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Welcome to the Spring/Summer 2023 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

West Reading Borough Directory

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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/Children
- Evacuation Notices
- Criminal Activities
- Shelter in Place/Lockdowns
- Boil Water Advisories

Register for Coc

• Road Closures/Parking Alerts

WEST READING BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE

BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

April 18th May 17th June 20th July 18th August 15th September 19th

BUDGET WORKSHOPS/COUNCIL MEETINGS

August 22nd & 29th 7 p.m. September 9th 9 a.m.
September 26th 7 p.m. October 7th 9 a.m. October 24th 7:00 p.m.
November 4th 9 a.m. November 28th 7 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

1st Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

April 5th May 3rd June 7th July 5th August 2nd September 6th

TRAFFIC & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

2nd Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

April 12th May 10th June 14th July 12th August 9th September 13th

RECREATION COMMISSION

1st Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

April 4th May 2nd June 6th July 3rd August 7th September 5th

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

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

April 7th – Good Friday May 29th – Memorial Day July 4th – Independence Day September 4th – Labor Day October 9th – Columbus Day

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.

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 to enhance and protect the quality of life for all who work, live, and play in the Borough.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need a permit for...?

Any work beyond a basic repair or a non-structural alteration may require a building permit issued by the Borough's Building Code Official for both residential and commercial properties. The best course of action is to contact the Code Department at 610-374-8273 ext. 238 and ask if a permit is required for your project. Be prepared to provide a detailed scope of work for the project and identify the property as residential or commercial. Change in use may require zoning approval.

Am I responsible for maintaining the alley behind my house?

Yes. Typically, the property owners on each side of an alley are responsible to maintain to the center of the alley for the width of each respective property. This includes the alley pavement surface as well as grass, weeds, trash, etc., that may be found in the alley, regardless of how it ended up there. Weeds on the other side of your fence along the alley are still part of your property, and therefore your responsibility to trim and/or spray.

Why does the Borough need to inspect the home I'm selling?

Anyone selling a property in the Borough is responsible to certify that there are no uncorrected violations of any housing, building, zoning, and safety or fire codes. The Borough performs an inspection and records any apparent violations. It is required that all violations be corrected prior to settlement, or the responsibility to correct said violations may be transferred to the buyer, who will have time to complete the work following the sale of the property.

Where exactly is my property line?

Absent physically apparent monuments or property corner pins, the Borough cannot independently verify property lines on behalf of private property owners. Property owners are



encouraged to engage a Professional Land Surveyor to prepare a site plan and physically set corner markers. This information is useful for locating potential property improvements such as fences and garages, laying out additions to the primary structure, and to satisfy property line disputes, if necessary.

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 controlled restraint.
- 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.

Keep West Reading Sidewalks a Step Above the Rest!

Sidewalks are an important aspect of our community and keeping them safe and accessible is necessary for all residents and visitors to enjoy. Borough ordinances require that sidewalks remain free and clear of obstructions and tripping hazards. Obstructions include, but are not limited to shrubs, bushes, flowers, tree branches, and other plant materials. If you have any questions or concerns regarding sidewalk responsibilities, feel free to contact the Code Department office.

Reminders

1. Grass and weeds must always be maintained at a height of less than 10". All grass/weeds in the planting strip and along the alley are the property owner's responsibility.

Just a reminder...

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.

"Keep It Safe, Keep It Beautiful" A cooperative effort of the Borough of West Reading and its neighborhoods.

farmers market pening day: April 30th weekly markets every Sunday 9am-1pm 500 block of Penn Ave

WEST READING FARMERS MARKET BY GROWING ROOTS PARTNERS

The West Reading Farmers Market season kicks off with weekly markets on opening day - Sunday, April 30th! West Reading Farmers Market features the very best in locally grown food every Sunday from 9am - 1pm in 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 (beginning April 30th) Visit www.growingrootspartners.com/west-reading for up-to-date information.



West Reading Police Department

Emergencies Dial 911 • WRPD Station 610-373-0111 • Office Hours Mon – Fri, 8am – 5pm Saturday and Sunday Closed

Hours of Operations

- To better serve our residents and visitors, the West Reading Borough Police Department (WRPD) administrative office hours are:
 - o Monday Friday 8:00 AM until 5:00 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 during normal business hours.

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.

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 going for an overnight trip or for a month. Having the information on file will be helpful if your vehicle is 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!

<u>Did you know???</u> You can follow the WRPD on:



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

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

- Keep a 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 neighborhood for unusual activities or suspicious persons. Do not hesitate to call the police if you see or hear something suspicious or out of the ordinary on 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.

WEST READING COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION FOUNDATION EVENT CALENDAR

West Reading Craft Pretzel + Beer Fest, April 29th (Penn Avenue Road Closure)
2nd Fridays with Live Music 6-8pm return May 12th (6th Avenue Road Closure)
Plein Air West Reading, June 12th -17th
Art on the Avenue, June 17th (Penn Avenue Road Closure)
West Reading Sidewalk Sale, August 5th
West Reading Fall Festival, September 16th (Penn Avenue Road Closure)



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 | 223 Playground Drive, West Reading



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. 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.

