials in the planting strip. Branches and large debris will be collected at random times. Please remember to remove your car from a street that is posted for street sweeping to avoid a parking ticket.



Keep a Clear Path to Your Water Meter

Make sure there is a clear path to the remote device for your water meter. Keeping a path clear of lawn furniture, toys, hoses, shrubbery, snow and/or ice, etc. will ensure our road crew personnel can get to your reading device to obtain consistent meter readings.

Sewer Backup

As always, avoid flushing anything other than toilet paper. This means no feminine products/wipes, paper towels, wash cloths, toys, etc. At any time, day or night when a sewer backup occurs at your home or business your first call should be to the Borough. A Public Works Member will plunge the sewer trap located near your home/business in an effort to remove the clog, possibly avoiding the need to hire a plumber. During normal business hours contact Borough Hall at 610-374-8273 and outside of normal business hours contact the non-emergency Police line at 610-373-0111. A member of the Public Works Department will be dispatched to your location to assess the situation. The Borough maintains the sewer system from the curb to the main. Sewer lines from the house to the curb are the property owner's responsibility.

Light Poles

Please report Borough streetlight issues to Borough Hall. Providing the location, address and pole number of the light will help field personnel to make the necessary repairs. If you discover a downed streetlight pole, exposed electrical wires or any other hazardous situation please contact the Police Department at 610-373-0111. To report a streetlight that is either on during the day or not on at night, please contact Borough Hall at 610-374-8273 or you may submit a trouble ticket directly to Met-Ed through their online Report a Lighting Problem portal.

Snow Storm Tips

Snow will be here before you know it! Please prepare your home and family in the event of a large accumulation by keeping emergency lighting on hand, including fresh batteries. Also, know where your water and sewer stacks are to keep them accessible in case of an emergency or backup. Please note: a number of alleys have been designated as non-maintained routes during winter weather events which is based on the narrow widths of the alleys. These roadways will be posted to indicate no winter maintenance. A map of the Borough can be found on the Borough's website: www.westreadingborough.com under "About Us".

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Our online payment option saves you time and gives you flexibility in how you pay your bill. When you sign up for online bill pay, you will get a secure password to access your personal account at www.xpressbillpay.com. A reminder email will be sent to let you know when your bill is online. You also have the option to keep our planet happy and healthy by requesting to go paperless.

WATER/SEWER/REFUSE BILLING SCHEDULE

Quarter	Months Billed	Bills Mailed	Due Date *
1st	January - March	April 1st	April 28th
2nd	April - June	July 1st	July 31st
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 an option for real estate taxes or code department fees.



Recreation Department

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 at www.westreadingborough.com

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Halloween Parade » Saturday, October 22, 2022 12PM – 3 PM

The annual Hayride and Haunted House events have been cancelled this year due to the lack of a Recreation Director. Alternate plans are under way for a West Reading Children's Halloween Costume Party and Parade. The date of the parade is Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 12pm-3pm beginning at the West Reading Pavilion.

Disc Golf Tournament » Friday, November 25, 2022

West Reading Upshot is a one round Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) sanctioned C-Tier that will be held on Friday, November 25, 2022 at West Reading Park. The entry fee is \$30 with an optional \$5 ace pot. Players who are not current PDGA members will pay an additional \$10. All players must preregister. Early registration opens on October 11th for those wishing to sponsor the event and October 27th for all players. At the end of the round the top 40% of each division will receive an award. For additional information please visit: https://www.discgolfscene.com/tournaments/West_Reading_Upshot_2022

Holiday Tree Lighting » Friday, December 2, 2022 at 6 PM

Join us at Delaney Circle for our 94th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony! The tradition began in 1928 when the first tree lighting was held in front of Borough Hall with only a few Council Members present. Little did our forefathers know they launched what became a tree lighting tradition. The tree lighting ceremony was moved to Delaney Circle in the 1990's where we can celebrate the night air with music, dancing and warm wishes. Following the ceremony at Delaney Circle join us at St. James Church for an opportunity to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus! **Holiday candy will be available for sale at our tree lighting ceremony.**

Holiday Home Decorating Contest » Sunday, December 18, 2022 from 7 PM – 9 PM

West Reading Recreation Department would like for you to get into the holiday spirit this season by decorating your

home. All houses will be judged from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Sunday, December 18th by our Recreation Commission. You don't need to be home to participate, but make sure you leave your lights on. You may pre-register so we don't miss your house. The committee will look for creativity, originality and over-all presentation. There can only be two winners' so, do your best.

