

WEST VIEW BOROUGH

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COMMUNITY SPRING CLEAN-UP

West View's annual Community Spring Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, April 27th. Volunteers will meet in the rear parking lot of the West View VFW Post 2754 at 9am. The clean-up will go from 9am to 12pm, with a pizza lunch for volunteers immediately following. Gloves, bags, and safety vests will be provided. For more information, contact Kathy at karnavas363@gmail.com or call 412-370-2207.

This event will offer 3 dumpsters to residents for items that normal trash collection requires you to schedule. Items that will NOT be collected are anything electrical (televisions, radios, computers and monitors, disc players, etc.), paint that is not dried out, and tires of any kind. The dumpsters will be located at the Borough tax office parking lot. They will be available from 9am to 1pm.

For Electronic Device Collection, schedule a FREE curbside pickup with Waste Management At Your Door Service 1-800-449-7587

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

This year's General Primary Election Day is Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024. The polls are open from 7am to 8pm. If you are unsure of your polling location, you can check our website to find out where your polling location is based on your address. The last day to register to vote is April 8th, 2024 and the last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot is April 16th, 2024.

LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf collection will begin on April 1st and last through the month of April. The Department of Public Works (DPW) will follow the street sweeping schedule regarding days of collection. You may place brown paper leaf bags or loose leaves at the curb. To better serve residents, you may now go to our website and click the "Request Leaf Collection" link to request a pick-up. Please be courteous when placing leaves at the curb. Do not block catch basins, driveways, sidewalks, or fire hydrants.

MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM

Our Military Banner Program is still going strong. The banners will be displayed again in early Spring 2024. You can order banners anytime by visiting our website at wvboro.com and filling out a Military Banner Application form. You can then drop off your photo and payment at the Borough Building. For an additional \$20.00, you can receive a yard banner to display proudly at your home. They make excellent gifts.

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Council meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm.

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EMS FEE

Ross/West View EMSA has been able to make significant improvements in a short amount of time. Thank you to so many of you who have paid the fee to support us.

During 2024, the Special Emergency Ambulance Service Fee will be outsourced to Jordan Tax Collection for management. Please keep an eye out for an invoice from Jordan Tax in the next couple of weeks for your EMS Fee Invoice.

You can pay your 2024 EMS Fee online at any time by following the QR Code.



IMPORTANT REMINDER TO LOCK YOUR VEHICLE

The West View Police Department would like to remind all residents to lock their vehicles at night and remove all valuables. If you hear or see any suspicious activity, call 911.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK BOX PROGRAM

The Borough of West View has a "Prescription Drug Take Back Box." The secure large red metal drop-off box is located inside the main lobby of the West View Borough building at 441 Perry Highway. Anyone can use the drop off box during normal Borough business hours (Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm).

This service is for anyone wanting to dispose of unwanted or unneeded prescription drugs, non-prescription drugs, and vitamins. **NO LIQUID OR NEEDLES ARE TO BE PLACED IN THE BOX.** This is a safe alternative to disposing of them yourself or keeping them in your house.

NH SENIOR PASS

North Hills School District offers free athletic passes to residents age 60 or older entitling them to free admission to all North Hills athletic events.

To obtain a senior citizens pass, visit the Athletics & Activities Office which is located on the first floor of North Hills High School, 53 Rochester Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. Proof of age and residency via a driver's license, passport, or a document with a photo ID is required.

The senior citizens pass does NOT include admission to events such as the school play or spring musical. However, the district does offer senior citizen discounts and/or senior citizen performances. In addition, school-sponsored choral and instrumental concerts are FREE and open to the public. For more information, visit North Hills School District's website here: <https://www.nhsd.net/SeniorCitizen-AthleticPass.aspx>

GRANT FUNDING

The Borough is proud to say that since 2016, we have received over \$7 million in grants to support over 20 projects.

Since 2016, the Borough of West View has undertaken many projects to maintain and improve the Borough. Between 2016 and 2023, the Borough has paved, resurfaced, and/or reconstructed over 40 streets and alleyways.

The Borough made substantial investments in three of the parks, which include Chief John Farley Park, Glenmore Park, and Mayor Richard E. Powell Park. These parks were renovated and/or rehabilitated with \$4,600 towards Glenmore Park for its rehabilitation. Farley Park, located behind Martsof Ave. was renovated with a \$127,000 grant received through a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation grant from the state. Most recently, Powell Park located in the 500 block of Perry Highway was completely renovated thanks in part to a \$100,000 grant received through the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County along with a \$45,000.00 borough contribution.

