

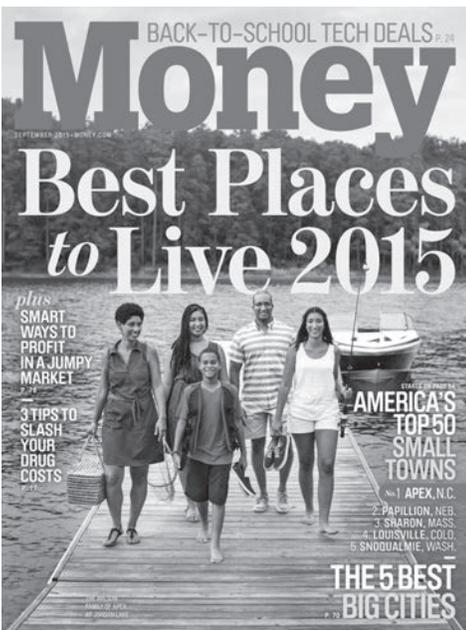


West Goshen

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5TH TIME IN A ROW!

West Goshen in Elite Company Among Best Places to Live



What do Louisville, Colorado, Papillon, Nebraska, and West Goshen Township have in common?

The three towns are the only ones in the United States to be ranked in the top 25 of each of Money Magazine's past five biennial rankings of "The Best Places to Live."

This year, West Goshen ranked 24th best place in the United States, putting it in its elite company. For the fourth time in a row, West Goshen was ranked as the top place to live in the state of Pennsylvania.

"We are proud that West Goshen Township continues to be recognized nationally as one of the best places to live," said Patricia B. McIlvaine,

chair of the West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors. "This is a reflection of our beautiful parks, great public schools, wonderful public services, as well as a thriving business community and abundance of cultural opportunities."



See Art and Meet Artists from West Goshen Township

Each year the West Goshen Township Administration Building hosts an exhibit featuring amateur and professional artists from West Goshen Township. This year's exhibit takes place during the months of September and October. Artwork may be viewed during business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM until 5:00 PM. In addition, members of the public are invited to attend a special reception on Thursday, October 1st between 7:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Light snacks and beverages will be provided and many of the artists will be available to discuss their works. This event is free of charge.



"Puffin" by Justine Brady

Who Is Responsible for Cutting Back Trees and Shrubs from the Roadway?

Owners of properties next to roadways are responsible for trimming back overhanging trees and hedges on their properties to stop vegetation from projecting into roads or sidewalks. Clearing roadside vegetation helps to limit damage and debris during storms,

increases visibility along the roadway, and makes the roadways easier to maintain during severe weather events.

Failure to trim trees and shrubs to a minimum three feet from the edge of the roadway and fifteen feet minimum

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Subdivision and Land Development Report

The following plans remain under review:

Traditions of West Goshen

Location: 1299 Boot Road

A 43,671 square foot independent living facility, consisting of 114 units is proposed.

Three-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.

The Woodlands at Greystone

Location: Northwest corner of the Route 322 Bypass 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.

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.

The following plans have been approved for construction:

11 Wilson Avenue Land Development

Location: 11 Wilson Avenue

The plan has been approved to demolish an existing dwelling and construct a new two-story office building.

Fern Hill Elementary School

Location: 915 Lincoln Avenue

This plan has been approved for a 14,014 square foot classroom addition, a 2,040 square foot cafeteria addition, and enclosing the existing front entrance of the school. Also an additional 64 parking spaces will be created adjacent to the proposed classroom addition with a pick-up and drop-off area. A new ten foot wide bus stacking lane is to be created for pick up and drop off in front of the cafeteria.

Pica's Pizza

Location: 1231 & 1233 West Chester Pike

This plan has been approved for an 8,896 square foot building with 4,380 square feet

of restaurant, 900 square feet of outdoor dining, and 3,616 square feet of food preparation/catering space for Frank Pica of Upper Darby.

Glenn M. White Subdivision

Location: 1320 Pottstown Pike

A seventeen-lot single-family detached residential subdivision has been approved on the western side of Route 100 (Pottstown Pike) just north of Burke Road.

TEVA Pharmaceuticals

Location: 145 Brandywine Parkway

This plan has been approved for a 1,240 square foot building addition for TEVA Pharmaceuticals.

Philip Neff, Jr.

Location: 829 West Chester Pike

The approved plan will move a lot line.

Fame Fire Company Expansion

Location: 200 Rosedale Avenue

The approved plan is a for a two story drive-through addition to the existing building.

A plan or zoning file may be viewed, by request, by contacting West Goshen Township.

