

BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE

2016 SUMMER

Message from Mayor Welsh



Dear Residents,

As your Mayor and representative of all residents of Westville, along with the Borough Council Members, we are keenly aware of the economic difficulties that our residents face. The Borough had been approached by competitive Private Water Companies to explore the willingness of the Borough to sell the water and sewer utility in the Borough of Westville. There has been a move lately by some Municipalities and Counties to privatize some of the services provided by them in an effort to save money and future improvement expenses. As you may be aware, recently a study was conducted by Borough Council to privatize Trash Collection. After the study was completed, Council decided the savings were not significant enough to justify privatization. Borough Council and I understand the ramifications of selling long time municipal services to a private entity and we want to have all the facts before considering a sale. Subsequently, a private engineering firm, experienced in evaluation and valuing Utility Systems was retained to provide an in-depth rate, infrastructure and necessary future capital improvement study. With the study complete, Borough Council has solicited for Requests for proposals. The proposal process will be complete soon and formal bids to purchase the Utilities will be submitted and reviewed. There will be several public hearings and informational sessions so any resident can ask questions and be fully informed. I would encourage any interested party to attend these sessions or reach out to our Borough Staff. In this letter I have provided information available to you. (For more detailed information, please go to www.westville-nj.com.)

Sincerely,

Mayor Russell W. Welsh, Jr.

Thursday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m. a Special Council Meeting was held in order to authorize by Resolution, Engineering firm, Remington & Vernick to move forward with studies on the Water Utility Valuation and Rates; to determine what the actual System is worth, and for over a 5, 10, and 15 year period. They provided a basis for Benefits vs. Cost. Remington & Vernick representatives advised that their fact finding results would allow the Borough to make a decision later on. They researched and inspected all facilities, structural and Electrical. They provided a Capital Improvement Plan for a 10-20 year period. They reviewed every improvement made by the Borough over the last 10 years, in addition to a Rate Study Cost of Improvement & sustainability. Cost of Study would be approximately \$25,000-\$35,000 and included in the Capital Improvement Plan Costs (likely to be the lower amount, because of the size of Westville). This cost was put into the RFP's (Request for Proposals), along with other specifications the Borough requested. (Example would be hiring of employees, Engineering Fees. Time frame would be thirty (30) days from the start.)

NOTE: *Meeting Minutes of this meeting are available on our website.*

Regular Scheduled Council Meetings: *July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12*

Water Evaluation Schedule of Events (All meetings @ 7:00 p.m.)

May 19 th (Thursday)	Special Meeting	Complete Evaluation, Capital Improvement Plan, Valuation & Rate Study presentation of studies
May 23 rd (Monday)	Special Meeting	RESOLUTION passed by Governing Body authorizing BIDS for sale of the utility. RFP package need to be complete by this date.
May 25 th , (Wednesday)	1 st Advertisement for RFP	
June 1 st	2 nd "	
June 8 th	3 rd "	
June 15 th	4 th "	PLUS, in periodical for municipalities
June 22 nd	5 th	
June 29 th	6 th	
Sept.-October, 2016	Public Meetings (Regular Meetings: Sept. 12 th & October 10 th)	Regarding the Sale
November 8, 2016	GENERAL ELECTION	Public Referendum on the Ordinance

For Your Information:

ELECTION DAY, Tuesday, November 8th, 2016 ~ 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. @ Community Center. *(If you are unsure if you are registered, please contact the Borough Clerk, prior to the election at 856-456-0030, Ext. 113.)*
October 18 is the DEADLINE to register to vote for General Election. Forms Available in Borough Hall.

*******NEW office hours: Monday thru Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.*******

On April 1st Municipal Office hours were changed from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Monday through Friday) to (Monday through Thursday) 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Closed on Fridays. With many residents unable to conduct business during the hours we were open to the public, Council decided to change the hours of operation in the Municipal Building. The hours will be through September 12th at which time Mayor and Council will review the need to go back to 8-4 or stay at 8-6.

For your convenience a drop box is located Drop Box located at the main entrance to the Municipal Building.

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS:

Applications available Monday ~ Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Inspections are Tuesdays & Thursdays for:

Building, Plumbing & Fire 12:00 p.m. & 2:00p.m.

Electric Inspections 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Call 856-456-0030, Ext. 114

Discounted Admission Tickets

Available in the Borough Hall
165 Broadway - Phone 856-456-0030, Ext. 115

Prices below already reflect discounted price.

Payment by cash or money order only. Tickets are not refundable!

GREAT ADVENTURE

Jackson, NJ
Theme Only \$43.
Meal Deal \$16.
Parking Pass \$22.

HURRICANE HARBOR

Jackson, NJ
Adults \$33.
Meal Deal \$16.
Parking Pass \$22.

PHILADELPHIA ZOO

Philadelphia, PA
\$20.

ADVENTURE AQUARIUM

Camden, NJ
Adults \$21. Child \$17.

CLEMENTON PARK & SPLASH WORLD

Clementon, NJ
\$25.

MOREY'S AMUSEMENTS

Wildwood, NJ
Waterpark - All Day (2 Parks) \$37.
Amusements - \$48.

Flexible Combo (Over 48") - \$63

Flexible Combo (Under 48") - \$48.

**(Flexible Combo - Ride and Waterpark DO NOT
have to be used on the same day)**

DORNEY PARK

Allentown, PA
\$46.

Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament

Lyndhurst, NJ
\$35

SAHARA SAM'S OASIS

Berlin, NJ
\$26.

Mountain Creek Water Park

Vernon, NJ
\$35

Medieval Times
DINNER & TOURNAMENT

STEELE PIER

Atlantic City, NJ
\$32.

SPLASH ZONE

Wildwood, NJ
\$24.

CRAYOLA EXPERIENCE

Easton, PA
\$19

BLUE MOUNTAIN RESORT

Palmerton, PA
Laser Tag - \$31
Summit Aerial Park - \$39
Climb, Zip & Dine - \$82

DIGGERLAND USA

Berlin, NJ
\$26

HERSEY PARK

Hersey, PA
Adult \$51. (Age 9-54)
Junior \$38. (Ages 3-8 & 55-69)

COMMUNITY CENTER – Available for rental to residents only. Call 856-456-0030, ext. 113 for more information. (1035 Broadway, behind the Library)

CLOTHING DONATIONS REMINDER: Blue Textile Clothing Bags: shoes, belts, purses, suits, jackets, sheets, towels, blankets, etc. ~ gently used items.

Place your clothing in a plastic bag and then place in the blue bag (so we can reuse the carryalls) at your curb line on the 2nd Monday of each month, rain or shine!

SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS: Closed Saturday, Sunday, Monday

Open Tuesday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Library Trustee meetings are not held during June & July; a tentative August meeting is scheduled.

PUBLIC WORKS: Any questions regarding trash pickup, please call the Public Works Department at

LARGE ARTICLE DAY

*If a holiday falls on the 1st or 3rd MONDAY of the month, then
Large Article Day will be the FOLLOWING Monday.*

MONDAY: Entire Town ~ Large items, vegetative waste (leaves, bushes, branches, **NOT CUT GRASS, grass cuttings MUST be put in with your regular trash**, wood, concrete, metal items (white goods, ranges, refrigerators, washers, etc.) only.

TREE BRANCHES should be tied in six (6) ft. lengths. Please place these items at your curb line the evening before the collections.

Thank you for your cooperation!