

WEST GOSHEN



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Yard waste collection resumes on Saturday, April 9th and Saturday, April 23rd. Monthly yard waste will continue through October on the following Saturdays: May 14th, June 11th, July 16th, August 13th, September 17th, and October 15th. See back cover for specifics.

Police Officers Promoted to Sergeant and Lieutenant



Photo at far left: Lieutenant Gregory Stone (left) is congratulated by Captain Joseph Gleason

Left: Sergeant Justin DiMedio having his new badge pinned on his uniform by his wife Jennifer

At the November 10, 2010 meeting of the West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors, officers Justin E. DiMedio and Gregory M. Stone were promoted to the positions of sergeant and lieutenant respectively. Family, friends, Township staff, residents, and colleagues from around the region attended to recognize and congratulate the two officers. The two men received their new badges, which were pinned on by their wives.

Sgt. DiMedio had a lifelong familiarity with West Goshen Township, having grown up and attended school here. After a brief stint with the Birmingham Township Police Department, Sgt. DiMedio joined West Goshen's Police Department in 1995. He has served in the traffic safety unit since 2001.

"I really like it here," says Sgt. DiMedio. "West Goshen Township is a satisfying

place to work in."

As sergeant in charge of traffic safety, DiMedio will oversee the unit's four-member staff. He will be responsible for keeping traffic-safety officers up to date with training, and for scheduling officers' shifts. Sgt. DiMedio will also continue to emphasize public education of traffic safety in the "Road Rules" column of the West Goshen Township Newsletter.

Lt. Stone joined the West Goshen Police Department in May 1986, a year after moving to Chester County from Rochester, New York. His roles with the department included serving as a detective from 1997 through 2010, and being the assistant team leader for the West Chester Emergency Response Team since 2002. His work on the 1997 Konstantinus Boulias murder case led to an arrest and conviction in 2002. In

2003, Detective Stone attended the FBI Academy, an elite training program that accepts less than 1% of law enforcement professionals. As lieutenant, Stone's responsibilities will include overseeing the criminal, traffic safety, and juvenile units, compiling yearly schedules, and coordinating officer trainings.

West Goshen Police Chief Michael J. Carroll says the two men were selected for promotion based on their work performance and on an oral interview with members of the Police Department and other law enforcement professionals with similar experience. Chief Carroll explains that the two men bring an impressive breadth of experience to their positions, particularly with Lt. Stone's background in criminal investigations and emergency response and Sgt. DiMedio's supervision of traffic safety. ★

Subdivision and Land Development Report

The following plan has been approved for development:

Liberty Tool – Land development plan for a 26,000 square foot industrial supply warehouse facility with associated parking and stormwater management facilities, located at 1005 Saunders Lane.

The following plans remain under review:

Goshen Leisure Development II – The proposed plan reflects 164,150 square feet of flex office and warehouse buildings to be located at 21 Hagerty Boulevard.

Chester County Hospital: West Pavilion – The land development proposes a 71,715 square foot addition for the Chester County Hospital located at 701 East Marshall Street.

415 Goshen Road Subdivision – The proposed plan will subdivide the property, located at 415 Goshen, Road into five single family lots.

The Woodlands at Greystone – The submitted plan proposes for the development of 598 dwelling units pursuant to the Flexible Design Conservation District regulations for a 446+ acre property located along Pottstown Pike, Phoenixville Pike, and

the Route 322 Bypass (commonly referred to as the Jerrehian tract).

Roslyn Swim Club – Land development proposing to convert the existing 1,200 square foot roofed deck into a locker room/bath house facility, construct a new 1,200 square foot roofed deck, install sidewalk access to the new facilities, including a handicap accessible sidewalk to further enhance and make more useable the existing facility

A plan may be viewed, by request, by contacting West Goshen Township. ★

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6 year elected term
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1025 Paoli Pike, W.C., 19380
Police 911 or 610.696.7400
Fax 610.696.3935
police@westgoshen.org
Michael J. Carroll, *Chief of Police*

SEWER TREATMENT PLANT

848 S. Concord Rd., W.C., 19382
610.696.0900
Fax 610.429.9360
John M. Scott, *Sewer Plant Manager*

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Non-profit group assisting the Park and Recreation Board; meets bimonthly
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TAX COLLECTOR

William R. Keenan

TOWNSHIP PARKS

Barker Park
Falcon Lane by Westtown Way
Coopersmith Park
Spring Lane, off West Chester Pike
Lambert Park
1145 Pottstown Pike
West Goshen Community Park
Fern Hill & North Five Points Roads



2011 Budgets

The West Goshen Board of Supervisors approved the 2011 General Fund Budget, Sewer Fund Budget, and Waste and Recycling Fund Budget at their December 15, 2010 meeting.

