

WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP

"Between the Brandywines"

WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP IS GOING DIGITAL!

Our new monthly email newsletter,
The Leaflet, goes live in November!

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in the township!



SUPERVISORS ELECT JACK M. HINES, JR. IN 2024



In keeping with
the long-standing
tradition of rotating
the Chairmanship
of the Board of
Supervisors,

regardless of party affiliation,
Supervisor Jack M. Hines, Jr. was elected
Chairman for 2024.

Mr. Hines has served the Township for
40 years. First as Township Manager
for 34 years and later as a Supervisor.
Much of the wonderful things our
residents enjoy about West Bradford
can be directly attributed to Jack's hard
work alongside the number of boards
and commissions he has worked with
over the years. Mr. Hines also serves
on the Downingtown Library Board,
Pennsylvania State Police Camp Cadet
Board, and the Pennsylvania State
Association of Township Supervisors
where he serves as trustee of its
insurance program as well as its Rules
Committee.

Mr. Hines stated, "I look forward to
continuing the Township's efforts to
preserve open space and to keep our
community a wonderful place in which
to live and call home".

Jack has lived in Marshallton since 1949.
He and his wife, Marilyn, raised their
three children here in West Bradford.

West Bradford Township Spring 2024



DARC is very excited to announce the return of our printed
brochure!! Keep an eye on your mailbox as they are set to arrive
the first week of March.

Here's a peek at a few of our new programs!

**After-school Art with Abrakadoodle - From Sea to Shining
Sea:**

- Tuesdays at West Bradford and Bradford Heights beginning April 2nd.

After-school Snapology Programs (with Lego's):

- Mondays at Bradford Heights beginning on April 1st: Jedi Masters
- Fridays at West Bradford beginning on April 5th: Amusement Park Engineering

Bus Trips

College Admissions Seminar

Financial Empowerment for Women

Summer will soon be here, and we have a variety of camps for children and teenagers.
Don't miss out on our popular playground camps in West Bradford and Adventure
Camps for elementary and middle school students in neighboring townships, along
with a variety of specialty camps. Registrations opened Wed, February 15, 2024.

**FREE Community Partnership Events for DARC Residents
(Preregistration Required)**

SNAPOLGY presents: The AMAZING RACE for Ages 10-14.

Friday March 8, 2024 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Send your learner on a trip around the world to discover unique aspects of different
cultures, including national flags, traditional cuisines, influential artists, and notable
historical landmarks!

Family ICE SKATING DAY

Sharpen your blades as our Free Ice Skating event is back this year sponsored by
Power Play Ice Rink. Join us for an evening of FUN for the entire family. Children 7
and under must wear a helmet. Skate rental is included.

Saturday April 20, 2024 from 5:30-7:00 PM

Hiring Seasonal Summer Camp Staff

Do you want to make a positive impact on children, spend time outdoors and make
new friends? If so, then you need to join the DARC Summer Camp Counselor team!
And if your child must complete a graduation project, join us as a "CIT" Counselor
in Training to work with our Playground Camps. To apply go to our website, <https://downingtwnpa.myrec.com> or for questions call: 610-269-9260.

DISCOUNTED MOVIE TICKETS to Movie Tavern in Exton and Regal Theaters at
all locations are available for purchase.

Discounted Amusement Park Tickets will be available in May 2024!

Curbside Collection of Leaves & Brush

West Bradford Township will offer a curbside collection of leaves, sticks, and brush on three Wednesdays this Spring... March 27, April 10, and May 8. This convenient service is available to West Bradford residents at no cost, as yard waste in toters is not permitted. Repeat offenders who put yard waste in their toters will be fined. Leaves must be placed in biodegradable collection bags which may be purchased at the Township Building (\$0.50 /bag), or at local hardware stores. Please do not mix sticks in with the leaves. Place them in separate bags or bundle them together. Do not staple bags shut. All brush must be tied with biodegradable twine (such as cotton or hemp) into manageable bundles no longer than four feet. Please note that branches thicker than four inches cannot be collected. Collection is by appointment only! To ensure your spot on our list, please contact the Township at 610-269-4174 or ptomczak@westbradford.org by 2 pm the day before your preferred collection day. 🍂



2024 Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Events



At press time Chester County had no scheduled household hazardous waste events. Please check their website at www.chestercountyswa.org for updates. 🍂

Wednesday is Holiday Collection Day

If a regularly-scheduled refuse, recycling or large item collection day falls on a holiday, collection for that day will be rescheduled for Wednesday of the holiday week.

