



The Borough of WEST READING

SPRING/SUMMER 2026

Welcome to the Spring/Summer 2026 Edition of the Borough of West Reading Newsletter. We hope you find the information in this newsletter to be helpful and informative. As always, we welcome your feedback and encourage you to share your thoughts and opinions with us. Together, we can all keep West Reading a place we love to call home.

Sincerely, *Borough Council*

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From Our Mayor . . .

Hello West Reading!

As spring arrives and we head into the summer season, our borough begins to feel alive again. With busier sidewalks, open storefronts, and neighbors gathering in our parks and public spaces, the West Reading Police Department, Borough Council, and our borough team remain focused on keeping West Reading safe, vibrant, and well-maintained while continuing the steady work that protects our quality of life.

A Full Season of Community Events

Spring and summer are some of the most active months in West Reading, and our 2026 event calendar reflects that energy. Residents can look forward to:

- **2nd Fridays**
- **Craft Pretzel & Beer Festival – April 25**
- **Art on the Avenue – June 20**
- **National Night Out – August 4**
- **French Fry Festival – August 15**
- **Fall Fest – September 19**
- **West Reading Farmers Market – May**
- **Recreation and the WRCRF/VisitWestReading are always adding events – so keep an eye on the socials!**

We are also proud to once again host and partner with the Berks County Armed Forces Day Parade on May 16, honoring the men and women who have served our country.

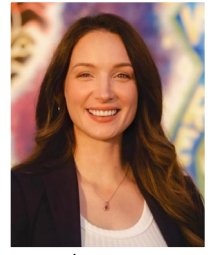
Immediately following the parade, the West Reading Fire Company will gather at the firehouse at 223 Playground Drive to celebrate its 125th Anniversary and the ceremonial housing of the engine and utility vehicles. Residents are encouraged to join in recognizing generations of firefighters who have served our community.

Community Participation Matters

West Reading thrives because residents stay engaged. Whether you attend an event, support a local business, volunteer, join a committee, or participate in a Borough meeting, your involvement helps keep our community strong.

Thank you for your continued pride in West Reading. I look forward to seeing you around the borough for another great spring and summer season!

Warmly,
Mayor *Samantha Kaag*
West Reading Borough



Samantha Kaag, Mayor



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West Reading Borough Meeting Schedule

Borough Council, 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. & 4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Budget Workshops/Council Meetings

August 25, 6 p.m. September 22, 6 p.m. October 10, 9 a.m. November 7, 9 a.m.

Planning Commission, 1st Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Traffic & Infrastructure Committee, 2nd Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Recreation Commission 1st Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

*All meetings are held at West Reading Borough Hall
 500 Chestnut Street, West Reading, PA 19611*

Stay Informed! For up-to-date information pertaining to snow emergencies, changes to trash or recycling collection, meeting dates and times, or events around the Borough, please visit www.westreadingborough.com.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

April 3 – Good Friday	September 7 – Labor Day
May 25 – Memorial Day	October 12 – Columbus Day
July 3 – Independence Day	

Utility Payment

WATER/SEWER/ REFUSE BILLING SCHEDULE

Quarter	Months Billed	Bills Mailed	Due Date *
1st	January - March	April 1st	April 30th
2nd	April - June	July 1st	July 31st
3rd	July - September	October 1st	October 30th
4th	October - December	January 1st	January 29th

* Utility bills are due on the last business day of the month.

Xpress Bill Pay – The Easiest Way To Pay Your Bill!

Our online payment option saves you time and gives you flexibility in how you pay your bill. When you sign up for online bill pay, you will get a secure password to access your personal account at www.xpressbillpay.com. A reminder email will be sent to let you know when your bill is online. You also have the option to keep our planet happy and healthy by requesting to go paperless.

Please note: Online payments are not an option for code department fees. Please also note that a 3.5% transaction fee will be charged for all credit and debit card transactions.

A \$1.00 per transaction fee will be assessed for electronic check processing.



Committee Vacancies

Join Us! Help shape the future of your community by becoming a volunteer member of one of your local boards or committees. These resident-led groups help shape public policy, drive economic development, deliver local services, and make significant contributions to our quality of life. Public service is a valuable resource, and your time is greatly appreciated! You can make a huge difference by contributing just a few hours every month. Please refer to the Borough's website: www.westreadingborough.com for a current list of "Committee Vacancies".