2011 GENERAL FUND BUDGET		2011 SEWER FUND BUDGET		2011 WASTE & RECYCLING BUDGET	
REVENUES		REVENUES		REVENUES	
Taxes	\$10,713,000	Interest Earnings	\$5,000	Interest Earnings	\$1,200
Licenses	353,850	State Aid Employee Pension	81,558	Grants	77,512
Fines & Forfeits	193,800	Connection Fees	4,000	Waste & Recycling Income	2,124,000
Interest & Rents	73,796	Sewer Rents	3,858,148	Miscellaneous Revenue	10,000
Intergovernmental Revenue	554,517	Misc. Revenue & IWP	39,630	Fund Equity & Other	426,912
Departmental Earnings	438,650	Fund Equity & Other	1,759,666	Total Revenues	\$2,639,624
Miscellaneous Revenue	19,500				
Transfers	100,000	Total Revenues	\$5,748,002		
Fund Equity & Other	8,242,245				
Total Revenues	\$20,689,358	EXPENDITURES		EXPENDITURES	
EXPENDITURES		Administrative Expenses	\$490,307	Administrative Expenses	\$94,113
General Government	\$1,880,342	Rent to Authority	399,962	Professional Services	6,304
Public Safety	6,194,731	Collection	695,826	Contracted & Other Services	2,065,263
Highways	2,946,969	Treatment Plant	2,070,583	Transfers	100,000
Parks & Recreation	1,275,341	Transfers	43,667	Reserved for Future Year's Expenses	373,944
Debt Service & Capital Projects	1,457,048	Reserved for Future Year's Expense	2,047,657	Total Expenditures	\$2,639,624
Misc.	-	Total Expenditures	\$5,748,002		
Other Financing Uses	123,592				
Reserved for Future Year's Expenses	6,811,335				
Total Expenditures	\$20,689,358				

Public Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors (7:00 PM, second Wednesday of each month, except January): February 9; March 9; April 13.

Park and Recreation Board (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month): February 16; March 16; April 20.

Planning Commission (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month): February 15; March 15; April 19.

Sewer Authority (7:30 PM, first Wednesday of each month): February 2; March 2; April 6.

Zoning Hearing Board (7:00 PM, first Thursday after the second Wednesday each month, except where otherwise noted): February 10; March 10; April 14.

All meetings are held in the Township Administration building except the Sewer Authority, which is conducted at the Sewer Treatment Plant at 848 South Concord Road. There is a public comment period at each meeting. Additional Zoning Hearing Board Meetings may be added as needed. Check www.westgoshe.org for updates.

Keystone Collections Group Replaces Berkheimer for Tax Collections

Effective January 1, 2011, Keystone Collections Group has replaced Berkheimer as the Township's Earned Income Tax and Local Services Tax collector. Keystone Collections Group is responsible for local Earned Income Tax collection for the fourth quarter 2010 forward. Keystone Collections Group is also the agency in which West Goshen Township residents will file their 2010 local Earned Income Tax returns.

The transition from Berkheimer to Keystone Collections Group is the result of Act 32, as authored and authorized by the Pennsylvania legislature. Act 32 requires all municipalities to change from individual municipal based Earned Income

Tax collections to a county-based system. Chester County formed a Tax Collection Committee (TCC) in 2009 to address the changes required by Act 32. Through a bidding process, Keystone Collections Group won the bid over the only other bidder, Berkheimer EIT for Chester County tax collections.

Keystone Collections Group is scheduled to open a Chester County office in the Downingtown vicinity in the first quarter of 2011. In the interim, questions about your local Earned Income Tax collection made be addressed to Keystone Collections Group at www.keystonecollects.com or by calling (724) 978-0300. ★

Greening West Goshen

"Greening West Goshen" offers environmentally sound practices for homeowners, businesses, gardeners, and property managers. If you have a green tip you would like to share, forward it to Newsletter Editor Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org.

GREEN TIP Avoid or minimize using rock salt as a deicer on walks and driveways to prevent polluted runoff from snow and ice melt. Shovel snow and spread sand. Substitute or mix in calcium magnesium acetate, magnesium chloride, or nonchloride de-icing products, which are less harmful to streams.

Do the Rot Thing

The Chester County Board of Commissioners and the Chester County Solid Waste Authority are offering their popular annual Master Composter classes. These free classes meet one day per week from 7:00 through 9:00 PM over the course of three weeks, and provide the opportunity for county residents to learn how to make their own nutrient-rich compost from kitchen and garden waste. Participants who attend all three classes and perform six hours of volunteer service will receive a Master Composter Certification.

Mondays: Chester County Solid Waste Authority, 7224 Division Highway, Honey Brook, PA

March 14, 2011
March 21, 2011
March 28, 2011
Snow date: April 4, 2011
Call 610-273-3771, ext. 228 to register.

Tuesdays: Owen J. Roberts High School, 981 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA

March 15, 2011
March 22, 2011
March 29, 2011
Snow date: April 5, 2011
Call 610-469-5830 to register through Chester County Night School.