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 an inexpensive 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 install them in your home at no charge to you. We will also install owner provided smoke detector batteries at no charge if you are unable to do it yourself. Please give us a call for more information.

Fire Extinguishers

We get calls at the station from residents all the time inquiring about what kind of fire extinguishers are needed for homes, or what to do 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.

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.

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.

Chicken BBQ

We will be holding our annual chicken BBQ on Sunday, April 2nd, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Meals include ½ chicken, baked potato, applesauce, and a roll & butter. All meals will be prepared by Kauffman's Chicken BBQ, and the price is \$11 per meal.

To get your tickets: speak with any West Reading Fire Department member, reserve your tickets by calling 610-372-9621 ext. 4 and leaving a message, or purchase them the day of the BBQ (a limited number of walk-in sales will be available). Preorders that are not picked up by 2:00 p.m. will be resold.



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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.

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.

Volunteers are needed to establish a quorum on the Finance Committee. If you have a background in administration, finance, or law, reside in the borough or have a holding or business interest in the borough, or are involved with a not-for-profit organization whose mission is in alignment with the interest of the borough please forward your letter of interest to the Borough Secretary. Typically, appointments are made during the annual Reorganization Meeting in January. However, appointments to fill vacancies occur throughout the year.



THANK YOU TO THE BUSINESSES!

The Borough of West Reading would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. For it is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to the residents.



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

- South Seventh Avenue Paving & Curbing Repairs Penn Avenue to Spruce Street
- Sycamore Road Paving & Curbing Repairs Parkview Road to Museum Road
- 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!

What can you do to reduce stormwater runoff from your property?

- · Disconnect or redirect down spouting.
- Use a rain barrel to capture rain from your roof.
- Plant a rain garden.
- · Plant trees.
- Reduce impervious surfaces; install permeable pavement.
- · Plant a green roof.

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 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:

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. Unsuitable materials include mulch and fertilizer bags, rocks or bricks, plastic pots, dirt/sod, plastic barriers or fencing. The yard waste will be transported to an area facility and converted into mulch to keep yard waste out of the landfill.



Recreation Department





Director of Recreation - Michael Esterly

The purpose of the Recreation Department is to create, as well as provide a diverse amount of programs, services, along with events for borough residents. The borough is home to a 21-acre park which features facilities including a cutting edge pickleball court, 9-hole disc golf course, baseball/softball fields, stone pavilion, gravel track, volleyball court, walking trails, basketball courts (play host to the storied West Reading Summer Basketball League) along with a community swimming pool. As the new Director of Recreation, I look forward to serving the West Reading Community!

RECREATION RAMBLINGS

Easter Egg Hunt

Date: Saturday, April 1, 2023 Time: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the West Reading pavilion and park! Be sure to bring your own basket! There will also be Easter flowers, and homemade peanut butter eggs for sale, courtesy of Bethany Lutheran Church. The Recreation



Commission will have concessions available for sale. Pre-registration is required, the forms are available on the borough's website or by visiting Borough Hall. The Easter Egg Hunt is open to West Reading Borough children up to 10 years of age. Please register by 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 30, 2023!



West Reading Kids Fishing Rodeo

Date: Saturday, April 15, 2023 Time: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

The West Reading kids fishing rodeo is making a return in 2023! The last time the West Reading Borough held this event was in 2009. Registration is \$5 and the event is open to borough children from ages 4-13. Registration forms are available at borough hall, or on the borough's website. A free T-shirt will be provided to all registered participants, along with prizes for the top 3 biggest fish caught for both, boys,

and girls. Fishing will begin at 9:00 AM, with awards at 1:00 PM. There will be NO registrations accepted on the day of the rodeo.

US Bochantin Upshot Disc Golf Tournament

Date: Sunday, April 23, 2023 Time: 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

US Bochantin Upshot is hosting their 2nd tournament at West Reading Disc Golf Park. This tournament featured



both pros, as well as amateur disc golfers throughout the region. Register online at bit.ly/WRDiscGolf23 There will be a full store of discs, and disc golf merchandise for purchase, as well as food, and beverages throughout the day.

Father Daughter Dance

Date: Friday, May 5, 2023 Time: 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM Location: Firehouse

A Night in Wonderland featuring music, memorable photos, and light refreshments; along with a gift for every young lady in attendance. Tickets will be available for purchase after April 7, 2023. Ticket prices are \$20 per couple and \$10 for additional siblings in the same household and may be purchased at West Reading Borough Hall. The dance is for girls who are currently enrolled in grades K-6th who are enrolled at Wyomissing Area School District, or Sacred Heart schools. Deadline to purchase tickets is 5:00 PM on Thursday, May 4, 2023. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Summer Playground Program

Have your children enroll at our summer camp program held at the West Reading Park and Pavilion! Our summer camp program is for children ages 5-12 years of age. Your child will have the opportunity to make new friends, connect with old friends, partake in our field trips, as well as learn many new activities that our trained staff will lead.