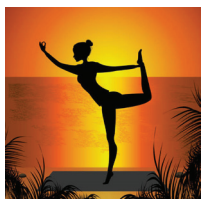
FOR THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAY: **MONDAY, MAY 27 (MEMORIAL DAY)**
REFUSE & LARGE ITEM OR RECYCLING COLLECTION WILL OCCUR ON:
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

This means to only put out on Wednesday whichever collection (refuse & large item or recycling) that would normally fall on Monday, the holiday. Your Tuesday collection will remain on the scheduled day,

A REMINDER: Per Township Ordinance, please do not put your recycling toter out on refuse day, or your refuse toter out on recycling day. Do not put trash in your recyclables or recyclables in your trash. The Township thanks you for your cooperation! 🍂



Free Yoga in the Park



Come out and enjoy some nice weather and our beautiful Shadyside Park as the West Bradford Township Parks Department is bringing you a free yoga program again this year. Dates and times will be on the website soon. Arrive early, stay late, come late, leave early, just come on out! Whether you're a novice or a pro or have never even tried yoga before, just come and have some fun. Bring your mat and towel!

WAYS TO PAY FOR YOUR UTILITY BILLS

West Bradford Township is excited to offer residents easy and convenient methods to pay their utility bills.

NO FEES:

- **Mail or bring a check** to the Township Building (1385 Campus Drive, Downingtown, PA 19335).
- **Online** bill pay through your bank (make sure to reference your 10 digit account number).
- **Go to TD Bank** at 3821 W Lincoln Highway, Downingtown, PA 19335 (only this branch) and bring your payment stub and check.
- **Set up automatic payments.** You can do this by going to our website to download the form. www.westbradford.org/documents/files/automatic-bill-payment-form-refuse-sanitary-sewer-and-hydrant-fees.

Complete the form and mail it to:
West Bradford Township
1385 Campus Drive
Downingtown, PA 19335

FEES:

- Call the Township or go to the Township Building and pay by **credit card (there is a 2.50% fee).**
- You may also make a payment by phone or check your account balance 24/7 with our automated phone service. Call (844) 810-7245 or make a payment by going to our website westbradford.org and click Online Payments. There is a per transaction limit of \$300.00.
- A service fee of \$4.50 will be applied to all credit card payments and a fee of \$1.50 will be applied to all payments made via electronic check (ACH/EFT).



VISA DISCOVER



Apple Pay Google Pay

Residents who utilize their banking institutions "bill pay" feature, please confirm that the account number you are referencing matches exactly how it is displayed on your utility bill.

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TOWNSHIP SECURE DROP BOX

Have you seen the new secure drop box at the Township Building? Did you walk past it too? We will accept payment in envelopes with a bill stub (no cash please), Building permit applications and Zoning permit applications when we aren't in the office. This will make things more accessible if you want to stop here before 7:00am or after 4:30pm or even on the weekend!



Remember the

FLUSHABLE FOUR



Human waste & toilet paper



Food wastes from garbage disposal (NO GREASE)



Water from sinks, tubs & dishwashers

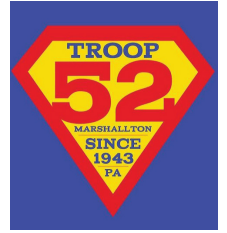


Water from washing machines

West Bradford Scouting Minute

By: John J. Bossong, III, *West Bradford Scouting Coordinator*

Troop 52 would like to thank the Township for allowing us to do our annual service project/fundraiser of collecting Christmas trees. This helps pay for the scouts to participate at summer camp and other events. We collected over 370 trees from the residents who kindly donated for the service. Thank You yet again citizens of West Bradford.



Each year council hosts a Klondike Derby where scouts participate in winter related events. This was actually the first year in a decade where we actually had snow on the ground. Both troops participated and Troop 19 took several awards!