Wednesdays: Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA

March 16, 2011
March 23, 2011
March 30, 2011
Snow date: April 6, 2011
Call 610-273-3771, ext. 228 to register. ★

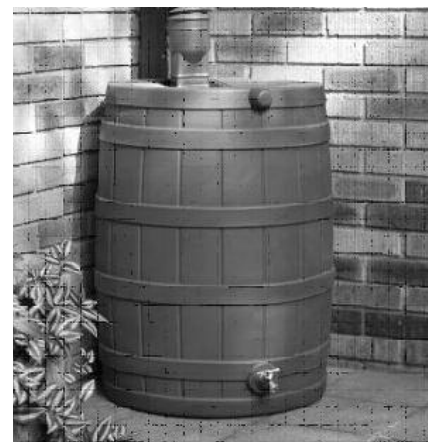
Make Use of Your Rainwater

Looking for a simple way to help the environment at home, while also benefitting your garden and yard? The Chester County Conservation District is making rain barrels available for county residents at a reduced cost of approximately \$100 each. (Price may vary slightly at time of purchase.) These forty gallon containers are made from a durable resin material with a simulated wood grain appearance, come in a neutral color with the Chester County Conservation District logo on the front, and have a flat back for close placement against your house. Some of the benefits of rain barrels include:

- Decreasing the amount of stormwater runoff from your house.
- Providing naturally softened water without chemical treatments for plants and yards, especially useful in periods of dry weather.
- Saving money by lowering water bills.

The rain barrels measure 21.5 inches x 21.5 inches x 28.25 inches high and have plastic screens on their tops to prevent infestation by mosquitoes.

To reserve a rain barrel, contact Tammy at the Chester County Conservation District at 610-925-4920, ext. 100. If calling after business hours, leave a message indicating the number of rain barrels you're interested in along with your name, email address, and phone number. Rain barrels will be available for pickup in late February or early March at the Conservation District's offices at Willowdale Town Center, 688 Unionville Road, Suite 200, Kennett Square, PA 19348. Payment will be due at the time of pickup. ★



SAVE THE DATE!! 6th Annual Chester Creek Cleanup is April 16th

Join the annual community effort to clean up Goose Creek—your local stream! Volunteers from Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association will be working with area residents and students in the 6th Annual Chester Creek Cleanup to be held on Saturday, April 16th from 9 AM to 11 AM. Last year's cleanup removed 15 tons of trash from the West Chester, West Goshen and Thornbury-Chesco sections of the creek. West Goshen residents meet behind the MacDonald's at the corner of Gay Street and Montgomery. Gloves, coffee, and bagels will be provided.

To volunteer, please contact CRC Watersheds Association, crc@nni.com or 610-892-8731.

Removing the Snow in West Goshen Township and Keeping Our Roads Safe

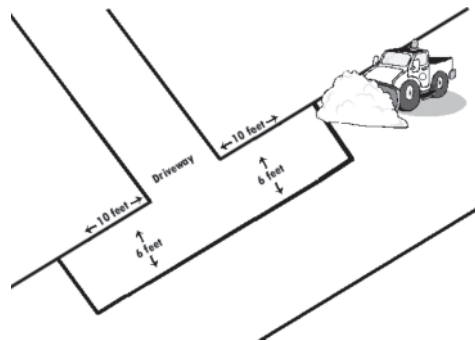
When snow falls, West Goshen's Streets Department oversees the clearing of 93 miles of roads in the Township. Township roads are divided into twelve routes, each with an assigned crew of drivers. Hills, intersections, and curves receive salt first due to the potential traffic hazards they present. Then all other areas are salted and plowed. Drivers begin one pass in each direction on streets and one pass into and out of cul-de-sacs. Once an initial clearance is made on each roadway, drivers commence with the process of pushing snow back to the road's edge and cleaning out cul-de-sacs.

While the West Goshen Streets Department works to remove snow quickly and effectively, you can help to facilitate the process in the event of a snowstorm:

■ **Make sure to park your vehicle in your driveway when the snow begins to fall.** In the case of steep driveways, park at the mouth of the drive, but off the road. Cul-de-sacs should also be free of vehicles. If a car is parked on a roadside or cul-de-sac, we may not finish plowing that street, but return several hours or even the next day to complete the work.

■ **A mailbox within a foot of the pavement and/or mounted at a height of less than four feet is most likely to be damaged by the weight of snow being pushed from a plow.** Take time to make sure your mailbox is sturdy enough to withstand the weight of snow being pushed into it and keep the front of your mailbox four to six inches behind the curb line to avoid it getting knocked over. (See illustration.) Make sure to clear snow from all walkways, stairs, and paths to mailboxes. For confirmed cases of mailboxes being damaged by plowing operations, West Goshen Township would provide a new black or white mailbox and a wooden post.

