



Brief

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The Newsletter for the Residents of West Deer Township



Reminder: No On-Street Parking In Plans

We're sure you have noticed by now, the No On Street Parking Throughout Plan signs were placed around the township at each plan entrance. This updated On-Street Parking Ordinance was enacted by the Board of Supervisors at their regular business meeting that was held on March 16, 2022. A copy of the ordinance can be found on the Township website on the Board of Supervisors' agendas, minutes and summaries page. Since it's been a year since the ordinance was adopted and enacted, and to dispel any misinformation, here are the facts:

This ordinance was enacted due to emergency vehicles and plow trucks being unable to travel on some township streets, as well as complaints received by both the police department and Township. There are some streets that are exempt, and to see which streets are exempt please refer to the ordinance.

If you plan to have a gathering, party, etc., you may request an exemption from the police department. To request an exemption, please email parking@westdeertownship.com with your name, address, telephone number, and the date and time of your event. Even if you are granted an exemption it is still your responsibility to ensure your guests are parking in a manner that emergency vehicles can still get through if necessary.

For more information, or if you have questions about the ordinance or on street parking within the township, contact the West Deer Police Department directly at (724) 265-1100.

Stormwater & Storm Drain Maintenance

When storm drains become clogged with debris, water can no longer drain from the street during heavy rains. Stormwater will pool along the street and can flood streets and properties.

Whether accidental or on purpose, dumping materials into storm drains clogs our sewers and pollutes our waterways. The following are ways you can help avoid these consequences for the sake of water drainage and the environment:

*Don't blow lawn clippings into the street. When cleaning up your yard, rake or blow leaves into a pile and place them in a trash bag for collection.

*Be careful when working on cars or other vehicle equipment. A single quart of motor oil can contaminate up to two million gallons of drinking water. Take used oil or antifreeze to a service station or recycling center.

*Use only biodegradable soaps when washing your car. Try to wash it on the lawn or another unpaved surface to avoid water running into nearby drains.

*Don't apply pesticides or fertilizers to your yard before it rains. This not only helps the chemicals work better, but will also avoid creating polluted runoff.

*Dispose of pet waste properly. Pet waste contains harmful bacteria that can enter local waterways. Clean up after your pet.

*Limit the use of sand and salt on driveways and sidewalks. When snow melts, it carries these pollutants with it into storm drains.

The Township maintains storm drains within township limits. To report a clogged storm drain, call (724) 265-3680.



Important Tax Information

The principal sources of revenue for the Township are the Real Estate Tax, the Earned Income Tax (wage tax), Local Services Tax (emergency services "\$2" tax), the Per Capita Tax (head tax), and the Deed Transfer Tax. Once residency has been established in the Township, the tax collector should be notified immediately so that your name may be added to the tax accounts.

Below is important information regarding this year's tax bills. For any questions about your taxes, or if you do not receive your tax bill, contact Dorothy Bonovitz at (724) 265-4250.

Tax Bills Mailed = Wednesday, March 15

Discount Due Date = Monday, May 15

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