RECYCLING/TRASH INFORMATION

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Looking for a responsible way to dispose of unwanted paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides at no cost to you? The Governor Mifflin Intermediate School, located at 600 Governor Drive Shillington will be hosting a hazardous waste disposal event on **Saturday, April 11th from 8am to 12pm rain or shine**. This event is free to all Berks County residents, pre-registration is required. Please visit www.co.berks.pa.us/swa to register. Household hazardous waste is any household product that is labeled: caution, danger, flammable, explosive, toxic, warning, corrosive, poison, volatile or any combination of these characteristics. Placing these items in the trash or down the drain contributes to the pollution of our air and drinking water.

Toxic.Free.Home.



Participate In Your Local Household Hazardous Waste Roundups

COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT

Looking for a way to dispose of personal and confidential documents? The Governor Mifflin Intermediate School, located at 600 Governor Drive Shillington will be hosting a community shredding event on **Saturday, April 18th from 8am to 12pm rain or shine**. This event is free to all Berks County residents. A maximum of five boxes are allowed per vehicle. Please visit www.co.berks.pa.us/swa to register. Help protect yourself and your family from identity theft by having your personal and confidential information shredded.



2026 Trash & Recycling Calendar

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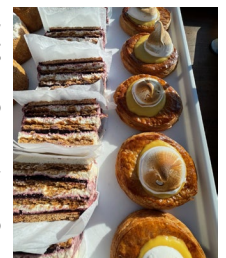
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■ = Trash Collection
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 Bulk Trash - Items may be placed out on a regular trash day with a bulk tag purchased from the Borough and affixed to the item you wish to dispose of. Tags must be purchased a minimum of 48 hours prior to collection. For more information, please call or visit Borough Hall or the website. **Items not accepted for curbside collection** : computer equipment, televisions, tires, motor oil, propane/gas tanks, hazardous materials.

West Reading Farmers' Market

West Reading Farmers' Market is entering its 20th season as a producer-only outdoor farmers' market. Every vendor is a hand-picked small-scale farmer (produce, livestock, or dairy) or food business located within 50 miles of West Reading. Each item is grown, raised, or hand-made. Our passion is educating our customers on the benefits and positive impact of committing to supporting locally grown and produced foods. We offer a variety of seasonal vegetables and fruits, artisan pastries, cookies, and organic breads, pastured meats, poultry, and eggs, cheeses, raw local honey, hand-made ravioli and pasta, olive oil, locally roasted coffee and blended teas, fresh cut flowers, herbal tinctures and body products, locally fermented cider and beer. All value-added producers are highly encouraged to source local ingredients whenever possible. Check us out on the 500 block of Penn Ave. & S. 6th Ave. every Sunday 10 AM - 1 PM, rain or shine.

Every market features live music, free samples, and our primary goal of serving as a gathering place for those who love local foods, while supporting our vendors in getting their goods to the community. We also celebrate local artisan crafters every Second Sunday of the month. Please take part in supporting our producers each Sunday as they show up rain or shine to nourish your family. If knowing where your food comes from is important to you, THIS is the farmers' market for you! The market is now accepting SNAP, and our vegetable and mushroom growers accept Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) checks. See the market info table on our website for more information. See you on the Ave! Westreadingfarmersmarket.com



Our Municipal Code is Online (Go to ecode360.com/WE3192)

Important new local ordinances:

- **Micromobility Vehicles** – An overhaul of the 1960 Bicycles Ordinance was adopted to include regulations pertaining to e-bikes, and electric-powered options such as scooters and Segways. Visit ecode360.com/30061817 under New Laws for more information.
- **Residential Permit Parking Amendment** – This program was expanded to include additional participants. Visit <https://www.westreadingborough.com/borough-council/resolutions/> for a list of street additions and a map.
- **Off-Street Metered Parking Amendment** – Additional off-street paid parking spaces have been established on 433 Penn Avenue. Please note that these provisions may be suspended to accommodate special events, such as Art on the Avenue and Fall Fest. Visit ecode360.com/30038921 under New Laws for more information.

Water Conservation

Water conservation involves using water efficiently to reduce waste and protect this finite resource, which is critical for environmental sustainability, cost savings, and future availability. Key actions include repairing leaks, installing low-flow fixtures, running full loads of laundry/dishes, taking shorter showers, and using drought-resistant landscaping.