■ **When shoveling your driveway, leave the last six feet of your drive unshoveled until the plowing has ceased.** This unshoveled part will allow the snow being pushed by the plow to remain on the plow and not dumped into your drive. If you must shovel out your drive, clear a six foot area of the road that is directly in front of the mouth of your drive. In addition clear an area ten feet before and after the mouth of your drive, so that when the plow comes through, it will unload snow that it is pushing in the cleared area and not in the mouth of your drive.

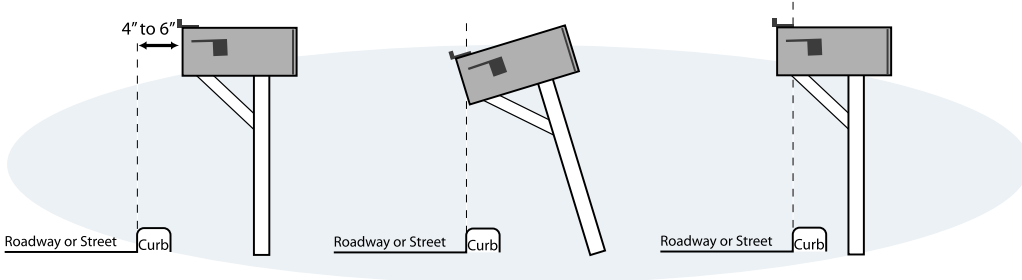


■ **Placing shoveled, blown, or plowed snow from driveways, sidewalks, or parking lots onto public streets is extremely dangerous and is a violation of Chapter 70 ("Streets and Sidewalks") of the West Goshen Code, punishable by fines up to \$1,000 per day.** The ordinance also prohibits piling snow into storm gutters.

If you have a problem, call the Township between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM on Mondays through Thursdays. Please leave your name, address, phone number, and the nature of the problem. Calls received after 3:00 PM may not be acted upon until the next business day. On Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays or after 5:00 PM, emergencies may be reported to the Police Department at 610-696-7400. Above all, be patient. ★



The West Goshen Township Public Works Department thanks everyone who trimmed their trees and bushes adjacent to roadways to comply with safety standards. During plowing season, it is especially important to remember that all tree limbs, shrubs, etc. which protrude into the roadway must be cleared a distance of three feet from the road and fifteen feet up.



PennDOT clears the following streets: Boot Road, Fern Hill Road, Greenhill Road, S. High Street (Business Route 322), E. Marshall Street, Montgomery Avenue, Paoli Pike, Phoenixville Pike, Pottstown Pike, Strasburg Road, West Chester Pike (Route 3), Westtown Road, and Routes 100, 202, and 322. Derry Lane and Sorber Drive, are cleared by the developers.

"Part of Our Community" highlights local businesses, organizations, and people who make a difference in the community. To submit ideas for future columns, please email Newsletter Editor Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org.



Part of Our Community

In 1994, construction began on a new park in West Goshen Township. West Goshen Community Park would change the nature of the Township, creating a new, centralized location for citizens to walk at, play ball in, and go to concerts and other community events. The ambitious undertaking had been approved by the Board of Supervisors one year earlier, after a survey of Township residents resulted in a 70% "Yes" response in favor of the park.

But the new park also meant the Township would face some challenges to make it fully operational. Fundraising would be needed not just for the completion of the park, but also to support events held there. Volunteers would need to be recruited to help staff those events. The Supervisors also wanted to encourage community involvement in the planning of events at the new park.

So, a new group, The Friends of West Goshen Parks was formed to tackle these challenges. In 1995, the group created and approved bylaws for the new organization. In 1996, Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Later that year, 501(c)3 non-profit status was established with the Internal Revenue Service.

Mary Ann Fell, vice-president of The Friends of West Goshen Parks, was one of the founding members. Having moved to West Goshen Township in the 1950s and raised two children here, she states, "We felt we could all benefit by having a nice park to play in." She also points to the park's importance in developing a sense of community: "We wanted to get people interested in the park and get to know each other."

Anyone who makes an annual membership contribution (\$10 or more per family) can be a member of The Friends of West Goshen Parks. The Friends of West Goshen Parks has a

Board of Directors currently comprised of six members. Officers include a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

The board is constituted by members of the community. Until 2010, board members and officers had to be residents of West Goshen Township. Last year, The Friends' board of directors approved an amendment to allow non-residents with an active interest in the community, such as businesspeople who work or own property in West Goshen Township, to also serve on the board.



THE FRIENDS OF
WEST GOSHEN PARKS

In addition to raising funds towards the completion of West Goshen Community Park and Robert Lambert Park, The Friends of West Goshen Parks have also supported numerous improvements to the parks, including the gazebo, tennis court practice wall, and ladybug and bumble bee playground

equipment at West Goshen Community Park, the school bus playground equipment at Coopersmith Park, and bulletin boards at Robert Lambert Park. The Friends have purchased one of the haycarts used for the West Goshen Harvest Festival, and bought the Township a supply of flags to be flown at the parks and Municipal Complex.