West View Water Authority made partial use of \$5 million of a \$6.6 million grant received through the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) to replace the majority of existing lead service lines in West View Borough, which helps to improve water quality, at no cost to Borough residents.

In addition, the Borough has so far completed 3 phases of our Business District Revitalization Project on Perry Highway, which has seen the installation of new lights and curbs. The project, which aims to revitalize the Borough's business district, has so far received \$300,000 in grant funding, with the Borough contributing \$388,931.

West View received a \$500,000.00 Multi Model Transportation Grant thanks to the efforts of Senator Lindsey Williams and State Representative Emily Kinhead. These grant monies will be utilized for the business district project with new sidewalks, handicapped ramps, curbs, benches, along with potential improvements to the fire station. Thank you again Senator Lindsey Williams and State Representative Emily Kinhead.

And as always, we would like to thank you, our residents, for continuing to help make West View "A Good Place to Live"!

DUMPSTER PERMITS

If you are using a dumpster in a residential area within the Borough of West View, you are required to obtain a dumpster permit through our office. Applications can be picked up at the Borough office Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm. They are also available on our website at www.wvboro.com.



DO YOU NEED HELP?

- Do you need help with **Medicare?**
- Are you struggling to **pay for your Part D prescription drugs or other healthcare costs?**
- Do you need help **understanding your coverage?**

The **PA MEDI Program** can help people with Medicare by screening them for assistance programs, such as:

- **Extra Help Program** - which helps lower the cost of Part D prescription drug costs
- **Medicare Savings Programs** - which covers the payment of the Medicare Part B Premium

PA MEDI can also help you understand your Medicare coverage, preventative benefits, and give you free, accurate, unbiased advice.

The Annual Open Enrollment Period is between 10/15 and 12/7, schedule an appointment with a **PA MEDI** Counselor.

call **PA MEDI** at 412.661.1438
or visit wfspa.org/service/pamedi

This project was supported, in part by grant number 2201PAMIAA-00, from the U.S. Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. 20201.



2024 PAVING PROGRAM

Roads scheduled to be paved this year are:

- Lehigh Avenue from Highland Avenue to Amherst Avenue
- Carlisle Avenue from Adrian Avenue to Yale Avenue
- Oberlin Avenue
- Montclair Avenue from Jamaica Avenue to Lakewood Avenue
- Park Avenue from Perry Highway to 258 Park Avenue
- Ridgewood Avenue from Linden Alley to State Alley
- Township Road from Perry Highway to Center Avenue
- Center Avenue westbound lane ONLY – 236 feet from Bronx Avenue towards Columbia Avenue

Once we are notified of the paving schedule, we will post no parking signs on poles, vehicles, and at affected residents' doors.

BUILDING PERMIT INFORMATION

The Borough of West View has a new building permit application process. All building permitting is now being handled by Code.sys Code Consulting Inc. To apply for a building permit, all you need to do is fill out the application on their website. Your application, supplemental documents, and payment will be submitted to Code.sys.

<https://sharepoint.code-sys.com:4444/requestproject>. If you have any questions regarding your application, you can contact Code.sys. Their phone number is (412) 821-0337.

PITTSBURGH RECORD CONVENTION HAS MADE WEST VIEW ITS HOME FOR PAST 3 YEARS

For the past 3 years, the Pittsburgh Record Convention has been proud to call West View its home! First starting over 28 years ago, the convention just held its 58th show at the West View Banquet Hall on Saturday, March 2nd. They hold 3 shows each year, and their Summer 2024 show is already scheduled for Saturday, July 13th from 8am to 4pm, once again at the West View Banquet Hall. If you're looking for vinyl records, CDs, tapes, and other music memorabilia, be sure to check out the Pittsburgh Record Convention at their next show!

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The West View VFW Post 2754 Annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 27th, 2024 at 10am. The parade will form at the intersection of Perry Highway and Highland Avenue and end at West View VFW Post 2754 with a memorial service immediately following.

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CALL 911 FOR SERVICE AND RESPONSE!

You must dial 911 for Police, Fire, and EMS services regardless of whether it is or is not an emergency! The Allegheny County 911 Center manages all requests for service and support. Calling office numbers will result in a delayed response.

CONGRATULATIONS ON RECENT PROMOTIONS AND RETIREMENTS!

A promotion that was not noted in our last newsletter was the promotion of Sergeant Michael Stern. Sergeant Stern has proven to be a valuable and loyal employee since beginning his career with the West View Borough Police Department in 2011. Sergeant Stern is also a member of the North Hills Special Response Team (SRT). We commend his hard work and dedication to the residents of West View.