Methods of Water Conservation at Home

- **Bathroom (50%+ of indoor usage):** Turn off the tap while brushing teeth or shaving. Take shorter showers instead of baths. Install low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators, and dual-flush toilets.
- **Kitchen:** Run dishwashers only when fully loaded. Use a bowl for washing produce rather than running water. Keep drinking water in the fridge rather than letting the faucet run cold.
- **Laundry:** Wash only full loads.
- **Outdoors:** Water lawns early in the morning or late evening to minimize evaporation. Use rain barrels to collect water. Sweep driveways/sidewalks instead of using a hose. Use drought-tolerant plants.

West Reading Community Revitalization Foundation

As The Days Get Longer

As each day gets a little longer and the sunsets a little more beautiful, it means Spring and Summer are right around the corner. After such a harsh winter, everyone is ready to get out and about. As we see the temperatures rise, so does the level of excitement on the Avenue. Things start to heat up with our first big festival of the year, Craft Pretzel and Beer Fest, featuring live music, over 80 vendors, and a VIP beer tasting tent for our hop lovers. Join us on Saturday, April 25th, from 11 am-5 pm, spanning the 500 to 700 blocks of Penn Avenue.



If you like live music, you'll love our 2nd Friday Summer Concert Series from May to October with live music every 2nd Friday at our N 6th Ave stage from 6-8 pm. Stroll the Avenue with friends, enjoy pop-up food and drink carts, sidewalk sales, and acoustic musicians up and

Grant Funding

The following grant funds were awarded to the borough:

- **PA Small Water & Sewer Program Grants** - \$400,000 to support watermain replacement in the 100 and 200 blocks of South Seventh Avenue; \$232,612 to support watermain replacement in the 100 block of Olive Street.
- **Multimodal Transportation Fund Grants** - \$543,180 to replace the curb, sidewalk, and handicap ramps on Playground Drive; \$132,047 to install a rapid flashing pedestrian crossing device at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Pine Street.
- **Green Light-Go Grants** - \$157,545 for improvements to the traffic signals located at Seventh Avenue and Parkside Drive North, Seventh Avenue and Reading Avenue, and Hill Avenue; \$228,404 for ADA improvements to the traffic signals located at Seventh Avenue and Parkside Drive North, Seventh Avenue and Reading Avenue, and Hill Avenue.



Benefits of Water Conservation

- **Environmental Protection:** Protects aquatic ecosystems, wetlands, and habitats from depletion.
- **Cost Savings:** Lower water and energy bills (less hot water used).
- **Resource Management: Ensures long-term availability for future generations and reduces the strain on water infrastructure.**

Getting Involved in Conservation Efforts

- **Audit Usage:** Check water bills for leaks.
- **Upgrade Technology:** Replace old appliances with WaterSense-labeled products.
- **Community Action:** Participate in local water-saving programs, educate others, and keep storm drains clear of debris.

The future of water conservation focuses on balancing growing population demand with a finite supply, emphasizing smarter technology, better policy, and increased public awareness.

down the Avenue to make the evening a fun experience. If you're looking for late-night shopping, join us every 3rd Thursday for Local Love with over 20 retail stores staying open till 8 pm to accommodate your late-night shopping needs.

Things really start to heat up in June with our annual Art the Avenue Festival on Saturday, June 20th, from 11 am-7 pm, with over 200 vendors and 18 live music acts on 3 stages. Are you a foodie? Join us on Saturday, August 15th, from 11 am-5 pm with over 80 vendors and all kinds of crazy French fry dishes to sample. Still looking for more fun? Our annual Fall Fest is September, 19th, from 11 am-7 pm, spanning the 400-700 blocks with over 200 vendors and 18 live music acts up and down the Avenue.

Whether you want a quiet evening or you're looking for a fun, large-scale festival, the Avenue offers it all. From quaint shopping, candlelit dinners, or dancing in the middle of the Avenue listening to live music at one of our festivals, West Reading has what you're looking for.

West Reading Police Department

Emergencies Dial 911 • WRPD Station 610-373-0111 • Office Hours Mon – Fri, 8am – 5pm Saturday and Sunday Closed



Hours of Operations

To better serve our residents and visitors, the West Reading Borough Police Department (WRPD) administrative office hours are:

- Monday to Friday - 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM
- Closed Saturday and Sunday
- In an emergency, please dial 911 for an immediate police response.

For non-emergency police responses, please call (610) 373-0111. Calls outside of the administrative office hours will forward to the Berks County Communications Center. Our officers are on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year - whenever you need us.

