

WEST GOSHEN



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A Community Day Parking Survival Guide

West Goshen Township will celebrate Community Day on Sunday, September 14. The day's free activities include sports contests, crafts and pony rides for children, a free concert by The Chatterband, and a chance to shop at Crafters' Row.

The day's festivities typically draw 3,000 to 4,000 visitors. Follow these Community Day parking tips to make your Community Day visit safe and convenient!

A portion of the Community Park parking lot (on the right after entering

the lot from Fern Hill Road) will be reserved for handicapped parking, event organizers, and entertainers. If you enter from Fern Hill Road and do not have a handicapped placard, please proceed to the left. Parking is only permitted in designated parking spaces.

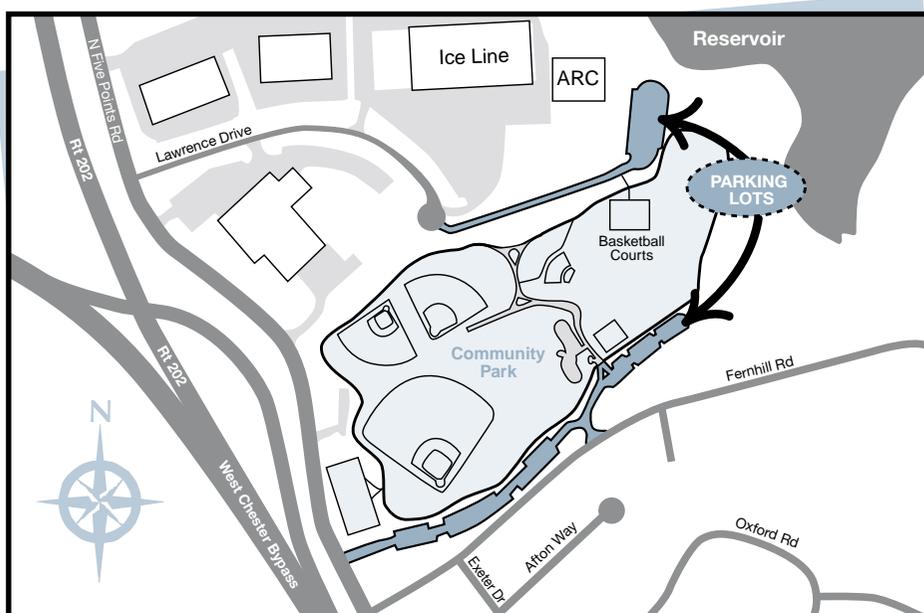
West Goshen Community Park has a second parking lot! To access this lot, proceed north on N. Five Points Road past the park. Turn right onto Lawrence Drive. Continue on this drive past Ice Line. Lawrence Drive turns

towards the park, then runs alongside Community Park. Continue on the road past the ARC of Chester County. You may park in the large lot beyond the basketball courts.

On Community Day, businesses adjacent to Community Park have been kind enough to allow overflow parking in their lots. A free shuttle service is available to pick you up from these locations and take you to the park and back. For events other than Community Day, these lots are reserved for business patrons. Please use the two Community Park lots for other events.

West Goshen Township allows parking in the neighborhood park across Fern Hill Road from Community Park. Follow Exeter Drive to its end at Oxford Road. You may park in the field on Oxford Road, and take the free shuttle bus to Community Park. Please note that this is a residential neighborhood. Be respectful of neighbors' properties. Vehicles blocking driveways or fire hydrants will be ticketed.

Parking is not permitted on any of the following roads adjacent to Community Park: Fern Hill Road, N. Five Points Road, and Lawrence Drive. Cars parked on these roads will be ticketed or towed. ★



township information

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

6 year elected term
Edward G. Meakim, Jr., *Chairman*
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Richard J. Craig, *Township Engineer*

WEST GOSHEN POLICE

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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TOWNSHIP PARKS

Barker Park, *Falcon Lane by Westtown Way*
Coopersmith Park, *Spring Lane, off West Chester Pike*
Hallowell Park, *404 North Five Points Road*
West Goshen Community Park, *Fern Hill & North Five Points Roads*

PLANNING COMMISSION

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Dean K. Diehl, Jr.
Jeffrey Laudenslager
Daniel S. Rafter
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Theresa A. Davis, *Alternate*

THE FRIENDS OF WEST GOSHEN PARKS, INC.

