

WEST GOSHEN



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Let the Internet Help with Your Codes Department and Permit Questions

When accessing the West Goshen Township website, www.westgoshen.org, information regarding individual Codes can be found by clicking the "links" button on the home page, and then scrolling down to "Township Code online". The entire Township Code is available online. Should you require more detailed information, feel free to contact our Codes personnel, who will assist you.

The following permits are available on line:

- Application for Pavilion Rental
- Application for the Use of the West Goshen Township Meeting Rooms
- Board of Supervisors Petition Application
- Residential Construction Permit Package
- Zoning Hearing Board Petition Application
- Road Occupancy Permit Application
- Application for Employment
- Commercial Construction Permit Package
- Subdivision and / or Land Development Application Package
- Grading, Drainage, Erosion Control Permit Application Package
- Right-To-Know Request Form
- Home Occupation Permit
- Special Event Permit
- Permit Fee Schedule

To access the permits, simply click on the "Forms" button, located on the home page. Please refer to the Permit Fee Schedule as it has been recently revised, and again if you have any questions regarding anything on our website, please contact our office where the appropriate personnel can answer your concerns. ★



Sample West Goshen Township's Rich Art Heritage and Meet Some of West Goshen's Artists

West Goshen is home to a thriving art scene. Each October and November, the Township Administration Building hosts an exhibit by artists living in the Township, drawing from amateurs and professionals, school students and retirees, photographers, painters, sculptors, and assorted other artists. Anyone living in West Goshen is invited to submit artwork for this year's exhibit by September 1, 2011. Information and registration forms are available at www.westgoshen.org/News/Resident_Exhibit/resident_exhibit.html. This exhibit will be open to the public Mondays through Thursdays, during evening meetings, and at a special meet-the-artists reception on Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00 PM. These are the stories of some of West Goshen's artists.

Victor Mordasov graduated from the College of Art and the Academy of Art in Minsk in his native Belarus. His paintings draw inspiration from the Old Masters and from the impressionism manner of painting.



In 1995, he and his family moved to the United States, settling in West Goshen six and a half years ago. A professional artist, Mordasov has gained national acclaim, including first prize in the oil category at the 2010 76th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature, first in 2010 at ArtFirst!, an international juried show by artists with disabilities, and the Helen G. Prince Memorial Award at the 2011 61st Annual National Exhibition of the Academic Artists Associations. Even with all the acclaim,

Mordasov has still participated for the past six years in the non-juried West Goshen Resident Art Exhibit, and has made it a point to meet and offer guidance to young artists in his adopted home town. Mordasov participates in the annual exhibit because, he says, "I like to share my work with people."



Justine Brady has lived in West Goshen Township since 1966. Although she has a varied artistic background including works in oils, acrylics, watercolor, photography,



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Subdivision and Land Development Report

The following plans have been approved for development:

Chester County Hospital: North Tower

Location: 701 East Marshal Street
A complete four story shell will be constructed, known as the north pavilion bed tower, over the existing loading dock area. Only the first floor will be occupied with a total of 24 beds.

The following plans remain under review:

Pottstown Pike Subdivision

Location: East Side of Pottstown Pike, South of Greenhill Road
The plan will create a fourteen-lot single family detached dwelling subdivision.

3-Lot Subdivision

Location: East Side of Pottstown Pike, South of Greenhill Road
The proposed plan will create a three-lot single family detached dwelling subdivision. An existing house is to remain on one of the lots.

North Campus District Geothermal Pump House – Phase II

Location: 114 West Rosedale Avenue
The plan proposes the construction of a 2,418 square foot utility building to serve as a geothermal pump house to augment West Chester University's geothermal system.

209 Carter Drive (Matlack Industrial Park)

Location: North side of Carter Drive, off of Matlack Street
The land development proposes to construct a 3,002 square foot office/ warehouse addition for Deco Sales Company.

The Woodlands at Greystone

Location: Northwest corner of the Route 322 By-Pass and Phoenixville Pike
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).

Goshen Leisure Development II

Location: 21 Hagerty Boulevard: East of Route 202, North of Hagerty Boulevard
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

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

415 Goshen Road Subdivision

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

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

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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

ROAD RULES

Sobering Statistics Reinforce the Message – “Don’t Drink and Drive”

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 other traffic safety issues.