Please note: Please note: Parking signs are available for purchase when the Police Department is closed.

Street Postings

Street cleaning is seasonal and takes place regularly throughout the borough. At times, the road crew may also post streets for additional maintenance work to keep our community safe and well-maintained.

We ask residents to please check their street for "No Parking" sign postings.

- Signs are typically placed the day before scheduled work.
- Signs may be posted on poles, trees, or temporary stakes along the affected block.
- Vehicles must be removed during the times listed on the signs.
- Vehicles not moved during posted times are subject to citation.
- Once the scheduled work has been completed, the signs will be removed.

Your attention to posted signage allows the road crew to complete their work safely and efficiently and helps keep West Reading's streets clean and accessible for everyone.

Going on Vacation?

If you plan to be away from your home, whether for a night or an extended trip, we encourage you to notify the West Reading Police Department by submitting a Vacation Notice.

Letting us know you'll be away helps our officers remain aware of unoccupied properties and respond more effectively if an emergency or concern arises. It is also helpful if your vehicle remains parked on the street and your block is posted for maintenance work while you are gone.

- Vacation Notices may be submitted online 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- The form is available under the Forms section of our website or at the link below.
- You may also contact our administrative office at (610) 373-0111.
- In-person assistance is available at 500 Chestnut Street during normal business hours.

Online Vacation Notice Form: <https://berks.crimewatchpa.com/westreadingpd/23545/post/new-online-vacation-notice-form>

Our goal is to work in partnership with residents to keep West Reading safe and secure. Taking a moment to notify us before you leave allows us to better support you while you're away.

We wish you safe travels and look forward to welcoming you home!

Spring & Summer Safety Tips from the West Reading Police Department

Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety

- Expect increased foot and bicycle traffic.
- With more walkers, runners, and cyclists out and about, please remain alert while driving.
- Cyclists should wear helmets, maintain visibility, and follow all traffic laws.
- Pedestrians are encouraged to use crosswalks and stay visible, especially during evening hours.

Home & Neighborhood Awareness

- Warmer weather often means open windows and doors - remember to secure them when you leave home.
- If you'll be away for vacation, consider asking a trusted neighbor to keep an eye on your property and file a vacation report with the police department.
- Report any suspicious activity to the police department immediately. Early reporting allows us to respond quickly.

Vehicle Safety

- Never leave valuables in plain sight inside your vehicle.
- Lock your car doors - even when parking at home.
- Never leave children or pets unattended in a vehicle, even for a short time.
- Many thefts are crimes of opportunity. A locked vehicle and mindful habits go a long way.

Outdoor Safety & Borough Ordinances

- Be mindful around grills and outdoor fires - keep them away from structures and attended at all times.
- Follow our local ordinances for outdoor burning, fireworks, and noise.
- Stay hydrated and take breaks in the shade during extreme heat.

If you're unsure about a borough ordinance, please reach out. We're happy to answer questions.

Community Engagement

Spring and summer are some of our favorite and most popular seasons in West Reading. From community events to neighborhood gatherings, we look forward to seeing and speaking with residents throughout the borough.

We encourage you to stop and say hello when you see our officers. Building strong relationships is a key part of community policing, and your partnership makes a difference.

If you ever have questions, concerns, or simply want to connect, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Stay Connected

Stay up to date with news, updates, and community events by following the West Reading Police Department:

- Our Webpage at: www.westreadingpolice.com
- Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/WRPolice>
- Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/westreadingpd/>
- Twitter at: [www.twitter.com/WRPolice](https://twitter.com/WRPolice)

The officers and staff of West Reading Police Department wish all Borough residents and visitors alike a very safe and enjoyable spring and summer.

West Reading Fire Department – Fire Chief Chad T. Moyer

Emergencies- DIAL 911 | Non-emergency- 610-372-9621 | website: www.wrfire.com
Email: cmoyer@WestReadingBorough.org | Facebook: www.facebook.com/westreadingfire



WRFD in Cyberspace

Please check out our website at www.wrfire.com. The website has given us an opportunity to give the public a better look at who we are and what we do for the community. Please check us out! Also, if you are a Facebook or Twitter user please search for “West Reading Fire Department” and “Like” our page to keep up to date on what’s happening at the WRFD!