For cub scouts this is Pinewood derby time! Each scout designs their own car and races it against the rest of the pack, this is a filled day! Winner gets to go to the local competition and then the council race in April. 🏁

Come Join the fun!

If you are interested in joining our scouting units please email us at wbscoutingunits@gmail.com

Human Foosball Court comes to Shadyside Park

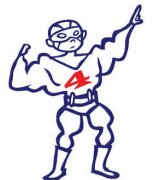
Residents of West Bradford Township may wonder what the wooden structure is by the basketball court at Shadyside Park. It is a Human Foosball Court built by Kiera (Kiki) Barwell as her Gold Award Project. The Gold Award is the highest achievement within the Girl Scouts of the USA, with only 5.4% of eligible Girl Scouts successfully earning the Award. Similar to an Eagle Project, achieving the award requires a minimum of 80 hours leading a team of volunteers in a meaningful and sustainable project for the community. After securing over \$3,000 in donations, Kiki spent 114 hours and her team volunteered an additional 212.5 hours to complete the project. Kiki chose to erect a Human Foosball Court so residents could enjoy a unique activity with friends and family. For more information on the court, the Gold Award Project, and how to play Human Foosball, go to www.kikibarwell.com. 🏆



Remember the “Flushable Four!”

If your property has a grinder pump, only four kinds of materials are permitted to be discharged into the sanitary sewer system...

1. Human waste & toilet paper
2. Food wastes processed through a garbage disposal unit (but not grease)
3. Water from sinks, tubs & dishwashers
4. Water from washing machines



All other materials can damage your grinder pump. This includes paint, adult wipes, baby wipes, and feminine hygiene products. Property owners are responsible for any damages caused by the discharge of prohibited materials.

Coatesville Library

VISIT THE COATESVILLE LIBRARY THIS SPRING!

As the days get warmer, Coatesville Library is looking forward to getting outside and active. Our annual partnership with Longwood Gardens and their Community Read has us thinking about the magic of getting into the garden. This year our reads are *The Last Garden in England* by Julia Kelly and *The Secret Garden* an adaptation by Calista Brill illustrated by Adeline Lirius. We're keeping up with our health with Heart Tracks, a quarterly partnership with Penn Medicine to check our heart health, detect early risk factors, and keep us on the path to good heart health.



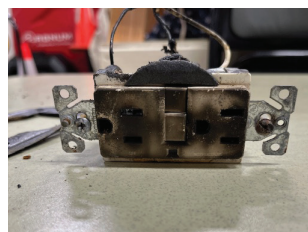
In April we'll be headed outside to witness a near-total Solar Eclipse. We'll be in prime position to see a 90% total eclipse here in Southeastern Pennsylvania, which won't happen again for 300 years! So, make sure you stop by the Coatesville library starting in March to pick up your Eclipse glasses and activities. 🌑



West Bradford Fire Company

By: Jack Law, Fire Chief

The West Bradford Fire Co. has a very important Public Safety Announcement for all residents. There have been several incidents that WBFC has been dispatched to that involve exterior GFI or GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) receptacles. These receptacles are installed on the exterior of your home or building in what appears to be a weather-resistant box. At one of these incidents, rainwater had penetrated the box and caused the receptacle to catch fire and burn the wire back into the dwelling. The other incident appeared to have some moisture in the box, although this was not confirmed. We urge everyone to check and replace their exterior GFCI receptacles and boxes, with a qualified electrician if necessary, to ensure they are water resistant. We also recommend placing these outside/exterior GFCI receptacles on a GFCI breaker in your electrical panel as a safeguard. These photos are actual receptacles we removed from the exterior boxes.



As always please take extra caution during the winter months when using any auxiliary heat source such as space heaters, wood or pellet stoves, and other devices. 🌿

DOWNINGTOWN LIBRARY

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WE ARE OFFERING THESE EXCITING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS, PLUS MANY MORE!



Fall Book Sale '23

Friends of the Downingtown Library Spring Used Book Sale

(donations accepted 3/18-4/8)
Friday, April 12th – Sunday, April 14th

Storytimes with Miss Rebecca

(see website for details)

Resume Workshops

March 27th & April 24th, 5-7pm

Meditation

2nd Saturday each month
10:30am-12pm

Harry Potter Trivia

(see website for details)

April Spring Fling

(see website for details)

Designer Bag Bingo!