Please join us in congratulating Sergeant Stephen Ganster on his recent promotion to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Ganster has been a West View Police Officer for over 20 years and held the Detectives position for 11 of those 20 years. His dedication, hard work, and leadership skills have been recognized, and we couldn't be prouder of his achievements. Sergeant Ganster has been an integral part of the department and has demonstrated his leadership skills on many occasions. Ganster is also a Member of the North Hills Special Response Team as a negotiator.

Additionally, we would like to extend our congratulations to Officer Mathew Pavlecic on his recent appointment to the position of Detective. Detective Pavlecic has been a West View Police Officer since 2009. Detective Pavlecic's commitment to serving and protecting our community has been commendable, and this appointment is well-deserved. He is also our Crime Watch Officer.

We would also like to congratulate Sergeant Todd Towne on his recent retirement. Sergeant Todd Towne has had a profound and lasting impact on our community throughout his 29 years of dedicated service. Sgt Towne is also a life member of the West View Volunteer Fire Department. His extensive knowledge and experience have been instrumental in keeping our community safe and secure.

Congratulations to Mark Scheller on his recent retirement! Mark has been an invaluable member of the West View community, serving the borough for over 39 years. From his role as a police dispatcher to his dedicated work in the Public Works department, Mark has shown a remarkable commitment to serving others. Not only has he devoted countless hours to his profession, but Mark has also selflessly volunteered his time and is a life member of the West View Borough fire department. We congratulate you, Mark, on your well-deserved retirement and wish you all the best in this new chapter of your life. Enjoy your retirement!

Welcome Travis Cooney as West View's newest full-time member of the Department of Public works. Travis is a great addition to our staff with years of public works experience as a former employee of Allegheny County Public Works division. Travis along with his family reside in West View.



West View Community Association

UNIFYING OUR COMMUNITY

- Stay current on fun, informative programs and events for West View Borough
- Become a member of the planning committee for our Holiday and Garden Contest
- Lend a hand with beautifying our West View neighborhoods



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WEST VIEW VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT QUICK FACTS

In April of 2022 the three fire companies in West View, Company # 1 on Ridgewood Ave and Company #2 on Amherst Avenue were merged into one fire department that is located at the old Company # 3 Fire House across from West View Elementary. As a result of the merger the fire department was able to downsize its real estate footprint and consolidate all needed equipment and volunteers into one primary location. In doing so they were able to sell two older fire engines (pumpers from # 2 and #3) and purchase one new pumper. With the trend of volunteerism declining and the availability of mutual aid from surrounding fire departments this seemed to be a logical course of action.

The current fleet, which includes a 2002 Ford F250 quick response service (QRS) vehicle for medical support, a 2014 Ford Expedition command vehicle, a 2015 Pierce Arrow XT aerial ladder, and a 2023 Pierce Enforcer pumper, reflects the department's commitment to having the necessary equipment for effective emergency response.

Certified individuals within the fire department who are certified as QRS responders can aid and assist in emergency medical type situations. QRS is not a replacement for Ross - West View EMS however they are an asset in providing quick professional first aid care to our residents. Their involvement in supporting community events such as West View Emergency Services Day, West View Elementary Fire Safety Day, and West View United Methodist Church Pre-K Fire Safety Day further demonstrates their commitment to promoting safety and awareness within the community.

The significant funds obtained by the fire department since 2020, exceeding \$500,000, have been wisely invested in replacing self-contained breathing apparatuses, portable radios, and AEDs. Equipping all vehicles with quick response supplies or first aid supplies further enhances the department's ability to provide immediate assistance in emergency situations.

The Fire Department and the Borough are working closely to evaluate the existing structure regarding the future housing of the fire equipment and firefighters.

The West View Volunteer Fire Department has a rich history and continues to evolve to meet the changing demands of emergency services. Their dedication to serving the community and their proactive approach to enhancing their capabilities are commendable.

If you would like to become a member stop by at the firehouse 471 Perry Highway on any Monday night at 7:00 pm. That is the fire department's drill or training night, they welcome all wanting to assist in serving our community.

Win a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab Trail boss: This raffle supports the West View Volunteer Fire Department fund raising efforts. Please check out The West View Volunteer Fire Department Facebook page for more information.



ILLEGIBLE LICENSE PLATE?