Despite education programs in schools, communities, and the mass media, alcohol is a factor in 32% of all traffic-related fatalities in the United States, including a number of recent deadly accidents in Chester County. In 2009 alone, 10,839 people were killed in alcohol-related traffic accidents. That’s an average of one impaired-driving fatality every 48 minutes in the United States.

The alcohol impairment charts below offer a general guideline of blood alcohol levels, and are not guaranteed to be accurate for each individual. Alcohol affects

As the charts show, impairment begins with the first drink.

different people in different ways. Gender, weight, how much a person has eaten prior to drinking, type of alcohol, and even the temperature may affect a person’s absorption of alcohol into his or her system.

As the charts show, impairment begins with the first drink. The only safe driving limit is zero drinks before getting behind the wheel. Anyone who drinks and drives risks losing more than his license—he could be putting the lives of himself, his passengers, and other motorists and pedestrians at stake. ★

ALCOHOL IMPAIRMENT CHART										
NEVER DRINK AND DRIVE	APPROXIMATE BLOOD ALCOHOL PERCENTAGE									
	Drinks	Body Weight in Pounds								
		100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240	
0	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	ONLY SAFE DRIVING LIMIT
1	.04	.03	.03	.02	.02	.02	.02	.02	.02	Impairment Begins
2	.08	.06	.05	.05	.04	.04	.03	.03	.03	Driving Skills Affected
3	.11	.09	.08	.07	.06	.06	.05	.05	.05	Possible Criminal Penalties
4	.15	.12	.11	.09	.08	.08	.07	.06	.06	
5	.19	.16	.13	.12	.11	.09	.09	.08	.08	
6	.23	.19	.16	.14	.13	.11	.10	.09	.09	Legally Intoxicated
7	.26	.22	.19	.16	.15	.13	.12	.11	.11	Criminal Penalties
8	.30	.25	.21	.19	.17	.15	.14	.13	.13	
9	.34	.28	.24	.21	.19	.17	.15	.14	.14	
10	.38	.31	.27	.23	.21	.19	.17	.16	.16	

Your body can get rid of one drink per hour.
Each 1½ oz. of 80 proof liquor, 12 oz. of beer or 5 oz. of table wine = 1 drink.

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1	.05	.05	.04	.03	.03	.03	.02	.02	.02	Impairment Begins
2	.10	.09	.08	.07	.06	.05	.05	.04	.04	Driving Skills Affected
3	.15	.14	.11	.10	.09	.08	.07	.06	.06	Possible Criminal Penalties
4	.20	.18	.15	.13	.11	.10	.09	.08	.08	
5	.25	.23	.19	.16	.14	.13	.11	.10	.09	
6	.30	.27	.23	.19	.17	.15	.14	.12	.11	Legally Intoxicated
7	.35	.32	.27	.23	.20	.18	.16	.14	.13	Criminal Penalties
8	.40	.36	.30	.26	.23	.20	.18	.17	.15	
9	.45	.41	.34	.29	.26	.23	.20	.19	.17	
10	.51	.45	.38	.32	.28	.25	.23	.21	.19	

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Public Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors (7:00 PM, second Wednesday of each month, except where otherwise indicated): August 10; September 14; October 12.

Park and Recreation Board (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month): August 17; September 21; October 19.

Planning Commission (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month): August 16; September 20; October 18.

Sewer Authority (7:30 PM, first Wednesday of each month): August 3; September 7; October 5.

Zoning Hearing Board (7:00 PM, first Thursday after the second Wednesday each month, except where otherwise noted): August 11; September 15; October 13.

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.

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

Plant flowering native perennials to attract beneficial predators and pollinator birds, butterflies, bees, and other insects. Perennials also develop extensive root systems to hold and enrich the soil, absorb water, and aerate soil as they grow.

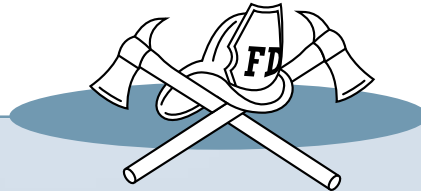
RAIN BARREL SALE EXTENDED

Due to the popularity of its rain barrel distribution program, the Chester County Conservation District is extending its rain barrel sale. Forty-gallon rain barrels cost just \$100 each and may be picked up Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM at the Chester County Conservation District in the Willowdale Town Center, 688 Unionville Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348. For more information, contact Tammy at 610-925-4920, ext. 100.