Fire Safety

Please remember that with warm weather on the way, outdoor cooking on grills is right around the corner. Please make sure that if you use a gas grill you confirm that it is correctly connected and that you don’t have any gas leaks before you turn it on. If you have even a small leak, it could cause a fire with dangerous consequences. Also remember to keep your grill away from your home or any other combustible structures. Also, an important thing to remember is to use any gas-burning grill outside, not inside your home. These grills produce carbon monoxide, which is colorless and odorless and can kill you. If you have any questions about using your gas grill, please give us a call.

Also remember to periodically check your smoke detectors, because a dead battery in your smoke detector will not help you in a fire emergency. Many of the homes that we visit on fire calls do not have operating smoke detectors, or they have none at all. Smoke detectors are a cheap way to keep your family safe, so please make sure they are in working order. We have smoke detectors available for sale at our station at a cost of \$10.00 each and we can also install them in your home at no charge to you. We will also install owner provided smoke detector batteries for you at no charge if you are unable to do it yourself. Please give us a call for more information.

Open Burning

Please be advised that open burning is illegal in the Borough of West Reading unless you apply for and receive a permit from the Codes Office. This means **no open burning of leaves or other yard waste, or any type of outdoor temporary fireplace/fire pit without prior authorization from the fire department.** Please have consideration for your neighbors and refrain from burning anything in your yards this spring. If you have any

questions, please contact the Borough’s Code Enforcement Department.

Fire Extinguishers

We get calls at the station from residents all the time about fire extinguishers...what kind do I need for my home?? What can be done with old or used fire extinguishers?? We would love to help you!

We do not sell fire extinguishers here at the WRFD, but we would recommend that you visit any home improvement store or fire extinguisher vendor and look closely at the packaging to make sure you purchase an extinguisher that will work with the hazards you have in your home. Selecting the wrong fire extinguisher for the fire hazard can be very dangerous.

As far as old extinguishers or used units are concerned, if you don’t feel comfortable throwing them away in the trash, please bring them to the station any Wednesday night at 6pm and we will dispose of them for you. Any questions please give us a call.

Membership

We are always looking for a few good men or women! We accept membership applications starting at the age of 14. If you are interested in volunteering with your neighborhood fire department as a firefighter, fire police officer, or just to help out with non-fire related events please log on to www.wrfire.com and download an application or visit us any Wednesday night to pick up an application.

Chicken BBQ Fund Raiser

We will be holding our annual chicken BBQ on Sunday, March 29th, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Meals include ½ chicken, baked potato, applesauce, and a roll & butter. All meals will be prepared by **Kauffman’s Chicken BBQ.**



To get your tickets: speak with any West Reading Fire Department member, purchase online via the link on the Borough website, or purchase them on the day of the BBQ (a limited number of walk-in sales will be available). Pre-orders that are not picked up by 3:00 p.m. will be donated to feed those in need.

2026 Tax Collector Information



In the absence of an elected tax collector, the Borough of West Reading has contracted with the County of Berks Treasurer’s Office to collect its real estate taxes beginning in 2026.

West Reading Borough taxpayers may now pay their annual and interim tax bills online via credit cards through AllPaid on the county’s website. The online option is for County/Municipal taxes only. Please be advised that the vendor collects a service fee, calculated by the balance due on the bill. After the total is updated, the taxpayer may choose whether to proceed with the online payment. To access the online tax payment portal, visit the Berks County Website www.berkspa.gov under “How Do I?”. Questions regarding the online payment option should be directed to the Berks County Treasurer’s Office. If you wish to request a copy of a tax bill or a tax certification, please contact:

Where: Berks County Treasurer, County Services Center, 633 Court Street, 2nd Floor, Reading, PA 19601

Days: Monday through Friday

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Phone: 610-478-6640

Email: treasurer@berkspa.gov

Links:

- New online payment option for current annual county/municipal real estate taxes: <https://paytaxonline.countyofberks.com/CurrentYearTax/>
- Delinquent county/municipal property tax payments: <https://www.countyofberks.com/departments/tax-claim-bureau/delinquent-tax-search>

Please note that payments can also be made at West Reading Borough Hall during normal business hours of Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Check or money order payments, placed in an envelope with the phone and bill numbers, can be placed in a drop box at either the courthouse or Borough Hall. No cash payments will be accepted.

Tax payments are accepted in full by check, money order, or online at www.berkspa.gov under “How Do I?” Checks are to be made payable to the Berks County Treasurer.