Fundraising by the Friends of West Goshen Parks has also supported the West Goshen Summer Concert Series and West Goshen Community Day. The Friends of West Goshen Parks also solicited donations of prizes from local businesses for Community Day, the Harvest Festival, and for numerous prize drawings.

Much of the fundraising by the Friends of West Goshen Parks is in the form of contributions by local businesses. Other sources of income include membership contributions, raffle drawings, proceeds from the West Goshen Community Park concession stand, and Community Day crafter fees. In 2008, The Friends of West Goshen Parks received its largest gift to date, when

West Goshen resident Jesse March left \$25,000 in his will for the support of West Goshen's parks and recreation. This money was deposited into an investment fund to provide The Friends of West Goshen Parks with a reliable, steady source of income and a reserve for any major capital emergency projects.

Members of the Friends of West Goshen Parks have volunteered at Community Days, Harvest Festivals, Easter Egg Hunts, and Decorated Bicycle Parades.

The Board of Directors meets on the first Thursdays in January, March, May, July, September, and November at 7:00 PM at the West Goshen Township Administration Building to discuss fundraising strategies, volunteer projects, and membership recruitment. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on Thursday, March 3rd at 7:00 PM. All members of The Friends of West Goshen Parks are welcome to attend board meetings. In addition, the May meeting (May 3rd this year) is the annual membership meeting, which includes votes for open directors' and officers' positions.

John Herley, president of the Friends of West Goshen Parks, makes an appeal for more residents of West Goshen Township to get involved: "We have good participation from the community at our concerts. We would appreciate it if some of the people at our programs would join The Friends of West Goshen Parks and participate with financial support and in the organization of events."

Peggy Niemeyer, a long-time board member of The Friends of West Goshen Parks, adds, "Joining The Friends of West Goshen Parks is a great opportunity to meet people in your neighborhood and in other parts of the community. It's a great opportunity to get to know what's happening in West Goshen Township. It doesn't require a lot of time, and young and old can be a part of the group."

For more information about the Friends of West Goshen Parks, call 610-692-2550.

See Membership Application at right.

Thanks!

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Board and The Friends of West Goshen Parks thank the following businesses who supported the 2010 West Goshen Summer Concert Series:

Platinum level sponsors: Park Valley Associates; QVC; TD Bank.

Silver level sponsor: 1N Bank; Krapf's Coaches; West Goshen Automotive and Fleet Services.

Supporting sponsor: PECO Energy.

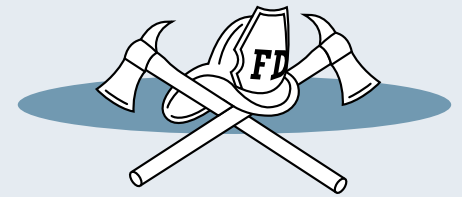
In addition, Ice Line provided prizes for the West Goshen Harvest Festival.



Suzanne Quigley, Community Affairs Manager of QVC, received a plaque recognizing QVC's Platinum Level Sponsorship of the West Goshen Summer Concert Series at the December 15, 2010 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Presenting the plaque are Gerald Napiecek (left), vice-chairman of the West Goshen Park and Recreation Board, and John Herley (right), president of The Friends of West Goshen Parks.



Andrea LaRosa, Manager of the West Goshen Branch of TD Bank, received a plaque recognizing TD Bank's Platinum Level Sponsorship of the West Goshen Summer Concert Series at the December 15, 2010 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Presenting the plaque are Gerald Napiecek (left), vice-chairman of the West Goshen Park and Recreation Board, and John Herley (right), president of The Friends of West Goshen Parks.



Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa

While snow blowers offer a convenient way of removing heavy snow, owners should make sure they are operating them in a safe manner.

- Have your snow blower inspected before each season.
- Never refuel a snow blower while it is running. To minimize the risk of fire, let the engine cool and fuel a safe distance from your house.
- Only use the proper grade and mixture of fuel. Never use substitutes or low-grade fuels.
- Do not overfill the fuel tank.
- Do not smoke while refueling.
- Do not warm up a snow blower in your garage, as it produces toxic, potentially fatal fumes.
- Always keep hands and feet away from moving parts.
- Ensure that children and pets are at a safe distance.
- Never run the machine unattended.
- Do not use your hands to clear the auger or discharge chute. Make sure the machine has been turned off, and use a broom handle or stick to clear any blockages.
- If your snow blower is electric, only use a cord designed for outdoor use and an outlet that has ground fault interrupting protection.
- Make sure you do not blow snow onto a fire hydrant, street, sidewalk, or other area that must be kept clear.
- Check the Consumer Product Safety Commission's website at www.cpsc.gov for any recalls. Snow blowers that were recalled in 2010 due to fire hazard include the Toro Power Clear 180 Single Stage blower, and Honda models HS724 (serial numbers SZBE-1037913 through 1046577), HS928 (serial numbers SZAS-1151080 through 1169012) and HS1132 (serial numbers sZBF-1018734 through 1025998).

