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## Sewage Disposal Planning

Under federal and state law, the Township is responsible for ensuring that sewage is disposed of properly so as not to endanger human health or harm the environment. Pennsylvania Act 537 requires that we have a plan for doing so approved by Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection (PaDEP).

As many of you will recall, the latest version of a regional plan drafted by the Oxford Area Sewer Authority was submitted in June 2007. The Authority and its member municipalities have not yet responded to DEP's comments on this draft.

WNT still intends to rely on this Plan to allow for voluntary connections to public sewer in the area

of the Township surrounding the Village of Nottingham (centered on the intersection of Rt. 272 and Baltimore Pike).

To address the needs of residents in the remain-

der of the Township, PaDEP accepted in January the Township's proposal to draft a Township specific supplemental Act 537 Plan. Our target date for completion is October,

by which time there will have been a public hearing and other opportunities for your input. The engineering firm of Gilmore Associates is facilitating the drafting effort.

## Permit and Ordinance Requirements

### SWIMMING POOLS

**Please be aware that any pool capable of holding a water level greater than twenty four inches (24"), must be permitted and be inspected by a Building Inspector.**

Last year a number of residents put up pools without permits. PAUCC, Act 45 and Township laws have specific permit requirements for pools, which include electrical inspections and fencing requirements. Inflatable pools must also comply with these regulations.

It does not matter if you plan to put less water in the pool, bottom line is if the pool can hold more than 24 inches of water, you must obtain a permit.

### SIGNS

Please contact the Township Code Enforcement Officer prior to erecting a sign. A permit is also required to replace an existing sign.

There have been a number of signs placed at various intersections, most advertising some type of service with a phone number listed. These signs are not allowed without the proper permitting. The Township has the right to remove any unpermitted signs placed within a public right-of-way.

There are very few signs that are exempt from sign permit regulations, so it is best to ask before placing a sign.

### VEGETATION MOWING

Township regulations require that any grass, weeds or vegetation of any kind cannot exceed a height of eighteen inches (18"). There must be a minimum of two cuttings each year, the first to occur before June 15th and the second before the September 1st. More than two (2) cuttings per year may be required to maintain growth levels under 18 inches. At no time, shall any growth exceed 18 inches.

Any resident who does not comply with any of the above regulations will be subject to enforcement proceedings and possible fines.

## Mark Your Calendar

- **CLEAN-UP DAY**  
Saturday, April 4 beginning at 9:00 AM at Nottingham County Park. For more information see page 2.
- **DUMPSTER DAY**  
Saturday, April 4, 7:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Fees may apply.
- **PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**  
Tuesday, May 19 from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 100 Park Road.
- **PROPERTY & PER CAPITA TAXES**  
Discount rate applies until June 30, 2009. Pay your taxes in person on Saturday, June 13, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at 5 Walnut Drive.

## Spring Dumpster Day Set

The 2009 Spring Dumpster Day will be held on Saturday, April 4 from 7:00 AM until 3:00 PM, at the municipal building, 100 Park Road. Proof of residency is required.

Acceptable items include furniture, appliances, and air conditioning (AC) units. Refrigerator and freezer doors should be removed, however do not drain the Freon from appliances or AC units.

There will be a \$10 fee for each CFC appliance and a \$5 fee for each non-CFC appliance. Exact change is appreciated, or

a check made payable to "West Nottingham Township" will be accepted.

For tires, motor oil and batteries, please visit [www.seccra.org/special\\_recycling.htm](http://www.seccra.org/special_recycling.htm); for hazardous household waste (HHW) including oil-based

paint check out [www.wnt-gov.org](http://www.wnt-gov.org) and click on the green recycling logo under "Links". Recyclable items are accepted at the Township's recycling center.

For more information on Dumpster Day, please call 610-932-4072 ext. 8.