Public Works Department

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping keeps roads safe by removing debris that clog storm drains and reduces the number of pollutants that collect on Borough streets. To avoid clogging the sweeper we ask that you please place Borough tree branches in the planting strip/sidewalk area. Be mindful of street sweeping signs that are posted on the street where you park. To remind yourself of the street cleaning schedule place a reminder in your smart phone to remove your vehicle at the appropriate time to avoid a parking ticket. If a scheduled street cleaning day falls on a holiday, unless otherwise specified, that street would not be cleaned until the next scheduled cleaning day.

Upcoming Infrastructure Improvement Plans (subject to change)

- 200 Block of South 2nd Avenue Paving
- 00 Block of North & South 6th Avenue
- 400 Block of Reading Avenue Paving
- Parkview Road Paving
- Cowboy Alley Paving (located between Lakeview Drive and 7th Avenue, behind Spruce Street and Wayne Avenue)
- Water Line Replacement – Grant funding has been awarded to replace the 100 block of Olive Street and the 100 and 200 blocks of South 7th Avenue.



These projects could present some inconveniences for residents and travelers alike. Please use extreme caution through changing traffic patterns and detour routes. Allow additional time during your travel through the Borough for the safety of everyone!

Sewer Backups

Backups can be caused by a multitude of problems such as grease build up, tree roots, feminine products, towels/wipes, toys, etc. Therefore, we want to remind all residents and businesses to avoid flushing anything other than toilet paper.

At any time, day, or night when a sewer backup occurs at your home or business your first call should be to the Borough. As part of your sewer maintenance fee, the Public Works Department will plunge the sewer trap located near your home/business to remove the clog, possibly saving you the expense of hiring a plumber. If the clog is located between your home and the curb line, we will notify you of the need for plumbing services. The Borough maintains the sewer system from the curb to the main.

To report a sewer backup during normal business hours (Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm) contact Borough Hall at 610-374-8273; outside of normal business hours contact the non-emergency Police line at 610-373-0111 to dispatch a member of the Public Works Department to your location.

Go Green Program

Yard waste may be disposed of between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday by appointment at the Borough Garage, please call 610-374-8605 to schedule an appointment:

Or

Yard waste may be disposed of on the first Saturday of the month without an appointment from 9:00 a.m. to Noon during the months of April through November.

The following types of yard waste will be accepted:

- Grass clippings
- Hedge clippings
- Leaves

- Tree branches (cut 4' or shorter and no thicker than 4" in diameter)
- Garden waste

The Borough Garage is located at South 1st Avenue and Chestnut Street. The program is open to West Reading residents only, proof of residency is required.

No contractors are permitted at the drop off site. We reserve the right to refuse large quantities or unsuitable materials. The yard waste will be transported to an area facility and converted into mulch to keep yard waste out of the landfill.

How Do I Report a Street Light Outage?

Ensuring streetlights come on each night is very important to the safety of the community and can help reduce crime. When a report is made to First Energy the utility line crews and troubleshooters are responsible for making streetlight repairs as quickly as possible. To report a streetlight outage:

- Call: 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877) and say "streetlight" after the greeting.
- Online: www.firstenergycorp.com click "Outages" and "Outdoor Lighting Problem" to answer questions such as:
 - Your name and phone number (in case they need more information).
 - Address where the streetlight is located (nearest house or business address and the nearest cross street).
 - Numbers on the metal plate(s) on the utility pole (see image right).
 - What is wrong with the streetlight (damaged pole, broken light fixture, light is off at night, or on during the day, or flickers).



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Recreation Ramblings

The purpose of the Recreation Department is to create, as well as provide, a diverse number of programs, services, and events for borough residents. The borough is home to a 21-acre park which features facilities including a cutting-edge pickleball court, 9-hole disc golf course, baseball/softball fields, stone pavilion, gravel track, volleyball court, walking trails, basketball courts (play host to the storied West Reading Summer Basketball League), and a community swimming pool.



Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 29, 2026 Time: 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the West Reading Pavilion. Please bring your own basket. The Recreation Commission will have plenty of goodies to give away! The Easter Egg Hunt is open to West Reading Borough children up to 10 years of age. The Easter Bunny will be on hand for photos as well!



West Reading Kids Fishing Rodeo

Saturday, April 11, 2026 Time: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The West Reading kids' fishing rodeo is back for 2026! Registration is \$10, and the event is open to borough children from ages 4-13. Registration forms are available at borough hall or on the borough's website. A free T-shirt will be provided to all registered participants, along with prizes for netting a golden trout. Fishing will begin at 9:00 AM, with awards at 12:15 PM. There will be NO registrations accepted on the day of the rodeo.