Rain barrels can save money by lowering water bills, provide a backup source of water during droughts, helps keep our creeks clean, and help maintain a healthy biotic yard by reducing the amount of chlorine being deposited into the soil vs. tap water.

Make use of a valuable natural resource and reduce stormwater runoff by installing a rain barrel this summer! ★



Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa

Keeping Safe in Thunderstorms Quiz

Knowing how to react when a thunderstorm hits can save your life or the life of a loved one. Take this True or False quiz to see if you know what it takes to be safe when lightning strikes.

1. T F The number one cause of death from thunderstorms is lightning strikes.
2. T F Hail associated with thunderstorms causes more than one billion dollars in crop and property damage each year.
3. T F Each year, lightning strikes the Earth approximately ten million times.
4. T F The air near a lightning strike is heated to 50,000°, hotter than the surface temperature of the sun.
5. T F The rubber tires on a car will protect you from being struck by lightning.
6. T F People struck by lightning carry an electrical charge and should not be touched.
7. T F Utility lines can conduct electricity, so appliances and phones connected to cords should not be used during a thunderstorm.
8. T F If hiking in the deep woods with no clearances during a thunderstorm, the safest thing to do is take shelter under the shortest trees around.
9. T F If you feel your skin start to tingle or your hair stand on end during a thunderstorm and you are in an open field with no shelter nearby, the safest thing to do is lie flat on the ground.
10. T F Most lightning fatalities and injuries occur when people are caught outdoors in the summer months during the afternoon and evening.
11. T F Lightning can strike as far as ten miles away from any rainfall.
12. T F A person with one Powerball ticket is 325 times more likely to be struck by lightning than to win the Powerball grand jackpot.

Join Us for 2011 Fall Bus Trips

with the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department

The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department is offering some new trips this fall, and returning to New York City in December, renewing our most popular holiday bus trips.

Information and registration forms for any of these trips are available at www.westgoshe.org, or by calling the West Goshen Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266. Registration is based on receipt of a completed registration form and payment on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to the popularity of these trips, early registration is recommended.

NEW OFFERING

Jersey Boys on Broadway

Date: Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Price: \$175 per person

Includes: Round-trip motorcoach transportation; ticket to "Jersey Boys;" free time in New York City; dinner at Carmine's; driver and server tips.

Join the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department on a trip to the Broadway smash-hit "Jersey Boys" featuring the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. This trip includes time on your own to explore Midtown Manhattan, and a family-style Italian dinner at Carmine's Restaurant.

NEW OFFERING

Annapolis by Land and Sea

Date: Saturday, October 22, 2011

Price: \$120 per person

Includes: Round-trip motorcoach transportation; walking tour of U.S. Naval Academy; lunch at the Chart House (including server tip); cruise onboard the schooner Liberte; free time for shopping, touring, and dinner on your own; bus driver tip.

Based on popular demand, the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is offering its first-ever trip to Annapolis, Maryland. Take a guided tour of the U.S. Naval Academy. Enjoy lunch at the Chart House Restaurant. See the city from the Chesapeake Bay onboard the schooner Liberte. See the historic downtown, and explore the shops on your own before returning home.

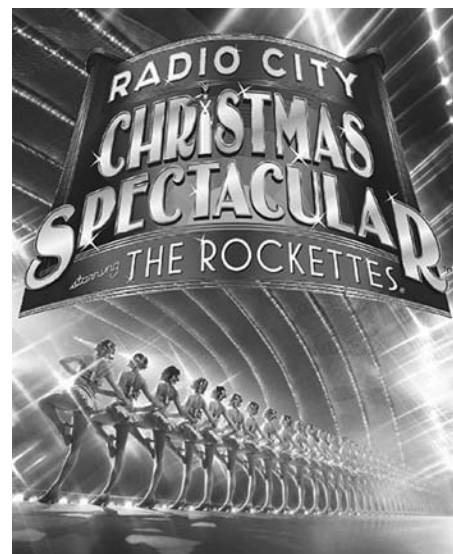
Radio City Music Hall: A Holiday Tradition

Date: Monday, December 5, 2011

Price: \$150 per person

Includes: Round-trip motorcoach transportation; ticket to the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular; free time in New York City; dinner at Carmine's; driver and server tips.