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TOWNSHIP PARKS

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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

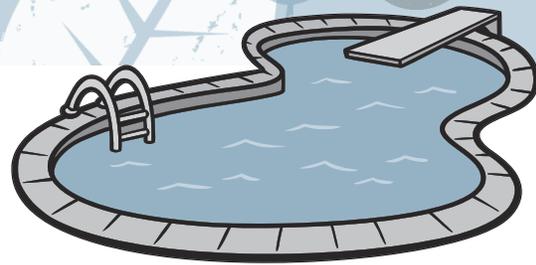
Fern Hill & North Five Points Roads

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.

The end of summer also usually means the end of swimming season for families with backyard pools. In the northeast, many pool owners partly or entirely drain their pools to reduce maintenance and potential damage from freezing during winter. Pool water, however, has high levels of chemicals, particularly chlorine, that may be harmful to wildlife and lakes, rivers, and streams. An average swimming pool holds 19,000 gallons of highly chlorinated water which is toxic to wildlife and fish.

Prior to draining a pool or hot tub, let the water sit untreated for at least one week to minimize the chlorine level to less than .5 parts per million. Test the pool or hot tub water to ensure a PH level between 6.5 and 7.8. If the PH and chlorine levels are safe, the water may be emptied into a large open area on your lawn, making sure not to spill over onto your neighbors' property or any streets, driveways, or other impervious surfaces. Pool water should never be deposited into lakes, streams, ponds,



creeks, wetlands, or other bodies of water. Pool or hot tub water may not be pumped directly into a stormwater drain, but must be run over grassy soil.

By properly maintaining your pool, you can make sure it provides your family years of entertainment while keeping it safe for you, your family, and your environment.

ROAD RULES

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Each day in Pennsylvania, school buses carry 1,500,000 children to and from school, transporting them more than 400,000,000 miles each year. Every year, children are needlessly injured or killed by drivers passing stopped school buses, and 1,000 motorists have their licenses suspended, receive five points on their driving records, and face \$250 fines for failing to obey the School Bus Stopping Law.

With schools back in session, remember to pay extra attention to school buses during your commute. Drivers must stop when approaching a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended or when approaching an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal

lights flashing and stop arm extended. In addition, drivers must stop for buses in oncoming traffic on roadways that divide traffic with painted yellow lines or ridged/grooved dividers or on smaller streets without traffic divider indicators. On roadways with physical barriers such as concrete barriers or guide rails or a dividing section containing trees, grass, etc. (such as on West Chester Pike), oncoming traffic may proceed while traffic travelling in the same direction as the stopped school bus must stop. All stopped traffic must be at least ten feet away from the school bus and may not proceed until all children have reached a place of safety and the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn.

Public Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors (7:00 PM, second Wednesday of each month, except January): October 14; November 11; December 9; Annual Organization Meeting—Monday, January 4.

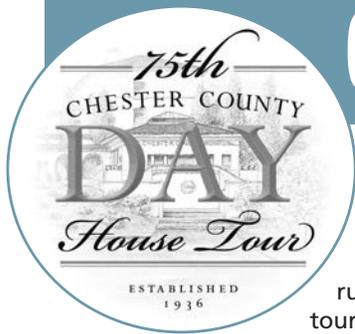
Park and Recreation Board (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month, except when otherwise indicated; no December meeting): October 21; November 18; January 20.

Planning Commission (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month): October 20; November 17; December 15; January 19.

Sewer Authority (7:30 PM, first Wednesday of each month): October 7; November 4; December 2; January 6.

Zoning Hearing Board (7:00 PM, first Thursday after the second Wednesday each month, except where otherwise noted): October 15; November 12; December 10; January 14. (Visit www.westgoshen.org to confirm hearings.)

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.



Chester County Day Celebrates 75th Year

Chester County Day, the longest running house tour in the United States,

originated when Mrs. William A. Limberger and her fellow members of the Women's Auxiliary to Chester County Hospital hosted "West Chester Day," a house tour that for \$1 allowed admittance to 22 homes.

Over its 75 years, the tour has been designed to feature the four quadrants of Chester County with each section taking turns being featured on "The Day." However, this year the event planners are returning to its roots and focusing their attention on the Borough of West Chester. With hundreds of years of history, the Borough is the perfect spot to celebrate the 75th year, and everyone is welcome to celebrate the anniversary of this Chester County tradition on Saturday, October 3, 2015.