- 1st place is a complimentary single pool pass for the season or a single playground registration for a child.
- 2nd place is a complimentary 6-day pool pass.

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!

Throughout the year, the Recreation Department hosts a variety of activities including the Father/Daughter dance, Mother/Son dance, Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas Tree Lighting, Haunted Hayride, Community Moonlight Swims and so much more. Every summer, Borough children are invited to take part in the Borough's playground program, which provides activities and field trips for children ages 5-12.

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



Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Looking for a responsible way to dispose of unwanted paints, cleaners, oils, batteries and pesticides at no cost to you? The Berks County Ag Center, located at 1238 County Welfare Road will be hosting a hazardous waste disposal event on Saturday, October 15th from 8am to 2pm rain or shine. This event is free to all Berks County residents, pre-registration is required. Please visit www.co.berks.pa.us/swa to register. Household hazardous waste is any household product that is labeled: caution, danger, flammable, explosive, toxic, warning, corrosive, poison, volatile or any combination of these characteristics. Placing these items in the trash or down the drain contributes to the pollution of our air and drinking waters.

When is Bulk Trash Pickup?

On the first Friday of every month, each household may place one bulk item at the curb for collection with your weekly trash. Bulk items may weigh no more than 75 pounds nor exceed five-feet in length. Items such as tires, appliances, water heaters, batteries, items with Freon, etc. will not be accepted. These items must be recycled at a recycling center. For more information, please contact the Berks County Solid Waste Authority at 610-478-6362 or visit their website at www.co.berks.pa.us/swa.

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Recycling

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Kitchen, Laundry, Bath
Plastic Bottles,
Jugs & Tubs
(empty, rinse, replace cap)

NO!

No Plastic Bags
or Plastic Wrap

Do Not Bag
Recyclables
(no garbage)

No Tangles, Cords,
Hoses or Chains

No Flammables,
Fuel Tanks or
Batteries

No Food or Liquid
(empty all containers)

No Styrofoam™
(carryout or packing material)

The items are accepted for a specific reason, they can be recycled and made into new products. Unfortunately, either by accident or misunderstanding, unacceptable items continue to be placed in recycling containers. Do not place items out for collection that are larger than what will fit into a sorting machine. For more information as to why these items are accepted or not accepted, please visit the Borough website and search for "What to Recycle".

Car batteries, and any other type of large, lead-acid batteries cannot go into your household trash or recycling. You can look up where to dispose of car and other lead-acid batteries on Earth911 or visit any automotive parts store. Likewise, **rechargeable batteries** must be taken to a collection site that can be found on Earth911 or visit the Berks County Solid Waste Authority Electronic Recycling Center. **Regular AA, AAA**, or other letter-named batteries are now safer to throw directly into the trash, but they can also be recycled into different things such as cement or new batteries. No matter what you decide to do with your regular batteries, make sure to tape the ends since they could have a little spark left and could start a fire if they come into contact with other batteries.



PSD Code

What is a PSD code? A PSD code stands for Political Subdivision Codes. These are six-digit numbers that identify municipalities (cities, boroughs, townships) in Pennsylvania.

These codes help employers distribute the correct amount of local Earned Income Tax (EIT) to the tax jurisdiction where you live. A PSD code is based on an address. Employers file a Residency Certification File when hiring each employee to determine the correct PSD rate.

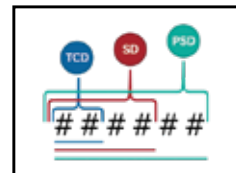
Here is what makes up the six digits:

First two digits: These make up the Tax Collection District, usually a county. This is based on the employee's home address.

First four digits: Combined, the first four digits of a PSD code represent the School District Code, based on the employee's address.

All six digits: Combined, all six digits make up the PSD code, which represents the city, borough, or township where the employee's address is located.

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