Non-profit group assisting the Park and Recreation Board; meets quarterly
Patricia Ryan-Kelly, *President*
Kelly Cifone, *Vice-President*
Megan Zug, *Treasurer*

AUDITORS

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Louis J. Mayer, *Secretary*
Hugh J. Purnell, Jr., *Member*

TAX COLLECTOR

William R. Keenan

Know the Rules of the Road for Motorized Scooters



The West Goshen Township Police Department, along with other municipal police departments, has been dealing with the difficult situation regarding the use and legality of motorized scooters.

The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code defines a motor vehicle in such a way that a motor scooter would be categorized as a motor vehicle. As such, motor scooters are subject to all the rules and regulations of motor vehicles.

Because of this legal situation, the West Goshen Police Department will regard motorized scooters as motor vehicles and will enforce the vehicle code when faced with a violation.

Operators must possess a valid motor vehicle license to operate a motorized scooter. Since motorized scooters do not meet road safety standards for motor vehicles, they are not permitted on roads.

In West Goshen Township, motorized scooters are not permitted on sidewalks for safety reasons. Thus, motorized scooters are only permitted on private property with the property owner's previous consent and approval. ★

Safety Tips from Officer Friendly

Each issue, we will bring you safety tips from West Goshen Township's own Officer Friendly, Corporal Robert Holland.

You can protect yourself and your valuables while you travel this summer if you follow these simple guidelines:

- Carry minimum luggage.
- Label each piece of luggage with your name and address.
- Be sure your luggage can be locked.
- Hold your purse under your arm. Carry a wallet in an inside coat or front trouser pocket.
- Don't look vulnerable or lost. Walk with a purpose and stay alert to what's happening around you.
- Leave important non-travel papers such as social security and local credit cards at home.
- If traveling to a foreign country, photocopy all documents, including passport, credit cards, and airplane tickets before leaving home. Store copies in the hotel safe.
- Learn the location of hotel exits.
- Ask the hotel about the safety of the neighborhood and which areas to avoid.
- Ask the bellman or concierge for directions and costs before taking a cab.
- Use travelers' checks and credit cards instead of cash whenever possible.
- Obtain advance information on cities. Use maps and guides so you know where you are and where you are going.

Public Township Meetings

| | Board of Supervisors | Park and Recreation | Planning Commission | Sewer Authority | Zoning Hearing |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | 4:00 PM | 7:00 PM | 7:00 PM | 7:30 PM | 7:30 PM |
| July | 9 and 23 | 16 | 15 | 9 | 17 |
| August | 13 and 27 | 20 | 19 | 13 | 14 |
| September | 10 and 24 | 17 | 16 | 10 | 11 |
| October | 8 and 22 | 15 | 21 | 8 | 9 |

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.westgoshen.org for updates.

The West Goshen Township Comprehensive Plan

OVERVIEW



The West Goshen Township Comprehensive Planning Committee began meeting in December 2002. This group of residents and Township employees began charting a course for West Goshen's next twenty years.