The Day begins with the pageantry and excitement of a fox hunt at 9:00 AM at The Radnor Hunt. Afterward, a short drive to the Borough of West Chester will lead you to the start of the 75th Chester County Day tour. Located on West Chester's oldest road, High Street, visit the oldest inhabited structure in the Borough. Stroll through the neighborhoods of the north section of West Chester to visit charming mansions where your imagination can take you to a bygone era of the Great Gatsby lifestyle. Stop by the home of former builder Henry Price, and then see how a newly constructed home fits into the historic mix on E. Marshall Street. Listen for the sound of the horse-drawn carriages as they make their way through the shaded and wide streets of the north end of town. Swing by the West Chester Public Library, one of the Borough's most impressive public buildings, built in 1888 in Queen Anne style. Continue your tour on S. New Street and tour a historic bank barn and manor house, where you will be enchanted by the magnificent trees, pond, historical buildings and serene

atmosphere, all while refueling yourself with a boxed lunch. From there, visit a nearby horse farm, a spectacular house and restored mill overlooking Crum Creek. See Historic Sugartown, a rural crossroads village dating from the late 18th century. Stop by the General Store, Carriage Museum and a book bindery.

Tickets cost \$40 each and may be purchased in advance at www.ChesterCountyDay.com, by calling 610-431-5328, in West Goshen Township at Stuart Jewelers in the West Goshen Shopping Center, or at any of the following free preview lectures:

■ **Tuesday, September 15th, 7:00 PM** at the West Chester Public Library, 415 N. Church Street, West Chester

■ **Wednesday, September 16th, 7:00 PM** at the Chester County Hospital Mira Conference Room, First Floor East, 701 E. Marshall Street, West Chester

■ **Wednesday, September 16th, 7:00 PM** at Hershey's Mill Community Center, 1500 Greenhill Road, West Chester

■ **Thursday, September 17th, 7:00 PM** at the East Goshen Township Building, Second Floor, 1580 Paoli Pike, West Chester

■ **Sunday, September 20th, 2:00 PM** at the Struble Room at Chester County Library & District Center, 450 Exton Square Parkway, Exton

■ **Tuesday, September 22nd, 7:00 PM** at Easttown Library & Information Center, 720 First Avenue, Berwyn

■ **Thursday, September 24th, 6:00 PM** at the Large Community room at Henrietta Hankin Library Annex, 215 Windgate Drive, Chester Springs

■ **Tuesday, September 29th, 7:00 PM** at Freedom Village Brandywine Auditorium, 15 Freedom Boulevard, West Brandywine

■ **Tuesday, September 29th, 7:00 PM** at the Chester County Hospital Mira Conference Room, First Floor East, 701 E. Marshall Street, West Chester

■ **Friday, October 2nd, 6:00 & 7:30 PM** at Court Room 1 (Second Floor), West Chester Historic Court House, 2 N. High Street, West Chester

■ **Friday, October 2nd, 5:00, 6:00, & 7:00 PM** at Longwood Gardens Visitor Center Auditorium, Route 1, Kennett Square

Proceeds from the tour benefit the Women's Auxiliary pledge for the Chester County Hospital Cardiac Catheterization Lab project, a \$4.8 million replacement project for Interventional Laboratory 3. This room is used for complex ablation cases, laser peripheral vascular intervention and other complex peripheral vascular procedures.

WINE FESTIVAL

On Sunday, October 11th, the Brandywine and Greystone Women's Auxiliaries to Chester County Hospital will gather with more than 1,500 grape enthusiasts to help crush cancer at the 24th Annual Dilworthtown Inn Wine Festival. As the county's premier wine event, the festival features more than 100 wines, craft beers, sumptuous fare prepared by Dilworthtown Inn chefs and local food trucks, a silent auction, shopping opportunities in the Gallery of Artisan Vendors, live music, a performance car show, and much more. Proceeds from the wine festival benefit patients of The Cancer Program of Chester County Hospital and Neighborhood Health. To attend, volunteer, sponsor, or donate, visit www.ChesterCountyHospital.org or call 610-431-5328.





Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa: Extension Cord Safety

People often string together extension cords without a second thought. After all, all cords are created equal, right? Think again.

Just because the extension cord has the length to reach the outlet across the room, it does not mean it's the right one for the task at hand. If the tool, appliance, or holiday display is drawing more current than an extension cord can carry, it may cause the cord (and whatever is connected to it) to overheat and start a fire. Fortunately, all cords are labeled with wattage restrictions to help you make smart connection decisions.

To keep your family safe, UL recommends that you follow these simple steps when using any extension cord:

Read the manufacturer's instructions for the device(s) you will be using. These booklets contain important information about your tools, appliances, and decorations and will provide instructions on their use.