Note that each of these safety precautions should also be taken with lawnmowers or any other power equipment. ★

The Friends of West Goshen Parks, Inc. • Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Indicate email address if you would like to receive information about upcoming events: _____

Please check if you would like to receive information about:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joining the Board of Directors as an Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering at events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with fundraising |

Make your \$10.00 check payable to:
 "The Friends of West Goshen Parks, Inc.", P.O. Box 441, West Chester, PA 19381

A Hare-Raising Tail



Once upon a time, in a land not so far away named West Goshen, there lived a rabbit. Easter was this rabbit's favorite holiday, since it always occurred in spring when the air got warmer and the flowers started to bloom. The rabbit wanted to share his love of Easter with everyone. So, he attended a Park and Recreation Board meeting in the town where he lived. Since he was unable to speak (because everyone knows rabbits can't talk), he wrote a petition suggesting a large party for all the kids in the Township, with plastic eggs filled with candy, coins, and toys. And he also suggested a parade where kids could wear hats full of the joyful spring colors. Now, no one on the Park and Recreation Board had ever seen such a large rabbit before, especially one with an opposable thumb that could handle a pencil for writing a petition, and no one was really sure what to make of the large leporid. But the Park and Recreation Board was impressed by the rabbit's enthusiasm for an Easter celebration, and everyone agreed that West Goshen Township should have an Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade for children two through nine years old who lived in the Township.

Since that time nearly twenty years ago, the West Goshen Easter Rabbit continues to visit each year, arriving in West Goshen Community Park by fire engine at 10:30 in the morning on the Saturday one week before Easter (this year on April 16th). Sometimes, if it rains, he lets the Park and Recreation Department know that he will instead arrive the day before Easter (Saturday, April 23rd) so the Park and Recreation Department can notify everyone on the West Goshen website, www.westgoshen.org, or by leaving a message on the Park and Recreation information line at 610-696-5266 if the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade is postponed.

The giant bunny leads three different age groups of children in a search for eggs. Then he marshals the parade, followed by kids wearing their colorful homemade hats. Some children even receive prizes for their hats, and everyone in the parade receives a medal for their good work.

Since 1999, the West Goshen Easter Rabbit has requested that everyone in attendance bring a dry good donation (soap, toilet paper, diapers, shampoo, deodorant, laundry detergent, etc.) to go to low-income families in Chester County. This year, donations will be given to the West Chester Food Cupboard and the Coatesville Veterans' Administration Hospital.

West Goshen children interested in joining the rabbit in his Easter celebration can register online at www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Egg_Hunt/egg_hunt.html. ★

Skatepark Scheduled to Resume Weekday Hours February 28th

The skatepark at Robert E. Lambert Park is open from 10 AM through sunset on weekends and school holidays. Beginning on Monday, February 28th, the skatepark is scheduled open at 4 PM through sunset on weekdays. The skatepark may close in the event of inclement weather, wet surface, or if temperatures are below freezing. To find out the status of the skatepark, call the West Goshen Township Administrative Offices at 610-696-5266. During hours when the offices are closed, a recorded message will indicate if the park is open or not.

Private skateboarding lessons are available through a partnership between the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department and Fairman's Skate, Snow, and Surf Shop. For more information, visit www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Skatepark/Private_Lessons/private_lessons.html. The website will also have information in March about the return of the popular monthly "Skate Jams" in which boarders can skate with the pros from Fairman's. ★

Park and Recreation Department Bus Trips Offer Highlights of New York City, Washington, DC, and Boston



The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department offers exciting trips to New York City this winter, to the Washington, DC Cherry Blossom in early spring, and to Boston over the Memorial Day weekend.

On Saturday, February, 26th, get out of the cold and surround yourself with the world-class collections of New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art. Join artist and art instructor Madeline Adams of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, as she takes the group on a guided tour of museum highlights. Have lunch in the Museum cafeteria, and spend the afternoon exploring the museum on your own. Cost of the trip is \$75 per adult, \$70 per senior 65 or older, or \$65 per student with valid school or college identification. Fee includes round-trip transportation, admission to the Museum, guided tour, a sandwich and beverage at the cafeteria, and bus driver tip.

Looking to get outside as the weather gets warmer? Then join the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department on a trip to the Washington, DC Cherry Blossom Festival on Saturday, March 26th. This will be the first day of the Festival, an annual rite of spring in the Potomac Basin. See the cherry blossoms in view, and visit the museums and monuments on the National Mall (many of them free). \$35 per person includes round-trip transportation and bus driver tip.

