



Brief

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The Newsletter for the Residents of West Deer Township



West Deer Festival This Month

Typically held in early August, this year's festival will be on Saturday, September 24 and Sunday, September 25. Depending on future entertainment availability, the event dates may change in future years. Either way, fingers crossed that the later start this year means cooler temperatures and milder weather!

The 11th annual run/walk will once again begin the festivities on Saturday the 24th with registration opening at 10:00 a.m. and the event starting at 10:30 a.m. The fun continues until 9:00 p.m. as attendees will be treated to food and entertainment options for the entire family.

Everything continues on Sunday the 25th from 12:00 – 7:00 p.m. with more rides, music, animals, and activities. Events such as the West Deer Festival fosters community pride and strengthens relationships within the community. Hometown pride is a critical factor in the development and improvement of any community. Residents with community pride are more likely to speak positively about the township to others and participate in activities that support the common good. We hope this year's festival reinforces that sense of pride in the West Deer community.

Who's Ready To Serve?

Due to the resignation of Supervisor Jennifer Mann, the Township is accepting Letters of Interest from District 4 residents interested in applying for the remainder of her term that expires on December 31, 2025.

If you are interested in serving in this role please submit your letter of interest to: Daniel Mator, Township Manager, 109 East Union Road, Cheswick, PA 15024 by 12:00 p.m. on September 14, 2022.

Code Enforcement Reminder

Just a reminder that Code Enforcement is still taking place within the Township and is following our normal process for handling violations. Residents with a code enforcement issue or complaint may contact the Township by email at info@westdeertownship.com or by calling (724) 265-2780.



Sign Up To Receive Emergency Text Alerts

Most residents have cell phones and therefore have the ability to send and receive text messages. The Board of Supervisors felt it was important to have a method of notifying residents instantly of emergency situations, like closed roads, downed trees, flooding, etc.

Emergency alerts via text are great for several reasons. One of the biggest benefits of the text alert system is that, unlike radio or television, you can still receive messages if the power is out. Power outages often accompany weather-related emergencies, so having a reliable form of communication is crucial.

Along that same line, another benefit of emergency text alerts is updates are reliable. Again, since these alerts are connected to cell towers, and not dependent on power like radio and T.V., the message can be delivered even in the midst of a disaster.

For this purpose the Township enrolled in a service called SimpleTexting, and it is free for residents! To sign up, send a text message to:

1 - 833 - 554 - 0940 and type in the keyword: westdeer



GARBAGE/RECYCLING INFO

1. Make sure your trash is out the night before pick-up so you aren't missed. Pickup is between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.
2. Ensure you either use a sturdy garbage can or use thick contractor bags (sold at stores such as Lowe's). Critters such as raccoons, crows, and even bears (!) will tear apart weak, unprotected kitchen bags.
3. Along those lines, Shank is not responsible for picking up loose trash. As per the requirements, garbage must be bagged.
4. New recycling bins are now available for purchase at the municipal building, 109 East Union Road. The cost is \$12 payable by cash or check.

For questions about garbage or recycling collection within the Township, call (724) 265-3680.

West Deer Volunteer Fire Recruitment

The West Deer Fire Companies are actively recruiting men and women for positions within the fire service. Contact your local fire company for more information:

VFD #1 - 1520 Saxonburg Blvd. - 724.265.1380

VFD #2 - 2163 Saxonburg Blvd. - 724.265.1248

VFD #3 - 4372 Gibsonia Road - 724.443.3351