Check the information on your cord.

Extension cords are labeled with valuable information as to the use, size, and wattage rating of the cord. Cords are offered in many lengths and are marked with a size or "gauge." The gauge is based on the American Wire Gauge (AWG) System, in which the larger the wire, the smaller the AWG number. For example, a 12 gauge wire would be larger and can power larger wattage appliances, than a 14 gauge wire.

Decide whether you will be using the appliance indoors or outdoors.

Extension cords that can be used outdoors will be clearly marked "Suitable for Use with Outdoor Appliances." Never use an indoor extension cord outdoors; it could result in an electric shock or fire hazard.

Determine the gauge needed. All appliances indicate how much wattage is consumed when operated. That rating can be found on the appliance itself and often within the use and care booklet that accompanies the product. Other

appliances will indicate power usage in amps, rather than watts. Quick tip: if your appliance indicates that it uses 5 amps at 125 volts, then its wattage rating is 625W (5x125). If you are going to use the extension cord with two or more appliances, you must add together the wattage rating for all appliances used on the cord. The total of those wattage ratings will help you determine which gauge size you will need.

Place the cord correctly. Extension cords should not be placed underneath rugs or other heavy furniture. They should not be tacked in place to a wall or taped down. Extension cords should not be used while coiled or bent.

If you use an extension cord for a light or other small appliance, consider the electrical extension cord as a temporary solution. Eliminate the need for extension cords in your home by having a licensed electrician install a sufficient number of electrical outlets with the proper wiring and circuit protection.

Watch the Eagles in Person, See the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular, or Tour New York City on Your Own!

Sunday, September 27th Eagles vs. Jets at the Meadowlands



For the first time ever, the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is going to an Eagles game! Avoid the papal gridlock around Philadelphia, and travel by luxury motorcoach to the Meadowlands to see the Philadelphia Eagles take on the New York Jets.

\$120 per person includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, an upper-level sideline seat, and bus driver tip.

Saturday, December 5th New York City on Your Own



Go shopping, dining, sightseeing, and see the city decorated for the holidays at your own pace as you get dropped off near Times Square and spend an afternoon in the heart of the Big Apple.

\$40 per person, includes round-trip transportation and bus driver tip.

Monday, December 7th Radio City Music Hall



See the Christmas Spectacular, spend some time touring the city on your own, and end the day with a memorable dinner at Carmine's. A limited number of seats remain, so don't delay!

\$175 per person includes round-trip transportation, a ticket to the show, dinner at Carmine's, and all tips and taxes.

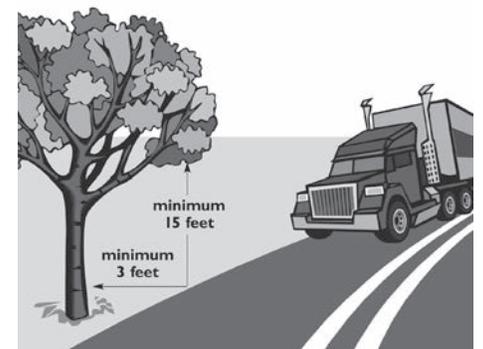
For more information about any of these trips, visit www.westgoshe.org or contact the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266 or via email at klehr@westgoshe.org.

Who Is Responsible...

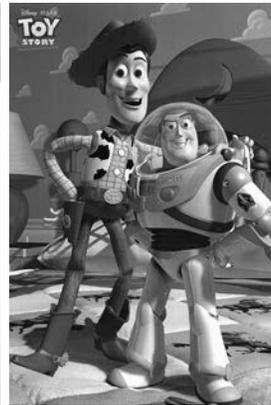
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height above the roadway can result in a formal action by the Township Zoning Officer. Furthermore, property owners may be responsible for financial damages for accidents caused by trees and shrubs projecting onto roadways or sidewalks.

The West Goshen Township Zoning Department asks that all neighbors take a look at their trees and shrubs and arrange to have them maintained.



Something Old, Something New for Fall Movie Series



The West Goshen Fall Movie Series will feature a couple of classics, along with recent movie releases for families. All movies are FREE OF CHARGE and begin at 7:30 PM at the J. Leon Hagerty Amphitheater at West Goshen Community Park at Fern Hill and N. Five Points Roads. Guests are encouraged to bring a dry good item (soap, laundry detergent, diapers, shampoo, toilet paper, etc.) for the West Chester Food Cupboard.

September 19th: The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water (PG)

Join SpongeBob, Patrick, and friends as they go on a quest to discover a stolen recipe that takes them to the third dimension, our world, as they tangle with a pirate.

