



Brief

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The Newsletter for the Residents of West Deer Township



Fire Prevention Month 2022

October is Fire Prevention Month! The goal of Fire Prevention Month is to raise fire safety awareness, and help ensure your home and family is protected. In 1922, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) named the second week of October Fire Prevention Week in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871.

Today, Fire Prevention Month is celebrated by raising fire safety awareness, and educating families, students, and communities across the United States. During October, fire departments provide education to their communities, and encourage everyone to practice whole home safety.

This is also a good time to assess your home's overall safety. Did you know:

- *3 out of 5 home fire deaths resulted from fires without a smoke alarm
- *Only 47% of consumers report having a carbon monoxide detector
- *Unattended cooking is the #1 cause of home fires
- *Carbon monoxide is the #1 cause of accidental poisoning in the U.S.

Additionally, you can best protect your home by installing both smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in every level of your home, as well as having fire extinguishers on every level and in the kitchen.

Festival Thank You

THANK YOU to everyone that made this year's West Deer Festival a huge success! Even though the weather conditions prevented the event from being two days as originally planned, the festival has received rave reviews. Thank you, especially, to a great group of vendors and volunteers that made the festival such a success.

Our hardworking group of organizers have already gotten a jumpstart on plans for next year's festival. Stay tuned!

New Township Supervisor

The Board of Supervisors received letters of interest from three people in regard to filling the remainder of former supervisor Jennifer Mann's term in district four. Each applicant spoke before the Board at their regular business meeting on September 21. The Board recessed and then resumed the meeting on September 22 where they voted unanimously to appoint David Harrison to fill the remainder of the term. His term runs until December 2025. Congratulations David!



Township Road Or Not?

Many times the Township offices receive calls about road conditions in the Township. While many of the roads are the Township's responsibility, there are also State and County roads within the Township's borders.

It's the middle of winter, and we're getting pounded by snow. You're driving on Oak Road, and it's clear - it's been freshly plowed. Then you get to Route 910 and it is a disaster!

You call the Township offices. You pay your taxes, and yet the Township can't clear 910, one of the busiest roads in our area.

The truth? The Township doesn't maintain Route 910. It is a State road, and the State does not contract with the Township to perform winter maintenance on it (unlike Oak Road, which is a contracted State road).

The same goes for the County, i.e. there are roads that the County maintains solely, and there are roads that the County contracts with the Township to maintain.

So please, before calling our offices check out the listing of roads the Township maintains on the Public Works page on our website: www.westdeertownship.com/publicworks/.



Your Newsletter... Spread the Word!

This newsletter is an effort to inform everyone in West Deer Township. Other sources — such as social media — may reach a portion of our residents, but a great deal of folks would be overlooked.

We have a small amount of printed copies of this monthly newsletter available at the municipal building, 109 East Union Road. ◆

Warning: Though social media has its value, receiving Township information from sources like Facebook can be misleading. They are great to keep up-to-date with community events, etc., but not Township FACTS. Make it easy on yourself... check out our website, email us, or simply give us a call. We're here for YOU!

Who Do I Call About Dead Deer?

Who to contact if you find a dead deer on a road depends on whose road it is (see the article to the left regarding Township, County or State road).

If the deer is found on a State road, please call PennDOT at (412) 781-3260.

If the deer is found on a Township or County road, please call the Township offices at (724) 265- 3680.

When calling, be sure to leave your name, address, phone number, and the approximate location of the deer. Anonymous calls that do not leave any of the above information will not be followed-up on.

While on this topic, please be ever mindful of deer and other wildlife while traveling. Especially as we proceed into colder months, allow for extra drive time to account for weather and wildlife.



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