Porch Fest

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2026 Time: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

The West Reading Recreation Commission is rolling out a NEW event for all to enjoy! "Porch Fest" is a free, grassroots community music festival where local musicians perform on the front porches, yards, or driveways of some West Reading homes. Music enthusiasts are encouraged to walk from house to house and enjoy a diverse range of live music while fostering a sense of community pride.

Vines & Vibes

Date: Sunday, May 17, 2026 Time: 12:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Our annual "Vines & Vibes" Concerts in the Park will once again be taking place at the West Reading Park & Pavilion. Bring friends and family, along with your chairs and blankets, for an afternoon of food, adult beverages, live music, and fun for everyone! Headlining the event will be alternative country/rock Americana band "Frog Holler." There will also be food trucks, adult beverages, plant/craft vendors, plant swap, and more! One of the most talked-about events of the spring! You don't want to miss this!

Summer Playground Program

Monday, June 8, 2026 – Friday, July 31, 2026

Enroll your children in our summer playground program held at the West Reading Park and Pavilion! Our summer playground program is for children ages 6-12. Your child will have the opportunity to make new friends, reconnect with old friends, join our field trips, and participate in a variety of activities led by our trained staff.

Pricing: Half Day Monday through Friday 8 AM to 12:00 PM - \$250 (Resident) \$350 (Non-Resident)

Pricing: Field Trip Day \$160 (optional add on)

Pool Day Every Friday! Be sure to come prepared with your swimsuit and towel and get ready to cool off! Half Day program campers swim from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM!

Field Trips: The field trip package is priced at \$160 per child. There are no refunds for unattended trips. Playground management and staff will not accept any field trip forms on the day of the trip. Please do not send your child to the playground on field trip days if they are not attending, as our staff will be on

the field trip with the children. Some of our trips for the 2026 season include the Reading Museum and Planetarium, Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Game, and more!

West Reading Park Goings-On Independence Day Bash

Date: Saturday, July 4, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM

The West Reading Pool staff will have games, contests, prizes, music, and more on the 4th of July at the West Reading Pool. There will also be 4th of July specials and new food menu options at our concession stand.

West Reading Pool

Pool Schedule

May 23 – 25, 2026 – Open for Memorial Day Weekend only (12:00 PM – 8:00 PM)

May 30 – May 31, 2026 – Open Weekend only (12:00 PM – 8:00 PM)

June 6 – August 2, 2026 - Open for the Season every day (12:00 PM – 8:00 PM)

August 3 – August 23 2026 – Pool Hours shortened (12:00 PM – 6:30 PM)

August 24 – August 28, 2026 – Pool Closed

August 29 – August 30, 2026 – Open weekend only (12:00 PM – 6:30 PM)

August 31 – September 4, 2026 – Pool Closed

September 5, 2026 – September 6, 2026 – Final Pool Weekend (12:00 PM – 6:30 PM)

September 7, 2026 – Open Labor Day (12:00 PM – 5:00 PM)

September 7, 2026 – Reopen for Pups at the Pool (5:00 PM – 6:00 PM)

Aqua Zumba/Hydro Jump

Dates and times TBA. Check out the borough website, as well as our social media pages, for updates!

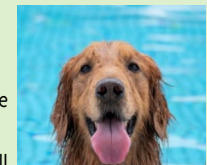
Pups at the Pool

Come and swim with your furry friend!

Date: Monday, September 7, 2026

Cost: \$10 (\$5 entrance fee, and \$5 is donated to the Humane Society)

Please rinse off your furry friend prior to entering, as well as exiting the pool. Clean water is available adjacent to the pool deck.



Pool Rates

Resident Daily Rate: \$10 per person **Must show ID**

Non-Resident Daily Rate: \$20 per person **Must show ID**

Membership Rates:

Resident	Age 3-12	\$90
	Age 13-60	\$130
	Age 61+	\$70
Non-resident	Age 3-12	\$165
	Age 13-60	\$215
	Age 61+	\$165

Wyomissing/Sacred Heart Students

\$10 per person (**must show school ID, no exceptions!**)

6-day pass (available to residents only) \$50 per person

Swim Lessons:

Resident \$105 per child **Non-resident** \$205 per child.



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