September 26th: Cinderella (PG)

See Disney's live-action 2015 take on the classic rags to riches fairy tale, as directed by Kenneth Branagh.

October 3rd: Big Hero 6 (PG)

When a criminal plot threatens the hi-tech metropolis of San Fransokyo, brilliant young robotics whiz Hiro Hamada leaps into action with his tech-savvy friends, and his robot companion Baymax in Disney Animation's adaptation of the popular Marvel Comics series.

October 10th: Toy Story (G)

Pixar's first digital feature film is a timeless classic twenty years after its first release! Relive the story of Woody,

Buzz, and their lovable toy friends as they vie for the affection of Andy.

October 17th: The Sound of Music (G)

Celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of "The Sound of Music" by joining in an outdoor sing-along with Julie Andrews and the Von Trappe family.

In the event of rain, movies would be shown in the West Goshen Township Administration Building at Paoli Pike and N. Five Points Road. For more information and rain determination, visit www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Movies.cfm.



WANTED: Kids to Come and Enjoy the Harvest Festival



Help Wanted: The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is looking for children to participate in the annual Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 25th between 2:00 and 4:00 PM.

Responsibilities include riding on the hay cart, taking home a pumpkin, enjoying seasonal snacks and beverages, and having fun.

In addition, the Park and Recreation Department is seeking families to bring old clothes and costumes to make scarecrows to take home.

Prizes will be provided to winners of the scarecrow contest and to the adult and

child who come closest to guessing the actual weight of West Goshen's largest pumpkin.



Although the day's activities are 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.

Visit www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Harvest_Festival.cfm to register to attend or for more information.

Decorate Your Home for the Holidays

The West Goshen Holiday Craft Workshop will take place in the Community Room at the West Goshen Township Administration Building, with participants choosing to attend the Tuesday December 15th or Wednesday, December 16th 7:00 PM workshops. Registration costs \$10 per centerpiece and \$15 per wreath. The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department provides all supplies and instruction for the workshop. Advance registration is required. Information and registration forms are available at www.westgoshe.org/Departments/Events/Holiday_Crafts.cfm.



Roonie Says...

Dogs are permitted on-leash at West Goshen's parks. The only area where dogs may run off-leash is within the fenced-in area of Roonie's Canine Corner at Robert E. Lambert Park (1145 Pottstown Pike). Dog owners are particularly reminded to keep their dogs on leashes in the following areas:

- The area between the dogpark and the parking lot at Robert E. Lambert Park. Dogs must be placed on leash between cars and the entrance to Roonie's Canine Corner, and may not exit the dogpark without a leash.
- Enclosed baseball fields. Although these areas are fenced-in, dogs may not run free on ballfields.
- Barker Park, Coopersmith Park, and smaller neighborhood parks. Even if you and your dog are the only ones using the park, Section 57-3(K) of the West Goshen Township Code requires the dog to be on a leash not exceeding eight feet in length.

Join the Holiday Fun at Timothy's

A West Goshen holiday tradition continues, as Santa visits Timothy's in the Parkway Center on Saturday, December 19th at 9:00 AM for the annual West Goshen Holiday Breakfast. Children can decorate gingerbread men and have their photos taken with Santa Claus, and everyone can enjoy a hot breakfast while celebrating the holidays with their neighbors from West Goshen Township. Cost is \$5 per person.

All participants must preregister by Monday, December 14th. For more information and registration forms, visit www.westgoshe.org/Departments/Events/Holiday_Breakfast.cfm.



Limited Number of Greeting Cards Available

Show your pride in West Goshen Township and help support your local parks!

The Friends of West Goshen Parks have a limited number of greeting cards remaining featuring winter scenes from Coopersmith Park, Barker Park, and West Goshen Community Park. Each pack costs \$10 and contains three sets of four different designs (total of twelve cards) and matching envelopes. Choose from blank notecards or greeting cards with the message "Happy Holidays." Cards may be purchased at the West Goshen Township Administration Building, Mondays through Fridays, 7:00 AM until 5:00 PM, or at the West Goshen Harvest Festival on October 25th. Proceeds from card sales benefit The Friends of West Goshen Parks.

