



December 2023

The Newsletter for the Residents of West Deer Township

# Brief



## Township Road or Not?

Many times the Township offices receive calls from residents 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. 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. There are roads that the County maintains solely, and there are roads that the County contracts with the Township to maintain.

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

## 2024 Budget Information

The proposed 2024 Township Budget includes a general property tax millage reduction – as directed by the Board of Supervisors – from 2.99 mills to 2.90 mills. This is a tax DECREASE, not an increase as you may have heard.

Also included is an increase in the Fire Tax, which was voted on and approved by voters on November 7.

The proposed budget is scheduled to be adopted at the Board's regular meeting on December 20. Anyone interested may view the proposed budget in its entirety on the Township website at: [www.westdeertownship.com](http://www.westdeertownship.com).

## New Township Supervisors

Congratulations to John Hollibaugh and Josh Wiegand as newly elected Township supervisors. Both men will be sworn in during the Township reorganization meeting on January 2, 2024. We would like to thank Shirley Hollibaugh and David Harrison for their dedication and service to the Township as supervisors. Both Mrs. Hollibaugh and Mr. Harrison will be recognized for their service at the Board of Supervisors' regular monthly meeting on December 20.

# Santa's Coming to Town(ship)

## West Deer VFC #3

Santa and the firefighters from West Deer VFC # 3 will be visiting neighborhoods again this year on the fire trucks. The following schedule is tentative, and may potentially change slightly depending on emergencies.

Sunday, December 17 after 4:00 p.m. - Cedar Ridge Plan, Grouse Run, Steeplechase, Shoff Farms and Lager Farms

Monday, December 18 after 6:00 p.m. - Fawn Haven # 2, Fawn Haven # 3, Hytyre Farms, Hunt Club, Whispering Pines, Copper Creek, Bairdord (Center, Hemlock, Spruce, Ash, Locust, Pine, Mueller) and The Links at Deer Run.

### Township Holiday Closings

The holiday season is now upon us! Township offices and buildings will be closed on the following days in observance of federal holidays:

December 22 - Christmas Eve  
December 25 - Christmas Day  
December 29 - New Years' Eve  
(Open from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)  
January 1 - New Years' Day

## 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.

The Township produces an electronic newsletter that is available on our website and Facebook page. We also have a small amount of printed copies 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!

## SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY TEXT NOTIFICATIONS

The Board of Supervisors felt it was important to have a method of notifying residents instantly of emergency situations, such as closed roads, downed trees, flooding, etc. The Township enrolled in a service called SimpleTexting, and it is free for residents to sign up. To do so, please send a text message to:

833-544-0940

and type in the keyword:

westdeer

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: (724) 265-3680

Police: 911

Police Admin: (724) 265-1100

Hours: M-F 7:00 am to 3:00 pm



### Township Supervisors

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