## Recycling in the Township

The Township offers a 24-hour recycling center to accept glass, plastic (#1 and #2), paper, junk mail, magazines, and cardboard. As of May 2008, all residents and business are required to recycle. Please check with your trash hauler for its curbside recycling guidelines. For information on the Township's recycling ordinance, please visit our website at [www.wnt-gov.org](http://www.wnt-gov.org) and click on "Ordinances and Zoning".

# Information on Earned Income & Local Service Taxes

Residents who work are required to pay a 1% Earned Income Tax (EIT). The revenue from the EIT is split between the township and school district. It does not matter where you work. If you live in the township and you have a job, you must pay the EIT.

If you work in the township and earn more than \$12,000 per year, you are required to pay a Local Services Tax (LST) of \$52 per year. The revenue from this tax goes to support local emergency services. If you make less than \$12,000 a year or if you pay the LST in another municipality, you may file an exemption form

with your local employer.

Berkheimer Associates is the Township's Tax Administrator for the EIT and LST. Failure to file EIT or LST returns by the due dates will result in penalty and interest at the rate of

1% per month for each month after the filing due date. The 2008 EIT filing due date is April 15, 2009. For more information, please visit [www.hab-inc.com](http://www.hab-inc.com) or call the Secretary at 610-932-

4072 ext. 8.

## Historical Commission Seeks Information

Is there a vital part of West Nottingham Township's past hiding in the attic or closet that you'll be cleaning this Spring? Our Historical Commission is always looking for information from our past!! Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. as we delve into the exciting happenings of yesteryear.

## Township Clean-up Day Scheduled

Every year, Township residents come together to pick up litter and debris from the Township roads. This year is no exception!

Clean-up day has been scheduled for **Saturday, April 4** beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Pavilion 8 in Nottingham County Park. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. Helpers under the age of 18 will be eligible to participate in a drawing for a new bicycle. Children under 10 must be accompanied by a parent.

For more information, please contact Hannah Rush at 610-932-8066.

## West Nottingham Township

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Nottingham, PA 19362

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Permit No. 8

Nottingham, PA

## POSTAL PATRON

NOTTINGHAM, PA 19362

Visit the Township's website at [www.wnt-gov.org](http://www.wnt-gov.org)

## Property & Per Capita Taxes

The 2009 tax rate for property in the township remains at .93 mills. The per capita tax remains at \$10 for each resident over the age of 18, except those who are full-time students.

2009 Tax bills will be mailed on or before May 8th. Residents who pay their property tax and/or per cap-

ita tax by June 30 will receive the discounted rate.

Please note that per capita taxes are NOT paid by mortgage companies. Residents are responsible for paying per capita taxes. **Residents should pay each tax by separate check.** Tax payments lumped in one check will be returned by the

Tax Collector, Patricia Vail. Tax payments will be accepted on Saturday, June 13 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at 5 Walnut Drive in Nottingham.

2008 taxes that were not paid by December 31, are delinquent and have

been submitted to the appropriate collection authority.

For more information on property taxes or per capita taxes, or on paying delinquent taxes, please call Pat at 610-932-4445 or the Township Secretary at 610-932-4073 ext. 8.

## Thanks to the Road Crew

When you next see Road Master Norm Marsh and his assistant Ken Poole, stop a moment to give them an "att-a-boy" for their tireless efforts to keep us safe this winter. While we had little snow, we had way too many days where borderline temperatures would have made for disastrous driving had they not been out treating the roads.

The Township spent over \$6000 more this year on snow supplies than last. Nevertheless and despite the shaky economy, we are ahead of last year's target to achieve a balanced budget with no new taxes.

## Zoning Ordinance Update

Since November 2006, a task force of residents has been meeting monthly to suggest revisions to the Township's zoning ordinance. The group expects to share draft language with the community shortly. Following public hearings and other opportunities for discussion, the Supervisors hope to vote to approve a revised ordinance by the end of the summer.

The public is welcome to observe task force meetings (the second Monday of each month at 7pm at 100 Park Road). You may raise questions about the process with any Supervisor or at the regular meetings of the Supervisors or Planning Commission.