Make one of New York's most popular holiday traditions your own. See a



matinee showing of the Radio Music Hall Christmas spectacular, featuring the world-famous Rockettes. Then spend the afternoon shopping and sight-seeing on your own before enjoying a family-style Italian dinner at Carmine's.

New York City in December

Date: Saturday, December 10, 2011

Price: \$35 per person

Includes: Round-trip motorcoach transportation; driver tip.

Avoid the driving in New York City and take a motorcoach to the Times Square area. Spend the afternoon on your own shopping, sightseeing, hitting the restaurant scene, or just enjoying the Big Apple during the holidays. ★

Space Still Available to See the Phillies

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department still has space for the following trips to see the Phillies as they enter the pennant stretch.

Phillies vs. Nationals at Nationals Park

Date: Saturday, August 20, 2011

Price: \$60 per person

Includes: Round-trip motorcoach transportation; ticket to see the Phillies vs. Nationals; driver tip.



Phillies vs. Mets at Citi Field

Date: Saturday, September 24, 2011

Price: \$60 per person

Includes: Round-trip motorcoach transportation; ticket to see the Phillies vs. Mets; driver tip.

SHAKESPEARE AT COMMUNITY PARK



The Commonweath Classic Theatre Company featuring (from left to right) Brian McCann, Joshua L. Browns, and Mary Tuomanen will perform William Shakespeare's "Richard III" at West Goshen Community Park on Saturday, July 30th at 7:00 PM. The performance is FREE OF CHARGE. Guests are encouraged to bring a dry good item (soap, toilet paper, etc.) for the West Chester Food Cupboard. Photo by Sarah Greenslade



West Goshen Township's Rich Art Heritage

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and pen and ink, she had not regularly exhibited her work until she began displaying in the West Goshen Resident Art Exhibit two years ago. "I participate because it is part of my community function and I enjoy seeing other paintings," says Brady. She has shared her passion for art with the West Chester Program for the Gifted for ten years.

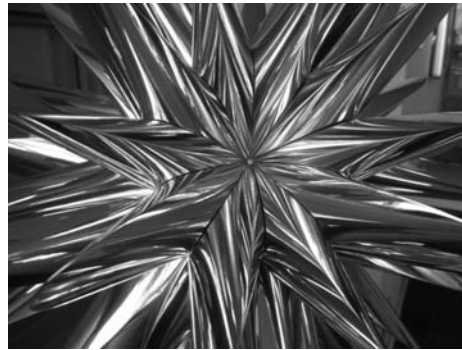
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Art has the power to unite generations. **Florence Chien** has shared her love of art with her grandson **Garrett Wei**. Each has displayed works in the West Goshen Resident Exhibit each year shortly after Ms. Chien moved to West Goshen Township six years ago. "Art is relaxation to me," says Chien, who classifies her artwork as "elementary realism." "I participate in the Exhibit because it's fun." Garrett, a ninth grade student, hopes to pursue a career that can incorporate his interest in design, perhaps as an architect. He wrote in a recent school essay: "I have this dream because I like designing and drawing things...Every year for the past five years, my grandmother and I have submitted artwork to the West Goshen Resident Art Exhibit at the township building."

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Joseph Clinton is not an artist by training. At least not in the traditional sense. A design scientist, Clinton has been intrigued by shapes and forms found in science. Clinton says he began creating models representing scientific concepts at a young age "in order to help me



understand the world about me." Clinton's works have been exhibited in Fort Washington, PA; Chicago, IL; Carbondale, IL; Washington, DC; Providence, RI; and Oswego, NY. His artwork has been featured in the "ScArt4" exhibit in New Brunswick, NJ; the "Aluminum by Design" exhibit in the Carnegie Museum of Art; the "Building for the Future" exhibit in the Istanbul Museum of Painting and Sculpture; the "Contemporary Developments in Design Science" exhibit in the Cathedral of St. John the Devine in New York, NY; and the "Soft Energy Expo" in Newark, NJ. "My work is a means to assist me in gaining insights into the meaning of life as I understand and search for a deeper meaning each day," says Clinton. This year will be Clinton's sixth participating in the West Goshen Resident Art Exhibit. In 2010, he donated a copy of his sculpture "InTensional Equilibrium" to be permanently displayed in the West Goshen Township Administration Building.