Spend Memorial Day weekend (Saturday, May 28th through Tuesday, May 31st) in Boston with the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department in conjunction with the West Chester Recreation and the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Departments. Depart from the Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry in East Goshen Township. Ride the swan boats in the Boston Public Gardens. Visit the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum. Tour historic sites including the U.S.S. Constitution, the Charlestown Navy Yard, Bunker Hill, Boston Common, Beacon Hill, the Old North Church, Paul Revere's House, Fenway Park, and the New England Aquarium. Shop and dine at Quincy Market and Faneuil Hall. On Memorial Day evening, see the Red Sox take on the Chicago White Sox at Fenway Park before returning home the following day. Cost is \$800 per person for a single occupancy room or \$650 per person for double, triple, or quad occupancy. Fees cover transportation, hotel lodging, tours, a ticket to the Red Sox game, and most meals and tips.

For more information about these trips, visit www.westgoshen.org, or call the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266. ★

The Return of Yoga-Pilates

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department's Yoga-Pilates classes, taught by Ageless Exercise, return to the West Goshen Township Administration Building this winter and spring. Classes are held on Monday evenings at 7:30 in the evening. Each set of six sessions costs just \$60 for residents of West Goshen Township, or \$75 for non-residents.

Winter Sessions:

Monday, January 31
Monday, February 7
Monday, February 14
Monday, February 21
Monday, February 28
Monday, March 7

Spring Sessions:

Monday, March 21
Monday, March 28
Monday, April 4
Monday, April 11
Monday, April 18
Monday, April 25

Registration forms are available on the West Goshen Township website (www.westgoshen.org). If you would like to see a fitness program offered by the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department, please let us know by emailing Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org. ★

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exercise



Lead, Inspire, Enjoy!

"This is the only job I have looked forward to every single day."

—Kimberly Trevithick, Head Counselor, Coopersmith Park

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for the position of counselor and junior counselor for the 2011 Summer Recreation Program and Summer Teen Program. Counselors organize and supervise children's activities outdoors at Barker Park, Community Park, or Coopersmith Park. Many of our current and past counselors have enjoyed multiple summers of employment preparing for careers in fields such as elementary / secondary education, physical education / therapy, sports medicine, family counseling, art education, psychology, sociology, and more!

Summer Recreation Program Counselor

Counselors are responsible for the direct supervision of children five through twelve years old while actively participating in outdoor activities at one of the three above mentioned Township parks. Under the guidance of a head counselor, counselors organize and lead a variety of activities such as sports, games, arts and crafts, and field

trips. In addition to working outdoors Monday through Friday mornings, counselors assist our Afternoon Sports Clinics one afternoon a week with beginner level instruction. Counselor applicants must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma by June 20, 2011. The deadline for counselor applications is Thursday, March 31, 2011.

Summer Recreation Program Junior Counselor

Junior counselors assist with daily activities and operations in the Summer Recreation Program and are required to be 16 years of age by June 20, 2011. Junior counselors work outdoors Monday through Friday mornings and will be assigned to one of the three park locations. The deadline for junior counselor applications is Thursday, April 28, 2011.

Summer Teen Program Counselor

The Park and Recreation Department is also hiring for the position of counselor for the Summer Teen Program. Counselors supervise thirteen to fifteen year old participants while organizing



Have fun working as a West Goshen Summer Counselor!

and leading group activities including sports, games, art, community service projects, and weekly field trips. Counselors work Monday through Friday mornings at West Goshen Community Park, with some field trips lasting longer. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma by June 20, 2011, and must submit an Application for Employment by Thursday, March 31, 2011.

Applications for Employment are available at the West Goshen Administrative Building Monday through Thursday between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM and online at www.westgoshe.org/News/Employment_Application.pdf. For more information contact Summer Program Coordinator Tom Steines at 610-696-5266 or tsteines@westgoshe.org. Both programs begin on Monday, June 20, 2011 and continue eight-weeks through Friday, August 12, 2011. Counselor applicants, 18 years and above, are required to commit to all eight weeks of the program to be eligible for employment, and must provide background clearances if offered a position. West Goshen Township is an Equal Opportunity Employer. ★



ROONIE SAYS...

Many dogs, particularly younger ones, are naturally playful and enjoy wrestling with other dogs. This behavior is often typified by chasing, tackling, barking, and even mild biting. While this behavior is play and not intended to injure, some dogs may not wish to wrestle with other dogs, or owners may be trying to teach their dogs obedience habits and not wish to have their dogs wrestle. The rules of Roonie's Canine Corner state that owners "must honor other users' requests regarding their dogs." Even if your dog only wants to play, a request by another dog owner to restrain your



dog would warrant immediate removal of your dog from his or her intended playmate without debate. Remember—this does not mean that your dog is "bad" or misbehaving, just that either the other dog doesn't want to play, or the other dog owner does not want his or her dog to play.