YOUR DISPOSAL GUIDE



The semiannual Waste and Recycling Guide published in the spring and fall issues of the West Goshen Township Newsletter is your source for information about proper disposal of trash, bulk trash, recyclables, and household hazardous waste in West Goshen Township. This fall guide also has information about leaf and Christmas tree disposal. Please note that guidelines for trash and recyclable collections and household hazardous waste disposal may change over time, and that individuals should make sure they are current on the latest information by referring to this guide or visiting www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Trash_and_Recycling/trash_and_recycling.html. Guidelines are divided into three property categories:

Single family homes: Houses that receive municipal trash collection from West Goshen Township's trash hauling contract with J.P. Mascaro and Sons.

Multi-unit residences: Includes apartment buildings with four or more units and condominium and homeowners associations.

Businesses: Includes commercial business properties such as stores, markets, office buildings, restaurants, and shopping centers; industrial properties such as factories, foundries, processing plants, and warehouses; institutions such as hospitals, nursing homes, private and public schools, and universities; and public agencies including government agencies, authorities, and councils.

TRASH

Single family homes: Trash collections are on Mondays and Thursdays. In the event of a Monday holiday, trash will be collected on Tuesday and Friday that week. In the event of a Thursday holiday, trash will be collected that Friday.

All trash (except bulk items) must be placed inside the Township-provided 96 gallon container, and the container must be placed at curbside before 6:00 AM or the night before with the front wheels against the curb and the handle

and wheels facing away from the street. The container must be at least four feet away from mailboxes, cars, or any other obstacles, and at least three feet to the left or right of any recycling containers. Trash will not be picked up if it is put out after the truck has arrived. We recommend that you write your address in permanent black marker on the trash container, and make note of its unique identification number (indicated on the trash container) assigned to your home, to avoid any confusion with neighbors' trash containers.

Multi-unit residences and businesses: Please consult your property owner for trash disposal locations.

BULK TRASH

Single family homes: A maximum of one bulk item will be collected per week. A bulk item is an appliance or piece of furniture which two people can lift. Refrigerators, air conditioners, and other cooling units must be tagged that freon has been removed. No building materials, railroad ties; automotive parts, or tires will be accepted. A maximum of four carpet rolls, each no longer than four feet in length, will be collected. If you are unsure whether or not your bulk trash item will be collected, call 610-696-5266, ext. 4305 or email lcovatta@westgoshen.org.

Multi-unit residences and businesses: Please consult your property owner for bulk trash disposal procedures.

RECYCLABLES

Single family homes: Recyclables are collected on Mondays, and must be placed in a recycling bucket or a trash can with a Township recycling sticker attached to it by 6:00 Monday morning or the night before. Twenty gallon recycling buckets (\$10) and free recycling stickers are available at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Please mark each bucket with your street and house number, and place it to the left or right of your trash

can, with at least three feet of clearance between the containers. In the event of a Monday holiday, recyclables would be collected the following day.

There is no maximum limit to the amount of household recyclables accepted. The following items are recyclable: Cans, including aluminum, steel, or tin; clear, brown, or green glass bottles and jars; #1 through #7 plastics; paper, including junk mail, telephone books, catalogs, white paper, wrapping paper, magazines, and newspapers. Please note that all items must fit into your recycle bucket. Flattened boxes, including cereal boxes, corrugated cardboard, and other cardboard boxes may be bundled or placed into a cardboard box or brown paper bag next to your recycle bucket.

The following items are NOT recyclable, and should be disposed of with regular trash: tissues, paper towels, and napkins; food wrappers; wax or plastic coated boxes; tyvek envelopes; metallic wrapping paper; light bulbs; plate glass, window glass, drinking glasses, and mirrors; crystal; ceramics; aerosol paint cans; ovenware; plastics without identifying recycling numbers; styrofoam; and empty oil cans or bottles.

For more information on the recycling requirements, contact 610-696-5266, ext. 4305 or email lcovatta@westgoshen.org.

Multi-unit residences: Must provide written recycling program materials to occupants with instructions about what materials are to be recycled, how the materials are to be prepared, and how the collection system works. The owner, operator, or administrator must provide for collection of the following recycling materials at least once per month: Clear and colored glass; aluminum, steel, and bimetallic cans; #1 and #2 plastics; mixed paper including newspaper, junk mail, telephone books, catalogs, white paper, magazines, flattened boxes which do not come into direct contact with food, and noncorrugated cardboard; and any other recyclables determined by the apartment complex or condominium association. Recycling containers must be easily accessible and suitable for the type of material that is being collected.



Businesses: Must provide written recycling program materials to occupants and employees with instructions about what materials are to be recycled, how the materials are to be prepared, and how the collection system works. The property owner, operator, or administrator must provide for collection of the following recycling materials at least once per month: Computer paper and white bond/copier/letterhead paper; corrugated paper; and aluminum and steel or bimetallic cans. Recycling containers must be easily accessible and suitable for the type of material that is being collected. Educational facilities must provide for separation and collection of recyclable materials in classrooms, administrative offices, cafeterias, and dormitories.