Friday, May 10th

Preschool Science Educational

Storytimes with Mr. Brandt
Wednesdays, March 20th & April 3rd,
11-11:30am

Adventure Begins at Your Library!

Summer Reading Program

(see website for details)

To register for these programs, plus more, visit www.DowningtowntownLibrary.org.

Interested in becoming a Friend of the Downingtown Library and, among other things, helping with our biannual Used Book Sales? Visit www.downingtowntownlibrary.org/friends-of-the-library to learn how easy it is to become a Friend!

WEST BRADFORD YOUTH ATHLETICS

West Bradford Youth Athletics (WBYA) is a volunteer, non-profit organization providing recreational sports programs for children in our community. Our focus is to give the kids a safe place to play, with a focus on teamwork, sportsmanship, respect and fun.

Nearly 500 kids balled out in our Winter BASKETBALL program, with SOCCER, GOLF and LACROSSE on the docket this spring. TRACK & FIELD runs two sessions in the summer, with SOCCER AND GOLF coming back around in the fall.

Create an account on wbya.org to receive notifications and reminders about open registrations throughout the year!



Chester County Camp Cadet

An experience that will last a lifetime!

Chester County Camp Cadet is a fun and unique overnight summer camp for kids ages 11-13 who reside in, or attend school in Chester County. Camp Cadet of Chester County was established in 1971 as a way to promote good relations between police and young people.

Our program provides kids with an understanding of law enforcement activities, as well as comfort with the professionals who serve their communities.

Cadets live in an atmosphere modeled after the State Police Academy, where emphasis is placed on improving self-discipline, confidence and self-esteem. During this action-packed week, Cadets will learn teamwork and the benefits of making good decisions as well as respect for authority and each other.

Troopers and other specially selected law enforcement professionals, both male and female, serve as counselors.

Our program is offered exclusively to young people residing in Chester County, at no cost to their families.

To be eligible, cadets must be at least 11 and not yet 14 by the first day of camp. Cadets must live in, or go to school in Chester County. Selection to attend our camp is based on numerous factors and is at the discretion of the Camp Director.

www.cccampcadet.org 🐾



Downingtown West Little League

Downingtown West Little League (DWLL) is a volunteer, non-profit organization providing Baseball, Softball and Quickball programs for the youth aged 5-16 in our community.

Over 600 kids registered with DWLL for the Spring 2023 league, and it was an amazing season! The DWLL teams worked hard & brought home some amazing accolades in the Spring season including some District victories! Our 2023 Seniors All Stars were also the Section 7 Champions and took 3rd in the PA State Tournament.

Our program is enhanced by the integration of the visions of the Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) program. PCA believes that all youth can benefit from a positive, inclusive sports culture that develops social and emotional skills, molds character, and prepares them for competition and life.

If you are interested in learning more about the DWLL programs, sponsorship or volunteering please visit our website www.dwestll.org. Follow us on Facebook & Instagram too! 🐾



Codes Corner

By: Chris Adamek, *Codes Official*

OPEN BURNING

Here in West Bradford Township the burning of yard waste and recyclables is prohibited. Yard waste materials are much more beneficial when properly composted or converted into other useable material. The Township offers curbside collections, by appointment, of leaves, sticks, and brush in the spring at no cost to our residents. Also, our own compost site, located at 2020 West Strasburg Road, offers another option with various additional services. The fee schedule for provided services can be found on our website.



The open burning of these materials can not only be dangerous, but also harmful to people with asthma and other respiratory conditions. We receive calls and complaints about burning that must be responded to by our Fire Department and emergency services team. Most often we find that the individuals involved were not aware of this regulation and are happy to comply by extinguishing the fire and taking advantage of another option. Additionally, there are exemptions and certain regulated activities that are permitted for agricultural operations in Pennsylvania. Further information and regulations can be found in Chapter 368 of the West Bradford Township Code of Ordinance, or by calling the friendly staff at the Township office. 🐾

Where to Place the Mailbox

Here are some helpful guidelines to follow when placing your mailbox:

- Position your mailbox 41" to 45" from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or point of mail entry.
- Place your mailbox 6" to 8" back from the curb. If you do not have a raised curb, contact your local postmaster for guidance.
- Put your house or apartment number on the mailbox.
- If your mailbox is on a different street from your house or apartment, put your full street address on the box.

