



Brief

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The Newsletter for the Residents of West Deer Township

Police K-9 Golf Outing Returns

The West Deer Township Police Department will host its annual golf outing to benefit the police departments K-9 Unit and the D.A.R.E. Program. The outing will be held on Friday, May 19 at Pheasant Ridge Golf Club in West Deer Township.

In December 2022, K-9 Nitro retired. Because of the success of this golf outing in the past year, we were able to acquire a new K-9, Midas, and provide training for his partner Officer Elza. This purchase has depleted our fundraiser account as this is an expense that is not normally budgeted by the Township. The K-9 Unit does receive a small budget via the Township for food and insurance, but the department is always in need of additional support for training and supplies.

The D.A.R.E. Program allows officers to teach children in the Deer Lakes School District about how to resist the use of drugs. These funds are used to purchase work books, pencils, and other necessities that the officers need for the children.

Every donation made is greatly appreciated, and we assure you nothing is wasted. If you would like to support our golf outing there are multiple ways you can do so. The police department accepts monetary donations, hole sponsorships, and baskets that will be used as auction prizes.

If you choose to sponsor holes, a sign with your company name will be placed at each hole that you sponsor. Listed below is the pricing for sponsoring a hole or holes.

- 1 Hole = \$80.00
- 2 Holes = \$140.00
- 3 Holes = \$190.00

Checks can be made payable to West Deer Township Police Special Programs, and write in the memo line of the check "hole sponsor." Checks can also be sent directly to our office at 109 East Union Road Cheswick, PA 15024. Please contact our office at (724) 265-1100 for more information about the golf tournament. Thank you for your continued support of this program as well as the West Deer Police Department!

-Chief Robert Loper



Why Are Some Roads Not Plowed Or Salted?

Many times the Township offices receive phone calls about road conditions within the Township. However, not all roads belong to the Township as there are also State and County roads within our borders.

It's the middle of winter (hello!) and snow continues to fall at a frantic pace that doesn't seem to be letting up anytime soon. You're driving on Oak Road, and it's completely clear - it's been freshly plowed and salted. Then you get to Route 910 and it's a disaster.

You call the Township office, furious, that a major road in the Township has not been taken care of during the winter weather. You pay your taxes, yet somehow the Township can't seem to even clear 910.

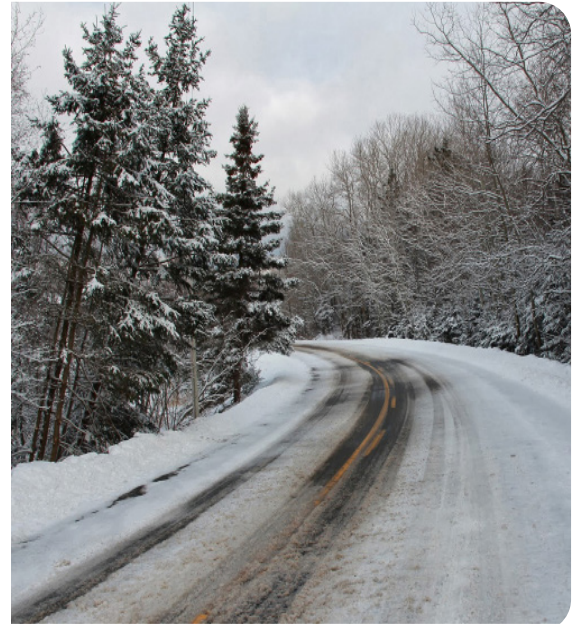
The truth? The Township doesn't maintain Route 910. It is a state road, and the State does not contract with the Township to perform winter maintenance (unlike Oak Road, which is a contracted State road).

The same goes for the County, so please check out the listing below of road maintenance within the Township:

State Road (PennDOT) = Armstrong Road, Bakerstown-Culmerville Road, Campbell Road, Creighton-Russellton Road, Deer Creek Road, Millerstown-Culmerville Road, Russellton-Airport Road, Saxonburg Boulevard, State Route 908, and State Route 910.

Allegheny County Department of Public Works = Deer Lakes Park.

For more information about roads within the Township, visit www.westdeertownship.com/public-works.



Winter Road Maintenance

When the snow starts to fall, the Public Works Department activates its Snow and Ice Removal Plan. What happens under the plan depends on the amount of precipitation that has fallen, what's predicted to fall, the temperature, the expected duration of the storm, and moisture content.

Both plowing and salt-spreading operations help control winter road hazards, with Township crews spreading more salt at intersections and around curves. The salt's effectiveness depends on traffic volume, pavement type (concrete or asphalt), shade patterns, and temperature. Salt is less effective when the temperature dips to 25 degrees (F) and below.

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