YARD WASTE

Yard waste may not be burned or deposited into streams, ponds, or stream beds.

Single family homes: The final curbside yard waste collection of 2015 will take place on Saturday, October 10th. Branches, twigs, leaves, and other yard waste may be placed curbside in trashcans or biodegradable paper yard waste bags, or tied in bundles no more than four feet in length with branches no more than four inches in diameter. Yard waste will not be collected from plastic bags and grass clippings will not be accepted. There is no limit to the number of trashcans, paper bags, or tied-up bundles that will be accepted.

Multi-unit residences and businesses: Are responsible for their own yard waste.

LEAVES

Single family homes: Compost leaves whenever possible. Place leaves to be disposed of in biodegradable bags or trash cans curbside for collection on Saturday, November 14th, Saturday, December 5th, or Saturday, December 19th. Leaves will not be collected from plastic bags. There is no limit to

the number of bags or cans for leaf collections. Small branches or twigs that fit into a paper yard waste bag may be included. Leaves may not be burned, raked into streets, or deposited into streams, ponds, or stream beds.

Multi-unit residences and businesses: Institutional properties are responsible for arranging for their own leaf disposal with their trash haulers. Leaves may not be burned, raked into streets, or deposited into streams, ponds, or stream beds.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Single family homes: Christmas trees may be dropped off at the designate area of the West Goshen Community Park main parking lot between December 26, 2015 and January 18, 2016, or may be placed curbside for collection on Saturday, January 16, 2016.

Multi-unit residences: Residents may drop Christmas trees off at the designate area of the West Goshen Community Park main parking lot between December 26, 2015 and January 18, 2016, or may check with their property management for other disposal options.

Businesses: Businesses are responsible for disposing of their Christmas trees at their own expense, and may not dispose of them at the residential Christmas tree dropoff at West Goshen Community Park.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Single family homes and multi-unit residences: The final Chester County Household Hazardous Waste dropoff will take place on Saturday, October 10, 2015 between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Materials to be accepted include:

- **Paint products:** Oil-based paints; turpentine and thinners; stains, varnishes, and shellacs; strippers and removers; wallpaper cement; and adhesives and solvents.

- **Outdoor products:** Pool chemicals; weed killers; septic tank degreasers; asphalt sealers; caulking compounds; joint compounds; rodent poisons; and roof cements.

- **Automotive products:** Grease and rust solvents; fuel additives; carburetor cleaners; transmission and brake fluid; antifreeze; gasoline and gas/oil mixtures; and car (lead acid), truck, motorcycle, or marine batteries.

- **Household products:** drain openers; rug, wool, and metal cleaners; mothballs/flakes; spot remover; rechargeable batteries; kerosene; and toilet bowl cleaners.

- **Other products:** acids, caustics, and solvents; flammables and oxidizers; lead and mercury products; pesticides; organic peroxide; reactive metals; and propane cylinders under twenty pounds.

The following materials will not be accepted: Infectious and medical waste; explosives and ammunitions; appliances and white goods; latex and water based paints; pressurized CFAs and HCFs; commercial and industrial waste; radioactive waste; non-propane gas cylinders or propane cylinders over twenty pounds; PCB's; freon; asbestos; alkaline batteries; and unidentified waste. Electronic products will not be accepted. Tires and used motor oils are not accepted at household hazardous waste collections, but may be recycled at select automotive businesses. Call the Chester County Solid Waste Authority at 610-273-3771, ext. 228 for recycling locations of automotive-related materials.

Single family homes, multi-unit residences, and businesses: Items labeled with any of the following words can not be disposed of with regular trash: CAUTION, TOXIC, DANGER, FLAMMABLE, WARNING, CORROSIVE, EXPLOSIVE, REACTIVE, COMBUSTIBLE, POISONOUS, or HAZARDOUS. Electronic products will not be accepted with household trash. Look for information about special household electronic waste disposals in future issue of The West Goshen Township Newsletter.

Seniors Eligible for Rebate on Trash Service Fees

West Goshen seniors age 65 or older who received a Pennsylvania Property Tax Rebate this year are eligible to apply for a Trash Rebate through West Goshen Township. The Trash Rebate Program Application is available at the West Goshen Township Administration Building and must be completed and returned to West Goshen Township by October 31, 2015. Rebate Applications have been sent to everyone who has received a West Goshen Trash Rebate in the past. First time applicants may receive copies of the West Goshen Trash Rebate Program by calling 610-696-5266, ext. 4108 or by visiting www.westgoshen.org.