Is your license plate worn or illegible? A registration plate is deemed illegible when one or more numbers or letters cannot be recognized from 50 feet or if the registration plate shows any blistering, peeling, discoloration, or loss of reflectivity. When a registration plate becomes illegible, you need to have it replaced. To apply for a free replacement of your current registration plate, the vehicle owner should print Form MV-46, "Application to Replace Registration Plate," obtained from PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services website and taking it to either a law enforcement official or a certified inspection station to verify the need for a replacement due to illegibility. The vehicle owner is then responsible for signing and returning the completed Form MV-46 (PDF) to PennDOT in order to receive a replacement registration plate free of charge.

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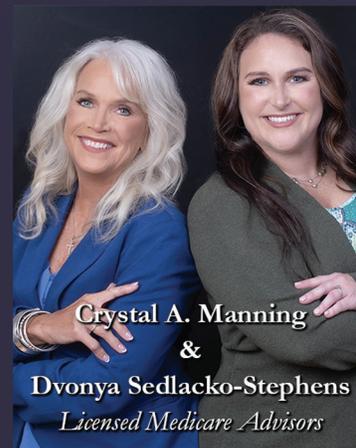
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WASTE MANAGEMENT REMINDERS

We appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding as we adjusted to the Waste Management service changes.

Here are a few helpful reminders regarding your trash service:

All trash and recycling must fit inside your carts. Materials outside the bins will no longer be accepted.

Recycling collection is now biweekly (every other week).

You may now place glass containers in your recycling bin.

Bulk items will be collected every 3rd full week of the month at no additional charge. Place your bulk item at the curb on the same day as your trash collection during your bulk collection week. Residents are permitted one bulk item per month at no additional charge. Additional items can be arranged for pickup for a fee by calling Waste Management.

Yard waste will also be collected once a month on the 3rd Saturday from April through November. You can also request leaf collection from the Borough. Leaves must be in brown yard waste bags.

Residents may purchase additional 96-gallon trash carts for an additional \$8 per cart per month. Residents may also purchase additional 64-gallon recycling carts for \$7 per cart per month. 35-gallon carts are also available for \$6 per cart per month. You must call WM at 1-800-866-4460 if you are requesting additional carts as this will be added to your service invoice. Please do not call the Borough offices for additional carts.

Residents continue to have access to the At Your Door Special Collection Service to properly dispose of and recycle household hazardous waste. These items include paints, household cleaners, compact fluorescent lamps (CFL), automotive products, garden

chemicals, batteries, televisions, computers, and more. To participate, you must set up a collection appointment. You can do so by visiting www.wmatyourdoor.com or by calling 1-800-449-7587.

West View Borough Residents age 65 and over are eligible for a Senior Discount of 15%. Call 1-800-866-4460 to register.

If Waste Management missed your scheduled collection, call 1-800-866-4460.

The Borough is still offering a one-time exchange of trash carts from the larger, ninety-six (96) gallon cart to a sixty-four (64) gallon OR a thirty-five (35) gallon cart. We are also offering a one-time exchange of recycling carts from the sixty-four (64) gallon cart to a thirty-five (35) gallon cart. Residents may call 412-931-2800 ext. 114 and leave a message or fill out the online form on our website to request an exchange.

What can you do with your old garbage containers? Place them out for trash collection with a note on the can "WM Please take" and WM will haul it away. You may repurpose the old-style red recycle containers. The Borough does not need them back.

Reminder To Properly Store Trash Carts.

The Borough greatly appreciates everyone's cooperation and patience as we have navigated the new Waste Management service changes. As a reminder, per Borough Ordinance No. 1505, all trash carts must be "kept clean and odor free at all times" and "stored so said carts are not visible from the public right-of-way."

Trash carts should only be placed in front of any property after 6:00 pm the night before the scheduled pick-up day, and all containers must be returned to their storage area by 6:00 pm on the day of collection.

2024 STREET SWEEPING

Street sweeping will begin once again on April 22nd. This service is one of the 9 Minimum Controls placed by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and ALCOSAN. This service is much more than "making the roads look nice."

We collect leaves, silt, sediment, and other foreign bodies that would otherwise go into the 3 watersheds that West View feeds. Those watersheds are Girty's Run, Spruce Run, and Lowries Run. All three eventually feed into the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers.

From April 22nd through November 15th, you will once again need to pay attention to the street sweeping signs if you park your car on the streets of West View. The times and days of the week for street sweeping are posted on each street in the Borough. Vehicles are to be moved during those times, even if the street sweeper already passed through.

Fines for street sweeping are \$10.00 and if not paid, a state citation will be issued. We thank you in advance for keeping the lanes clear so the street sweeper can clean our streets. Your cooperation is what makes the program successful. Street sweeping schedules are available in our lobby at 441 Perry Highway and on our website at www.wvboro.com.



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