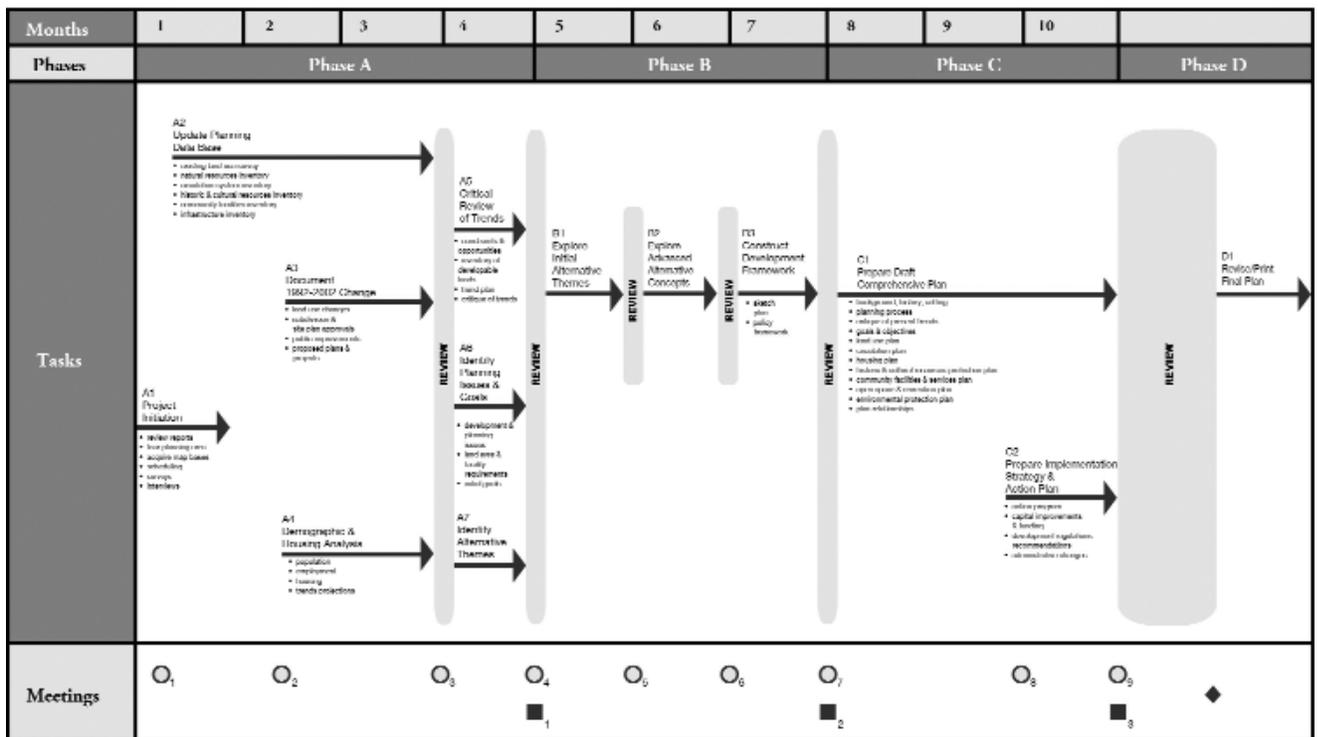
The Committee has followed the Work Program Schedule below. At the present time, the Committee has completed Phase B of the planning process.

In planning for future development in West Goshen Township, Committee members looked at numerous factors related to past and possible future growth in West Goshen Township including population trends (Tables 1 and 2), housing trends (Table 3), and current land uses (Table 4).

▶ The next Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, September 8, 2003 at the West Goshen Township Administration Building.

Work Program Schedule

West Goshen Township Comprehensive Plan Update



○ Comprehensive Plan Task Force Workshops

■ Public Information Meetings

◆ Public Hearing

Table 1**West Goshen Township and Surrounding Municipalities**

| | 1970 | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| West Goshen Township | 6,416 | 16,164 | 18,082 | 20,495 |
| West Chester Borough | 19,301 | 17,435 | 18,041 | 17,861 |
| East Bradford Township | 3,260 | 3,219 | 6,440 | 9,405 |
| Westtown Township | 5,069 | 6,774 | 9,937 | 10,352 |
| East Goshen Township | 5,138 | 10,021 | 15,138 | 16,824 |
| West Whiteland Township | 7,149 | 9,581 | 12,403 | 16,499 |
| 6 Municipality Area | 46,333 | 63,194 | 80,041 | 91,436 |
| Chester County | 433,501 | 433,501 | 433,501 | 433,501 |

Table 2**West Goshen Township and Surrounding Municipalities
Population by Age Groups, Median Age**

| Age Groups | 1980 | | 1990 | | 2000 | |
|------------|------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 0-4 | 1,138 | 7.0% | 1,459 | 8.1% | 1,493 | 7.3% |
| 5-17 | 3,607 | 22.3% | 3,049 | 16.9% | 4,253* | 20.7% |
| 18-24 | 1,951 | 12.1% | 1,725 | 9.5% | 1,051** | 5.1% |
| 25-44 | 5,192 | 32.1% | 6,267 | 34.7% | 6,603 | 32.2% |
| 45-64 | 3,099 | 19.2% | 3,590 | 19.9% | 4,887 | 23.8% |
| 65-74 | 729 | 4.5% | 1,221 | 6.8% | 1,153 | 5.6% |
| 75+ | 448 | 2.8% | 771 | 4.3% | 1,055 | 5.2% |
| TOTALS | 16,164 | 100% | 18,082 | 100% | 20,495 | 100% |
| Median Age | 29.8 years | | 34.0 years | | 36.6 years | |

