

# WEST SADSBURY TOWNSHIP

## SPRING 2020 NEWSLETTER

### REAL ESTATE TAX PAYERS

The Township is waiting to hear about pending legislation, to be able to extend the discount period.

During this time of crisis due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there will be no in person acceptance of payments. There will be a box on the front porch of the Tax Collectors residence where you can leave your payment. If you want a receipt, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your payment.

Contact James J. Fuga, Tax Collector,  
West Sadsbury Township  
542 Butternut Drive, Parkesburg, PA 19365

Contact information, Phone:  
(717) 407-5011, e-mail address:  
[james\\_fuga@yahoo.com](mailto:james_fuga@yahoo.com)

### TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

Board of Supervisors meeting, the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM

Board of Supervisors work session, the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM

Planning Commission meeting, the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM

The Township Office is located at  
6400 N. Moscow Road  
Parkesburg, PA 19365  
Phone: 610-857-5969 Fax: 610-857-1415  
E-mail: [wsadstwp@comcast.net](mailto:wsadstwp@comcast.net)

Web-site: [westsadsburytwp.org](http://westsadsburytwp.org)  
West Sadsbury Township Police  
610-857-5688

### 2020 UNITED STATES CENSUS

Make sure that you respond to the census. You should have already received an invitation to participate in the mail. You can respond by internet, phone, and paper-form or in person (after the pandemic). Census data is used to distribute more than 900 billion dollars to fund Public services including education, health care and public spaces.

### PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARY ELECTION 2020

Has been changed to Tuesday, June 2, 2020

### CREEKS, STREAMS, RIVERS & THE OCEAN

#### Need your help!

KEEP grass clippings and chopped leaves on site and out of streams. OFF the streets, OUT of the road gutters and storm drains. If you see these problems, please report them to the Township.

USE organic compost as fertilizer, limit the use of chemicals.

SET your mower height to 3 inches or higher.

Motorcycle riders will appreciate you keeping grass and leaves off the roadway.

Chopped up leaves make a great mulching material.

Watch for announcement of the next household hazardous waste collection.

## WHY SHOULD YOU CARE ABOUT STORMWATER

Whether you live in a town, the country, a city or the suburbs- when it rains, the water that runs off needs somewhere to go, **Stormwater affects everyone.**

**Streambank Erosion**, uncontrolled stormwater can cause streambank erosion, leaving bare soil and exposing tree roots. This can lead to property damage and cause issues with streambank stability.

**Pollution and Health Impacts**, stormwater picks up anything that is on the ground and carries it along with it. Animal waste, chemicals, pesticides, oil, and sediment all end up in waterways and potentially in our sources of drinking water.

We are all part of a watershed. Watersheds are land areas that drain to the nearest body of water. In **West Sadsbury Township**, first there is the **Octoraro** Watershed which flows to the **Chesapeake** Watershed which flows to the **Atlantic** Ocean. Smaller local creeks and streams also

eventually drain to a larger local water body.

Making changes to how stormwater is managed can go a long way to reduce negative impacts. Even small actions by **individual homeowners** like using a rain barrel, choosing permeable landscaping surfaces, or installing a rain garden can make a difference. **Stormwater affects everyone.**

If you live near a stream, pond, or stormwater drain you can plant a riparian (river bank) buffer or establish a grow zone along the waterbody to allow pollutants to be filtered before reaching the water. This will help prevent erosion on your property. Also, do not compost yard waste such as leaves, grass clippings or mulch into or a stream or stormwater drain. Clean up trash, litter, and other debris that may clog a drain or small stream that could potentially cause flooding or pollution from water runoff.

If you have questions about stormwater, or you are just interested in learning more, you can find a full series of videos and articles on the Penn State Extension Office website.