Installing the Mailbox Post:

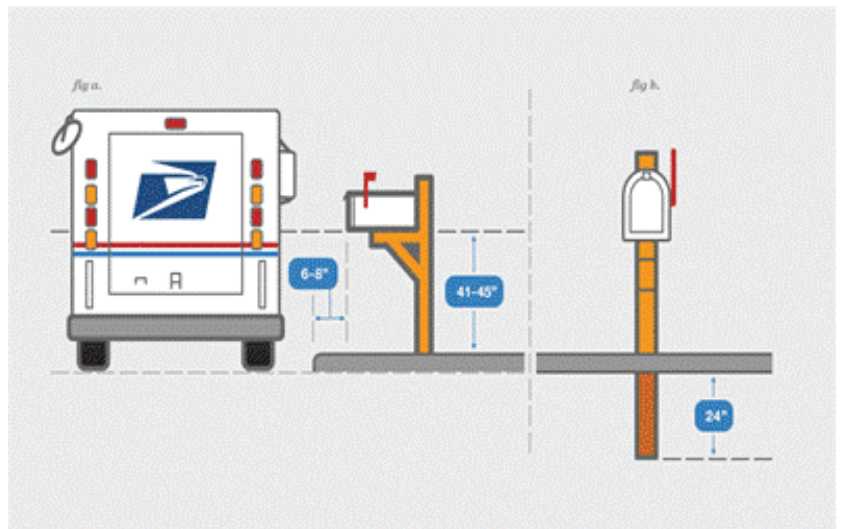
The best mailbox supports are stable but bend or fall away if a car hits them. The Federal Highway Administration recommends:

- A 4" x 4" wooden support or a 2"-diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe.
- Avoid unyielding and potentially dangerous supports, like heavy metal pipes, concrete posts, and farm equipment (e.g., milk cans filled with concrete).
- Bury your post no more than 24" deep.

Maintenance:

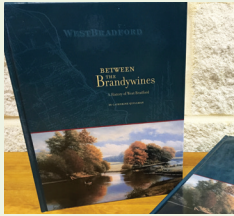
Mailboxes take a beating from the weather, so we recommend an annual mailbox checkup to avoid damage to your mail or difficulty identifying your address.

- Tighten loose hinges on the door
- Take care of rusty or loose parts
- Replace missing or faded house numbers
- Keep the path to your mailbox clear



BETWEEN THE BRANDYWINES—A HISTORY OF WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP BY CATHERINE QUILLMAN

Between the Brandywines contains more than 400 pages and includes over 250 photos, maps, and drawings. The book is available for purchase at the Township Building for \$25.



TEMPLE-WEBSTER-STONER HOUSE. ART PRINTS BY RICHARD BOLLINGER



Produced on the finest quality acid-free paper, each print has been personally signed and numbered by the renowned artist Richard Bollinger. Each print is \$75, 15" x 20 1/2" unframed, and is available for purchase at the Township Building.



PORTABLE BASKETBALL NETS

Please do not place portable basketball nets in the road or along the roadway. This is considered an encroachment on the public right of way, can create safety issues, as well as hinder our refuse/recycling collection and winter maintenance operations. If you currently have a portable net in or along the roadway, kindly move it from the street to your own property. Thank you!

Marshallton Memorial Day Parade

Sunday, May 26, 2024

The Marshallton Conservation Trust is proud to present the 2024 Marshallton Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Sunday, May 26th at 1:30 p.m. to salute the brave men and women who have served, those who continue to serve, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The parade lineup will include the Marine Corps Color Guard, colonial re-enactors, dignitaries, Boys and Girls Scouts of America, a bike parade, antique cars, and West Bradford Fire Company trucks. For more details on the parade and registration information for the bicycle contest, please visit www.marshalltonconservationtrust.org.