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For the past nineteen years, **Patricia Pealer** has called West Goshen Township home. A University of the Arts graduate and professional artist specializing in watercolors, Pealer says she has



participated in the West Goshen Township Resident Exhibit since its inception in 2001 because "it's a sensible and civic thing to do." Her advice for young artists: "Take pride in whatever vocation you're in and keep reaching for higher goals."

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A 41-year resident of West Goshen Township, **Phil Stauffer** has only recently found his niche in graphite illustrations. After reading a book by artist Lee Hammond five years ago, Stauffer began sketching using a 2B pencil on smooth Bristol paper. Besides participating in the West Goshen Resident Art Exhibit for the past four years, Stauffer has also sold numerous works and has even illustrated a book by best-selling author Beverly Lewis. Stauffer emphasizes that while the added income from sales of his works is welcome, he looks upon his artwork more as a means of relaxation.



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In the early 1970's, **Bart and Sue Sutton** left Ohio State University with two master's degrees in fine arts and one marriage license. The two taught art for over thirty years in the Great Valley School District, having moved to West Goshen Township in 1977. Bart's artwork includes ceramic and polyester resin sculptures, watercolor and oil paintings, and photography. Sue, who describes her works as "generally figurative, but more whimsical and fantasy-oriented," works in ceramic and polyester resin sculptures, weaving, needlepoint, and jewelry. "I enjoy the freedom to explore whatever I wish, at times, creating works that are very slow and time-consuming, but



ultimately satisfying both in the process and in the end result," says Sue. Both Bart and Sue expressed appreciation to be able to participate in the annual exhibit in their hometown. "It has given us the opportunity to display our work in a bright, open, well-organized venue where the art work is well presented."



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Diann Armstrong moved to West Goshen Township with her family from Delaware in 1972. Although she always enjoyed drawing and dabbling in the arts, she was able to focus more of her time working with watercolors once her children had grown. She especially enjoys painting flowers and scenes of Chester County and the Delaware Shore. In addition to her participation for the past four years in the West Goshen Resident Art Exhibit, Diann has presented paintings at the Chester County Art Center, the West Chester Gallery Art



Walk, the West Chester Starbucks, the Annual Art on the Green in Old New Castle Delaware, and at the Annual Holiday Craft Show at St. John the Beloved Church in Wilmington, Delaware.

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Elizabeth Clothier draws inspiration from her childhood experiences. Fond of coloring as a youngster, Clothier was fascinated by prints of watercolor paintings of birds her family had in their house. Since 1966, Clothier has worked in oil paints, experimenting with different surfaces including canvas and various woods. Birds continue to be a favorite subject matter for her. The fourteen-year resident of West Goshen Township has participated in the Township's Resident Art Exhibit each year since 2004.



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West Goshen was a much different place in 1959. At that time, the rapidly growing Township had a population of approximately 8,000 people, the cost of a gallon of gas was 25¢ at Sinclair's on Gay Street, a loaf of bread cost about 20¢ at the local A&P, and moviegoers could see "Ben Hur" or "North by Northwest" at the Eric Theater or at the Warner Theater in West Chester Borough. That year, **Cindy Poole** moved to West Goshen with her family. The four-year-old Cindy brought with her an already highly developed love of art. "I think I could draw before I could talk!" says Poole. "I was fortunate to have parents and teachers who encouraged me. I was a shy child, and this was my way of communicating." Poole draws from her experiences of a changing West Goshen in her artwork. "I do not live in the past," she says, "but the past lives in me and in my paintings. If my work can bring a remembrance of something familiar, or a smile to someone's face,



then I have done my job well." She enjoys the opportunity to share her work with her neighbors from West Goshen: "God has given me the tools and talents to express myself. It is a great pleasure for me to share my gifts with others."

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Diane Pizzola loves to combine two of her favorite passions: travel and photography. She has a "travel wall" in her living room—an ever-changing exhibit of photographs from places she has visited. She especially enjoys experimenting with unusual angles and enlargements of small, unusual subjects, resulting in photos of items that may not be immediately recognizable. The fourteen-year West Goshen resident says her motivation comes from a desire to save memories of special events, travelled places, loved ones, and unusual happenings. "It's something I get pleasure out of," says Pizzola. "I love the actual picture-taking, love to see the results...enjoy looking through the albums I've put together to see the photos again long after they were taken, and being able to bring up and relive memories." Pizzola explains why she participates in the West Goshen Resident Art Exhibit: "I like the idea of people getting enjoyment or pleasure or any other kind of emotion by seeing my work. I get a nice boost of self-esteem when my photos are in the exhibit."



