

464 West Eighth Street, West Wyoming, PA 18644 (570) 693-1311

Important Dates:

2022 Christmas Tree Pickup:

Jan. 4, 2022 & Jan. 11, 2022

Document Shredding:

May 14th and Sept. 10th, 2022

2022 Borough Leaf Pickup:

Nov. 10/11 and Dec. 8/9

County Waste Bulk Pickup

Spring April 4, 2022

Fall October 3, 2022

Council

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Borough Fire Chiefs

Leonard Hromek, Chief
John Baker, 1st Assistant
Lee Hampton, 2nd Assistant

Code Enforcement/ Building Permits

Thomas F. Craig,
Forty Fort Borough

Borough Updates

West Wyoming Borough has important information to share and this newsletter is the primary resource used to update residents. Many common questions can be answered by reading this newsletter. The newsletter will also be posted on the borough Web site, www.westwyoming.org. Please also visit our Facebook page: **West Wyoming Borough**.

LSA Grant Award

The Borough has been awarded two LSA grants for a total of \$175,000 for renovations for the

Borough Building. This includes making exterior repairs to the building. Another application has been submitted this year for renovations for the interior.

Police Regionalization

Negotiations are underway among the municipalities of West Wyoming, Wyoming, Exeter, West Pittston and Exeter Township to form a regionalized police force. It is anticipated that the agreement will be signed in January 2022 and once the commission is established, each municipality will have

representation on the commission.

Abrahams Creek Easement

Each summer, the Army Corp of Engineers and/or DEP inspect Abrahams Creek. The inspectors walk up and down the creek inspecting the creek walls and noting any vegetation or obstruction along the easement area of the creek. The easement area is 10 ft from the creek walls all along the creek. **An update to the ordinance states that residents with property along the creek must keep the 10 foot easement area free of vegetation and obstructions at all times.** This keeps the integrity of the creek wall more sound.

Code Enforcement

CODE ENFORCEMENT/ BUILDING PERMIT

West Wyoming Borough has signed a contract with **Forty Fort Borough** for Code Enforcement and Building Permit services. **Code Enforcement** will provide regular patrols of West Wyoming to ensure compliance with International Property Maintenance Code and other applicable ordinances, response to citizen complaints, notification to property owners of violations observed and follow up

to ascertain corrective action is taken.

Building Permitting services are to include acceptance of building permit application, plan review as required, issuance of permits, inspections as required and issuance of certificate of occupancy. Permit applications are available on the Borough's Web site. Contact is Thomas F. Craig, (570) 287-8585 Ext. 5.

Taxes

Municipal Taxes

The Borough municipal taxes will go from the current 1.5 mils for 2021 to 2.5 mils for 2022. The increase of \$100 for every \$100,000 of property assessment is due to the increases in various costs to provide borough services. While prices are going up, the Borough continues to strive to provide important and essential services. With the decrease in the sewer maintenance fee last year of \$168, the average household will now pay a slight increase over two years ago.



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Borough Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm

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or Web site at: www.westwyoming.org

Stormwater Tips!

What is stormwater?

Stormwater results from rain, snow melt or other surface water or runoff.

Stormwater can have pollutants. How can you help?

Use fertilizers for lawn care sparingly to prevent excess runoff

Never dump anything down storm drains or streams

Compost yard waste

Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces

Take your car to a car wash instead of washing it in your driveway

Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil

Use rain barrels or rain gardens to capture storm water

Pick up after your pet

Clean up grass on roads when grass cutting

Properly dispose of cleaning supplies, oil and paint

WVSA has implemented a stormwater fee to fund upgrades to stormwater systems in Luzerne County to comply with U.S. EPA regulations.

Please do your part to reduce pollutants!

Compost Yard

Residential yard waste can be taken to the compost yard and is located behind the DPW Building on Shoemaker Avenue.

The Borough will not be providing curbside yard waste pickup with the renewed sanitation contract.

A gate is installed along the side of the DPW building for when the yard is closed. **The yard is open to Borough residents only Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Saturday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Sundays TBA.** It is open from April to December.

Please Note: Compost Yard opening and closing times are subject to change.

Trash Fee

Starting December 15, 2021 (instead of the normal November 1), the sanitation fee collected for 2022 will be a flat **\$200** for each household. With the increase of fees for the renewed sanitation contract, the fees for residents must change to offset the increase.

The Borough is maintaining important services such as solid waste collection, recycling collection, leaf pick up, and Christmas tree pickup. The compost yard will have additional hours for residents to drop off yard waste.

For questions regarding trash and/or recycling pickup, please call County Waste at 1-800-832-1332.

Recycle Right

READ IT

Look for Recycling Symbol (Plastics #1 and #2)

RINSE IT

Remove Food and Liquids

RECYCLE IT

Place in Recycling Bin

Please separate grass, brush and sticks and place in the designated rows in the compost yard. This will allow an easier time for the Borough to maintain the yard and create mulch that will be available to residents to use.

Please: No metal, concrete or wood pallets. This and other such material breaks our tub grinder. The grinder is used to make mulch from the compost material.

Commercial businesses and non-Borough residents may not use the compost yard.

Cameras are installed. Violators not adhering to the rules will be cited.



Acceptable Items:

Plastics #1 and #2
Magazines
Chipboard/Box Board
Newspaper
Phone Books/Paperback
Paper Egg Cartons
Aluminum Cans
Tin Containers
Aluminum Foil

NO GLASS ALLOWED ANYMORE!