Photos From Marshallton Memorial Day Parade 2023



West Bradford Youth Tennis Program

The Philadelphia Area Team Tennis Association is back with its affordable local team tennis program at Broad Run Park for two age groups and experience levels! The Red Division is open to boys and girls ages 5 to 8 who are beginner or intermediate players (usually grades PK-2). The Orange Division is for children 9 to 10, and more experienced 8-year-olds (usually grades 3-4). There are limited spots available, and registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis, so please register ASAP. The program runs from April 6 through May 18. The fee for West Bradford residents is \$75 per player, including a uniform shirt, award, and end-of-season activities. The non-resident fee is \$90. For more information, visit www.local.phillyteamtennis.org/localspring, or contact Justin DePietropaolo at (610) 450-4816, or justin@phillyteamtennis.org.



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We are open Monday–Friday, 7am–4:30pm.
Phone lines open at 7:30am.

SPRING 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE: Dates and times are subject to change. Please check www.westbradford.org and follow us on facebook for updates.

MARCH 2024

3/4	Land Preservation & Sustainability Committee Meeting.....	7:00 pm
3/5	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
3/12	Board of Supervisors Meeting	7:00 pm
3/18	Recreation Commission Meeting	6:30 pm
3/19	Planning Commission Meeting (<i>if needed</i>)	7:00 pm
3/21	Historical Commission Meeting.....	7:30 pm
3/25	Large Item Collection – Monday Refuse Customers	
3/26	Large Item Collection – Tuesday Refuse Customers	
3/26	Board of Supervisors Meeting (<i>if needed</i>)	7:00 pm
3/27	Curbside Leaf/Brush Collection Schedule at 610-269-4174 or ptomczak@westbradford.org	
3/28	Large Item Collection – Thursday Refuse Customers	
3/29	Large Item Collection – Friday Refuse Customers	

MAY 2024

5/6	Land Preservation & Sustainability Committee Meeting.....	7:00 pm
5/7	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
5/8	Curbside Leaf/Brush Collection Schedule at 610-269-4174 or ptomczak@westbradford.org	
5/14	Board of Supervisors Meeting.....	7:00 pm
5/16	Historical Commission Meeting.....	7:30 pm
5/19	West Bradford Day - Broad Run Park	12:00pm - 4pm
5/20	Recreation Commission Meeting	6:30 pm
5/21	Planning Commission Meeting (<i>if needed</i>)	7:00 pm
5/27	Memorial Day Holiday Office Closed No Refuse/Large Item or Recycle Collection. The collection will be on Wednesday, May 29	
5/28	Board of Supervisors Subdivision Meeting (<i>if needed</i>).....	7:00 pm
5/29	Large Item Collection – Tuesday Refuse Customers	
5/29	Special Refuse/Large Item or Recycling Collection for Monday Customers	
5/30	Large Item Collection – Thursday Refuse Customers	
5/31	Large Item Collection – Friday Refuse Customers	

APRIL 2024

4/1	Land Preservation & Sustainability Committee Meeting.....	7:00 pm
4/2	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
4/9	Board of Supervisors Meeting	7:00 pm
4/10	Curbside Leaf/Brush Collection Schedule at 610-269-4174 or ptomczak@westbradford.org	
4/15	Recreation Commission Meeting.....	6:30 pm
4/16	Planning Commission Meeting (<i>if needed</i>)	7:00 pm
4/18	Historical Commission Meeting.....	7:30 pm
4/23	Primary Election Day	
4/23	Board of Supervisors Meeting Canceled	
4/25	Large Item Collection – Thursday Refuse Customers	
4/26	Large Item Collection – Friday Refuse Customers	
4/29	Large Item Collection – Monday Refuse Customers	
4/30	Large Item Collection – Tuesday Refuse Customers	

JUNE 2024

6/3	Land Preservation and Sustainability Committee Meeting.....	7:00 pm
6/4	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
6/11	Board of Supervisors Business/Subdivision Meeting.....	7:00 pm
6/17	Recreation Commission Meeting	6:30 pm
6/18	Planning Commission Meeting (<i>if needed</i>)	7:00 pm
6/20	Historical Commission Meeting.....	7:30 pm
6/24	Large Item Collection – Monday Refuse Customers	
6/25	Board of Supervisors Meeting (<i>if needed</i>)	7:00 pm
6/25	Large Item Collection – Tuesday Refuse Customers	
6/27	Large Item Collection – Thursday Refuse Customers	
6/28	Large Item Collection – Friday Refuse Customers	