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HARVEST DAY



West Goshen Township celebrates Harvest Day on Sunday, October 23rd between 2:00 and 4:00 PM at West Goshen Community Park. Children and their parents can take a hayride to the pumpkin patch and pick a pumpkin to bring home. At the picnic pavilion, kids can decorate their pumpkins, have their faces painted, win a prize by guessing the weight of the Township's

largest pumpkin, and have some snacks and cider or cocoa. Children can enjoy performers from Makin' Music while waiting for the haycart, and families can bring old clothes to build their own scarecrows in the scarecrow contest.

Harvest Day is FREE of charge. Guests are encouraged to bring donations of toiletries (soap, toilet paper, deodorant, laundry detergent, etc.) or new clean clothes (especially needed: socks and underwear) for the Veterans Administration Hospital in Coatesville. Children must live in West Goshen Township to receive a pumpkin or participate in any of the contests. For more information or to register online, visit www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Harvest_Festival/harvest_festival.html. Anyone interested in volunteering to help at the event can contact The Friends of West Goshen Parks at 610-692-2550.

In the event of rain, the Harvest Festival would be celebrated on Sunday, October 30th. Visit the Township website after noon on October 23rd for rain determination.

In anticipation of the Harvest Festival, the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department offers these children's pages of activities related to the day's festivities. ★

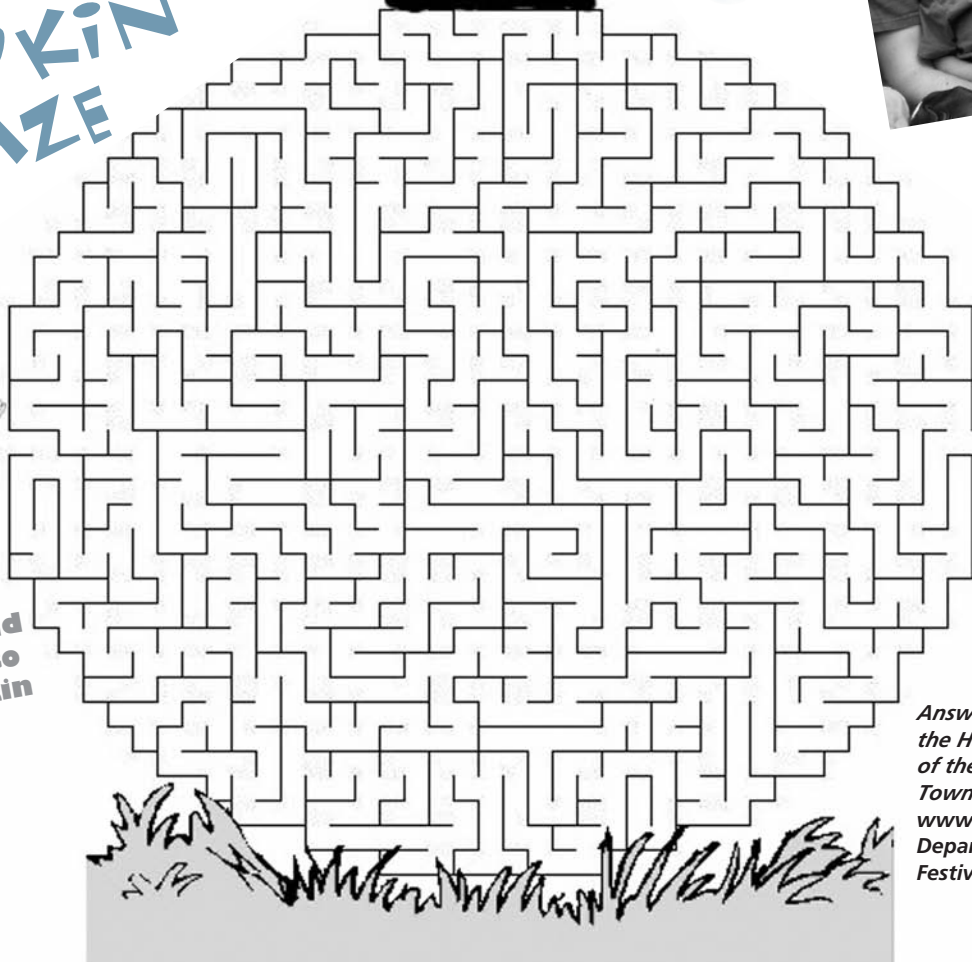


PUMPKIN MAZE



Start

Help the trick-or-treaters find their way to the pumpkin patch.