*5-19 years of age

** 20-24 years of age

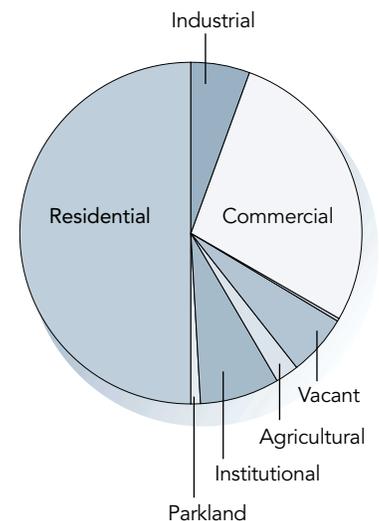
Table 3**West Goshen Township – Housing Unit Inventory**

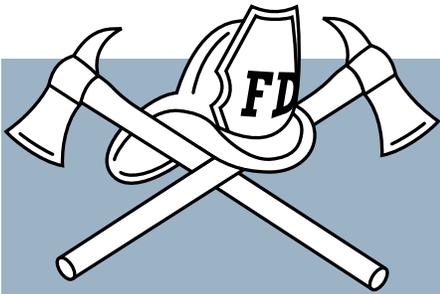
| Structural Type | 1990 | | 2000 | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Single-Family Detached (Units) | 4,610 | 67.8% | 5,458 | 70.9% |
| Single-Family Attached (Units) | 263 | 3.9% | 492 | 6.4% |
| Two to Four Family Buildings (Units) | 101 | 1.5% | 140 | 1.8% |
| Five or more Family Buildings (Units) | 1,745 | 25.7% | 1,560 | 20.3% |
| Mobile Homes (Units) | 83 | 1.2% | 53 | 0.7% |
| TOTALS | 6,802 | 100.0% | 7,703 | 100.0% |
| Total Occupied Housing Units | 6,483 | | 7,554 | |
| Total Vacant Housing Units | 319 | | 149 | |

Charting a course for West Goshen's next twenty years...

Table 4**West Goshen Tax Land Use**

| | Acres | Percent |
|------------------------|----------|---------|
| Vacant | 754.19 | 9.8% |
| Residential | 3,770.02 | 49.1% |
| Parkland | 37.79 | 0.5% |
| Institutional | 784.80 | 10.2% |
| Industrial | 298.73 | 3.9% |
| Commercial | 1,019.40 | 13.3% |
| Agricultural | 122.43 | 1.6% |
| TOTAL | 6,787.36 | 88.4% |
| Non-taxable land | 894.26 | 11.6% |
| Township Total Parcels | 7,681.62 | 100.0% |

Taxable Land



Summer Fire Safety Tips from Fire Marshal Ralph Brown

- Keep paints and other flammable liquids and chemicals in their original, labeled containers with tight-fitting lids.
- Store pesticides, fertilizers, paint, and gasoline away from any source of heat or flame. Never smoke near any of these products.
- Place unused charcoal in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid in a cool, dry place. Damp charcoal can ignite itself.
- Use cordless tools when working around water or on grounded components such as plumbing and heating systems.

If you would like a free Home Fire Prevention Checklist, contact Fire Marshal Ralph Brown at 610-696-5266.

Showcase Your Talents!

West Goshen Township announces the third annual Resident Art Exhibit at the Galleries at West Goshen Township. The exhibit, which will run throughout the month of September 2003, features paintings, photographs, sculptures, wood carvings, and other works of art by West Goshen residents.

Anyone interested in participating in the exhibit may submit an original work of art (which has not previously been exhibited in the Township Administration Building) with an entry form by Friday, August 29, 2003 at 3:00 PM. Exhibit entry forms may be obtained from the Township website at www.westgoshe.org or by calling 610.696.5266, ext. 4104.

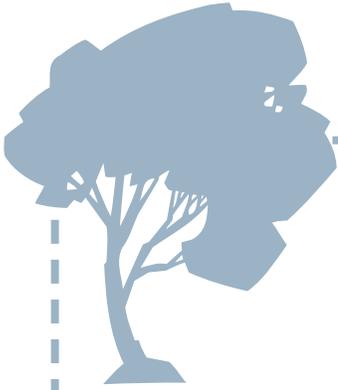
The exhibit will run from September 2 through September 30 at the Galleries at West Goshen Township, in the Township Administration Building. A public reception will be held on Wednesday, September 10 between 7:00 and 8:00 PM. All are welcome to attend!