Date: Monday, June 12, 2023 - Friday, August 4, 2023

Pricing: Half Day Monday through Friday 9 AM to 12 PM — Resident \$200; Non-Resident \$300 Pricing: Field Trips \$105 (optional)

Pricing: Full Day Monday through Friday 9 AM to 4 PM — Resident \$400; Non-Resident \$600 **Pool Day Every Friday!** Be sure to come prepared with your swimsuit and towel and get ready to cool off! Half Day program campers swim from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM!

Field Trips: Pricing for the field trip package is \$105 per child. There are no refunds for unattended trips. Playground management and staff will not accept any field trip forms the day of the trip. Please do not send your child to camp on field trip days if they are not attending, as our staff will be at the field trip with the children. Some of our trips for the 2023 season include Crystal Cave, Mid-Atlantic Air Museum, Jr Skateaway, and more!

WEST READING PARK GOINGS-ON

Concerts In the Park

Dates: Sunday: June 18th, July 2nd, and August 20th, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Bring friends and family, along with your chairs and blankets for food, adult beverages, music, and fun for everyone! Stay up to date with band bookings via Facebook, as well as our borough website!

Independence Day Bash

Date: Sunday, July 2, 2023 Time: 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Get ready for the West Reading "Battle of the Bands." Come out and see some of the quality talent some of our local young adults have! There will be games, food, and more! Entrance fee for the pool is \$10 for residents and \$20 for non-residents. Concession specialty items will be available during the weekend! More information on the event will be posted. Stay tuned!

Movie In the Park

Bring family, friends, neighbors, and more to the West Reading Park on Saturday, July 22, 2023 for the film showing of "The Sandlot." The movie will begin at dusk, with light refreshments and food being sold by the Recreation Commission.

WEST READING POOL

Pool Schedule

May 27 – 29, 2023 – Open for Memorial Day Weekend Only (12:00 PM – 8:00 PM)

June 3 – 4, 2023 – Open Weekend Only (12:00 PM – 8:00 PM)

June 10 – July 29. 2023 – Open Every Day (12:00 PM – 8:00 PM)

July 30 - August 27, 2023 - Open Every Day (12:00 PM - 6:30 PM)

August 28 – September 1, 2023 – Pool Closed

September 2 – September 3, 2023 – Open Labor Day Weekend Only (12:00 PM – 6:30 PM)

September 4, 2023 – Open Labor Day (12:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

September 4, 2023 – Reopen for Pups at the Pool (5:00 PM – 6:00 PM)

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Moonlight Swim

Dates: June 30th and August 4th Time: 8:30 PM - 10 PM

Cost: \$5 for residents/members and \$10 for non-residents



Circle those dates and join us for our two Friday night moonlight swims this season!

Agua Zumba

Dates and times TBA.

Check on the borough website, as well as our social media pages for updates!

Pups at the Pool

Date: Monday, September 4, 2023



Cost: \$10 (\$5 entrance fee, and \$5 is donated to the Animal Rescue League) Come and swim with your furry friend! Please rinse off your furry friend prior to entering, as well as exiting the pool. Clean water is available adjacent to the pool deck.

2023 Pool Fees

Resident's Daily Rate: \$10 per person - Must show ID Non-Resident Daily Rate: \$20 per person - Must show ID

Membership Rate:

Resident Age 3-12 \$85 Age 13-60 \$125 Age 61+ \$65 Age 3-12 \$150 Non-resident Age 13-60 \$200

Age 61+

Wyomissing/Sacred Heart Students

(must show school ID, no exceptions!!!)

6-day pass \$50 per person

(available to residents and members only!!!)

Swim Lessons Residents \$100 per child Non-residents \$200 per child

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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 Governor Mifflin Intermediate School, located at 600 Governor Drive will be hosting a hazardous waste disposal event on Saturday, April 15th from 8am to 12pm 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 water.

Community Shredding Event

Looking for a way to dispose of personal and confidential documents? The Governor Mifflin Intermediate School, located at 600 Governor Drive will be hosting a community shredding event on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 8am to 12pm rain or shine. This event is free to all Berks County residents. A maximum of five boxes are allowed per vehicle. Please visit www.co.berks.

pa.us/swa to register. Help protect yourself and your family from identity theft by having your personal and confidential information shredded.



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.

The Industry is Improving Recycling of Flexible Plastic Packaging

Flexible packaging materials have been added to the list of what can be recycled. Flexible plastic packaging is the second largest packaging



material in the United States. It is lightweight and made from plastic film and very thin layers of other materials

like metal. Residents may now place the following empty, clean, and dry items in your curbside recycling bins:

- · Grocery/Retail Bags
- Pet Treat/Food Pouches
- **Detergent Pouches**
- **Food Storage Bags**
- Wipes/Diaper Pouches (no diapers new or used)
- **Bread/Salad Bags**
- **Bubble Wrap**

\$150

\$10 per person

- Cereal/Chip Bags
- Candy/Snack Food Pouches
- Paper Towel Overwrap
- **Drink Pouches**



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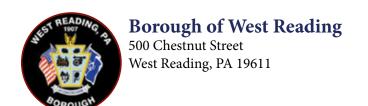


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