Finish

Answers can be found on the Harvest Festival page of the West Goshen Township website at www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Harvest_Festival/harvest_festival.html.



Part of Our Community



Over Two Decades of Dedication and Service to West Goshen Township – Chief Michael J. Carroll to Retire

On August 1, 2011, Michael J. Carroll will retire after serving for 23 years as West Goshen's Chief of Police. During his tenure as Chief, Carroll oversaw a department that grew with the Township, including a move into a new building in 1999.

"The move was a big deal," said Dorothy Wilkins, Chief Carroll's Administrative Assistant for all of his 23 years at West Goshen. "He was involved with everything that was incorporated here—the training center, the usage of the floor space."

Sergeant Michael Carroll, who followed in his father's footsteps with a career in law enforcement, adds, "He was definitely involved in the planning to make it the best police building around."

According to Captain Joseph Gleason, "Chief Carroll was an integral part of the building, along with the former Township Manager and Project

Manager. He went to a training session with the International Association of the Chiefs of Police about the design of police buildings. They actually toured new police buildings at that time. He took a lot of time to research ideas to help sustain one of the premiere police departments in the area."

Chief Carroll's dedication to maintaining a top-notch professional police department gained international recognition. Carroll has served as President of the Chester County Police Chiefs Association, President of the Police Chiefs Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, President of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, and President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. He has been inducted into the International Police Association Hall of Fame.

Dorothy Wilkins, Sergeant Michael Carroll, and Captain Joseph Gleason point to the pride and professionalism of the West Goshen Police Department as Chief Carroll's greatest legacy.

"He's made excellent choices in hiring personnel," said Wilkins. "And training has increased greatly since he's been here."

"He feels as we all do that we have the strongest department all around. This comes from his hirings and promotions," said Sergeant Carroll.

"One of the most important things with Chief Carroll is the reputation of the department and our service to the community," said Captain Gleason. "It's noteworthy to say, people call the West Goshen Police Department to assist them. Other agencies look at this agency as a leader. We have a level of professionalism that is known throughout the region."

About the man who has headed the West Goshen Police Department for over two decades, Captain Gleason says, "The residents of this township have been extremely fortunate to have had him as Chief for the past 23 years."

"He set a good example and laid a good foundation for a department that will keep growing in the future," adds Sergeant Carroll. ★

"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.

The Return of Yoga-Pilates

Yoga-Pilates classes return to the West Goshen Township Administration Building this fall. The classes, taught by Ageless Exercise, will be held on Monday 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.

SESSION #1:

Monday, Sept. 12
Monday, Sept. 19
Monday, Sept. 26
Monday, Oct. 3
Monday, Oct. 10
Monday, Oct. 17

SESSION #2:

Monday, Nov. 7
Monday, Nov. 14
Monday, Nov. 21
Monday, Nov. 28
Monday, Dec. 5
Monday, Dec. 12

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. ★

Fall Movie Series: Get Your Vote On

Once again, it is up to you to decide the Fall Movie Series. Visit www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Movies/movies.html or complete a ballot at the West Goshen Township Administration Building by September 1, 2011 to cast your vote for the movies to be shown this fall. Winning movies will be posted online in September.