Roonie, the West Goshen Township Westie and namesake of Roonie's Canine Corner at Robert E. Lambert Park, offers advice for dog owners and users of the dogpark in each issue of the Township Newsletter.

ROAD RULES

In each issue of the Township Newsletter, the West Goshen Police Traffic Safety Unit will provide information for drivers, focusing on sections of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code or on other traffic safety issues.

With winter upon us, drivers are reminded of the importance of a well-maintained vehicle. If left unchecked, even minor malfunctions could potentially cause an unsafe situation. Worn or defective tires, bad belts, low fluid levels, a weak battery or any number of minor maintenance issues that may arise between annual safety inspections can leave a driver sitting along the road broken down, or worse yet, cause the loss of control of a vehicle. Information can be found at http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/inspections/Maintaining_Your_Vehicle_Beyond_Inspections.shtml, including suggested weekly and monthly vehicle checks as well as a free downloadable maintenance checklist, which vehicle owners can print and keep in their vehicles.

For more winter driving tips and information, visit <http://www.dot.state.pa.us/winter>.

Give the Gift of Life

West Goshen Township is teaming up with the Red Cross again for a blood drive at the West Goshen Township Administration Building on Tuesday, February 1st between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

Giving blood is a great way to be a hero to someone by giving the gift of life to those who need transfusions. According to the American Red Cross, the need for blood is constant:

- Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood.
- More than 38,000 blood donations are needed each day.
- The blood used in an emergency is on the shelf before the emergency ever occurs.
- More than one million new people are diagnosed with cancer each year. Many of them will need blood, sometimes daily, during chemotherapy treatment.
- A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood.
- In 2006, five million people received blood transfusions.
- Blood can only come from donations and can not be manufactured.
- The average adult has 10 pints of blood in his or her body. Most can readily spare a donation of one pint.

- A healthy donor may donate red blood cells every 56 days.
- There are four types of transfusable products that can be derived from blood: red cells, platelets, plasma, and cryoprecipitate. Typically, two or three of these are produced from a pint of donated whole blood—hence, each donation can help save up to three lives.
- The American Red Cross provides approximately 40% of the U.S. blood supply.
- The American Red Cross provides blood for patients in nearly 3,000 hospitals across the United States.
- The American Red Cross makes blood available to any patient who needs it.
- 80% of blood donations to the American Red Cross come from blood drives, like the one at the West Goshen Township Administration Building.

To schedule a donation appointment, contact Kate Meinhart at 610-696-5266, or visit www.membersforlife.org/pennj/schedule/login.php?sponsorcode=8510. ★

Supervisors Schedule Meetings, Appoint Board and Commission Members at Annual Meeting

West Goshen Township held its annual organization meeting on Monday, January 3rd in accordance with Pennsylvania law regarding second class townships. This meeting is when the state mandates that Townships designate emergency service providers, name Township officers, announce depositories for Township funds, and determine Township holidays.

The Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to retain Edward G. Meakim, Jr. as chairman, Dr. Robert S. White as vice-chairman, and Patricia B. McIlvaine as board member. Board of Supervisors meetings were set for the year at 7:00 PM on the following Wednesdays: February 9th, March 9th, April 13th, May 11th, June 8th, July 6th, August 10th, September 14th, October 12th, November 9th, and December 14th.

The West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors made the following appointments for Township boards, authorities, committees and commissions:

Planning Commission

Jeffery Laudenslager (6th term)
Jeffrey S. Lieberman (2nd term)

Park and Recreation Board

Michael Pillagalli (7th term)
Joseph Waters (1st term)

Zoning Hearing Board

Shannon Royer (1st term)

Sewer Authority

Frank J. Biasi (2nd term)

Vacancy Board

Raymond H. Halvorsen (9th term)

Pension Committee

Robert Holland (4th term)
William Keenan (16th term)
Thomas A. Teneza (4th term)
Walker C. Tompkins, Jr. (7th term)
John Trevisani (3rd term)

If you are interested in serving West Goshen Township by joining a board or commission, contact Township Manager Casey LaLonde at 610-696-5266 for information. ★

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Curbside Yard Waste Collection for West Goshen Residents

Yard waste collection resumes on Saturday, April 9th and Saturday, April 23rd. Monthly yard waste will continue through October on the following Saturdays: May 14th, June 11th, July 16th, August 13th, September 17th, and October 15th.

Yard waste can be placed in biodegradable paper bags or trash cans. Yard waste will not be collected from plastic bags. Branches not exceeding four feet in length may be bundled together. There is no limit to the number of paper bags or bundles to be collected. Visit www.westgoshen.org or check the West Goshen Township Newsletter Waste and Recycling Guide in the Spring 2011 issue for more information about yard waste collection. ★

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