Township Galleries Exhibits

| | |
|-----------|---|
| July | Aartvarks Watercolor Club Exhibit |
| August | West Goshen Summer Recreation Program Exhibit |
| September | West Goshen Resident Exhibit |
| October | Chester County Senior Center Exhibit |
| November | West Chester University Student Exhibit |

Legal Briefs

- The growth of harmful noxious weeds such as ragweed or grasses over 12 inches is prohibited in West Goshen Township.
- Dog owners must confine their pets in an enclosure from which they cannot escape or jump over, or keep their dogs on a leash no more than eight feet in length. Owners who do not clean up after dogs on public property are subject to a fine.
- Yard sales do not require a permit from the Township. Signs announcing a yard sale are only permitted on the property of the yard sale. Signs may not be posted on utility poles.
- West Goshen Township prohibits the manufacture and sale of any fireworks, firecrackers, torpedoes, roman candles, skyrockets, or sparklers for personal use or pyrotechnic display. ★



Become a Friend of Your Parks

Events in West Goshen Parks don't just happen...they require the efforts of many friends. Specifically events such as the Summer Concert Series and Community Day are made possible by The Friends of West Goshen Parks.

The Friends of West Goshen Parks is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the development, improvement, and maintenance of all Township owned parklands and the advancement of recreational programs and events for the benefit of the citizens of West Goshen Township.

The Friends of West Goshen Parks offer many exciting opportunities for members, such as fundraising, event planning, event participation, and publicity.

All events taking place in West Goshen's Parks are free and open to the public, thanks to the fundraising efforts of The Friends of West Goshen Parks.

Members meet with business leaders in the community and involve them in events that benefit the residents and businesses of West Goshen Township.

The Friends of West Goshen Parks work closely with the Park and Recreation Board to plan Township events. During events, members provide information to visitors and assist the Park and Recreation staff in assuring an entertaining time for all participants. At Community Day, The Friends of West Goshen Parks provide free crafts for children, including sand art.

From "The Park Press" (the official newsletter of The Friends of West Goshen Parks) to distributing fliers, The Friends of West Goshen Parks are vital when it comes to informing the community of upcoming events. Individuals who can not commit time to help The Friends of West Goshen Parks can help in other ways, such as donating clean baby food jars (with lids!) for the Community Day sand art.

Membership in The Friends of West Goshen Parks costs \$5.00 per year per family. Just fill out the form below and mail it with a check made payable to: The Friends of West Goshen Parks, Inc., P.O. Box 441, West Chester, PA 19381.

For \$5.00 per year, your family can support West Goshen Parks. Mail check and completed form to: The Friends of West Goshen Parks, Inc., P.O. Box 441, West Chester, PA 19381.

The Friends of West Goshen Parks, Inc. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Check here if you are interested in volunteer opportunities:

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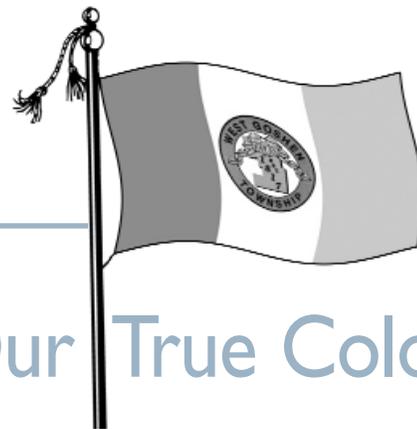
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Township offices will be closed on and Monday, September 1. There will be no trash/recycle pickup on that date. Trash will be picked up the next day, Tuesday, September 2.

Bulk Trash pick-up dates are August 7, September 4, and October 2.



Showing Our True Colors

The West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors has recently adopted the first-ever Township flag. The West Goshen Municipal Complex and West Goshen Community Park are among the places currently displaying the new Township flag.

The tricolor flag features fields of gold, white, and Township Blue, with the Township seal in its center.

Businesses and individuals interested in displaying their West Goshen Township colors may purchase flags from the Township. For more information, call 610-696-5266.