This year, choose from the following:



- Cars 2 (G)
- Despicable Me (PG)
- The Green Hornet (PG-13)
- Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG-13)
- Megamind (PG)
- Rango (PG)
- Shrek Forever After (PG)
- Toy Story 3 (G)
- Yogi Bear (PG)

The top four movies will be shown on the following dates:

Saturday, September 24 Saturday, October 8
Saturday, October 1 Saturday, October 15

Movies begin at 7:30 PM at the J. Leon Hagerty Amphitheater at West Goshen Community Park and are FREE OF CHARGE. This year, the Fall Movie Series is sponsored by Fred Beans Ford Lincoln of West Chester. In the event of rain, movies would be shown in the West Goshen Township Administration Building. ★

**Answers to Thunderstorms Quiz
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1. **False.** Lightning causes 80 deaths in the U.S. annually, while flash flooding resulting from thunderstorms kills 140 people each year.
2. **True.**
3. **False.** Lightning strikes the Earth approximately twenty million times per year.
4. **True.**
5. **False.** Cars with hardtop roofs will offer some protection (although lightning injuries to people in cars are reported each year) as long as the passengers are not touching anything metal inside the car, but the protection is due to dispersion of the electricity and not because of the rubber tires.
6. **False.** First aid and/or CPR should be administered if needed to lightning strike victims as soon as possible.
7. **True.**
8. **True.**
9. **False.** If you are in an open field with no shelter nearby and your skin starts to tingle or your hair stands on end a lightning strike is likely imminent. Crouch low to the ground with your hands clasped tightly over your head as you stand on the balls of your feet. Your objective should be to keep low to the ground while reducing your surface area over the Earth and minimizing your contact points with the ground below.
10. **True**
11. **True**
12. **True.** Odds of being struck by lightning are one in 600,000. Odds of winning the Powerball jackpot are one in 195,249,054.



West Goshen's Rich Art Heritage

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Batik is an ancient method of dying textile while using wax or other chemicals to prevent the dyes from penetrating areas of the cloth. **Elizabeth Colly Kelly**, who has lived in West Goshen Township for the past 23 years, has manipulated traditional methods of batik to invent her own process. When she's not teaching water aerobics at the YMCA, she creates hand-designed garments made to be worn but suitable for display in a gallery. In fact, her batik creations have been exhibited at the Chester County Art Association, the Yellow Springs Studios, and the Wings and Water Festival in Stone Harbor in addition to the West Goshen Resident Art Exhibit. Colly Kelly says she has a simple reason for participating in the exhibits: "It's fun to see my work on a wall!"



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The West Goshen Resident Art Exhibit can serve as motivation for artists. **Kristina Reisinger**, who grew up in West Goshen, never seriously pursued artistic endeavors until last year. "I got really

started seriously when an artist friend showed me a magazine article about the kind of drawing and doodling I've been doing all my life in secret—at meetings, for family—and proved to me that there was a level of skill, or creativity, or artfulness, involved in what I thought was 'just messing around,'" says Reisinger. She challenged herself to complete and display three pieces of art in last year's West Goshen Resident Art Exhibit. "I was excited to have this to participate in," she said. Now, even though she has sold some of her works and plans to try participating in an arts and crafts fair, she does not take her artwork too seriously. "Most of my pieces are made from recycling authentic ephemera (old teen romance novels, dictionaries, maps, magazine pictures, etc.) in new ways and incorporate some kind of smarmy or sarcastic humor," explains Reisinger. She looks upon her artwork as therapy: "The very thing about the way I do the mixed-media collage is that I start with no fixed perception of what the final product should look like; therefore, I can begin and end my pieces very organically and intuitively. I can just tell when it is done. When I approach my art from this standpoint I feel the stress melt away and I can lose myself for hours in a zen-like state of bliss." ★



Help West Goshen Township Track Vacant Properties

If you are aware of a vacant property in your neighborhood, please contact the Codes Dept. to make sure we have it on our list of vacancies. Your assistance in this matter will enable the Codes Department to stay on top of possible property violations. ★



ROONIE SAYS...

Roonie's Canine Corner is the only park location in West Goshen Township where dogs are permitted off-leash. While dogs are permitted at all other West Goshen parks, they must remain on leash not exceeding eight feet length at all times, in accordance with Section 57-3 of the West Goshen Township Code. Anyone who does not comply



with this rule may be subject to criminal prosecution.

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. ★

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Township Holiday

Township offices will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day. Trash will be collected on Tuesday, September 6th and Friday, September 9th that week.

GIVE BLOOD

The next West Goshen Blood Drive will take place at the West Goshen Township Administration Building on Wednesday, August 3rd between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. To schedule a donation appointment, contact Kate Meinhart at 610-696-5266, or visit www.membersforlife.org/pennj/schedule/login.php?sponsorcode=8510.

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