Community Relations Helps with Crime Prevention

The West Goshen Township Police Department Community Relations Division offers crime prevention tips and will meet with homeowners associations, as well as residents of other neighborhoods, businesses, and churches to speak about crime prevention. Please contact the West Goshen Township Police Department and ask for the Community Relations Division to speak with an officer to discuss further and set up an appointment.

Curfew Reminder

Residents are reminded that West Goshen Township has a curfew ordinance. The ordinance states: "It shall be unlawful for any minor who has not attained the 18th anniversary of the date of his (or her) birth to remain in

or upon any public street, public place, or any establishment in the Township of West Goshen between the hours of 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM of the following day, prevailing time, except that on Fridays and Saturdays and all nights between June 15th and September 15th, inclusive, the hours shall be 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM, provided that this section shall not apply to any minor accompanied by a parent, guardian, or an adult 21 years of age or over responsible for the care and custody of the person of such minor or to a minor upon an errand or other legitimate business directed by such minor's parent or guardian or to any minor who is engaged in gainful, lawful employment during the curfew hours, provided that said minor carries identification and evidence in writing to this effect."

Historical Farmhouse in West Goshen Township

Do you recognize this West Goshen historic property?

It is actually hidden in plain sight.

This Farmhouse originally sat on hundreds of acres of farmland and evolved much like other farm houses in Chester County. The two story brick east section (three bays) was built circa 1786 as an addition to an old log or plank house, which then became the kitchen. This kitchen was later demolished and replaced with the west stone section (two bays) circa 1811, forming the present central hall plan house. The two original chimneys remain.

The front of the house looks down into a valley (now the Sports Complex on Westtown Road). As you drive out of the parking lot of the Government Services Building look to your left, you will see the back of the house.

Previous owners include George Matlack and family 1781-1877; Isaac Rodenboh and family 1878-1886; Edward and Horace T. Walter 1886-1930; John S. Garrett, Jr. 1930-1944; Charles H. Craig 1945-1948; James J. Logue, Jr. 1948-1953; and Richard F. Matlat 1953. The building is now owned by Chester County and sits on the property of the Government Services Building.

The West Goshen Historical Committee welcomes ideas on how the building may be repurposed by contacting Nancy McCabe, Chairman of the West

Goshen Historical Committee at 484-667-0534 or via email at nmccabewc@gmail.com.

The West Goshen Historical Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Community Room (first floor) of the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Meetings are free and open to the public. Feel free to bring your ideas to a meeting. For more information, check out "West Goshen Historical Committee" on Facebook.



Photo by Damon Kletzien



Part of Our Community: Meals on Wheels of Chester County

Between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, Meals on Wheels of Chester County served 615 County residents a total of 67,413 meals.

Started in 1971 and incorporated in 1991, Meals on Wheels of Chester County serves residents of the County who are homebound due to illness, disability, or advanced aged with hot and nutritionally balanced lunches five days per week. Frozen meals are also available for people to heat at home. Meals on Wheels of Chester County is divided into 21 chapters that each serve specific areas of the County. West Goshen Township is serviced by the GoshenTown Chapter, which also serves East Goshen and Westtown Townships.

Operations for the whole County are coordinated by seven part-time staff members out of the Meals on Wheels of Chester County offices on Willowbrook Lane in West Goshen Township. They provide support to the chapters, take referrals, track statistics, and write grants. Hot meals are prepared at local hospitals, retirement communities, rehabilitation centers, and a restaurant, and delivered by over 500 volunteers. The GoshenTown service area is divided into three routes, with each route taking approximately one hour to complete.

"We have fourteen different food providers across the County. This allows volunteers to pick up meals near where clients live and deliver while food stays hot," says Jeani Purcell, Director of Meals on Wheels of Chester County. "We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit program that depends on our many wonderful volunteers to help feed shut-ins who often have little family support or are alone during the day while family is working. However, Meals on Wheels of Chester County is more than just a meal. Volunteers develop friendships with the people on their route. Sometimes a volunteer is the only person our client sees during the day. There have been many times a volunteer called the main office with a concern about the client's well-being. Family members appreciate that we keep an eye on their aging relatives and call the emergency contact if someone isn't home. Who knows, they may have fallen and can't answer the door."



"We're always looking for more volunteers," Purcell adds. "It's easy, rewarding, and doesn't take much time. Volunteers can drive as much or as little as they want. Some only deliver meals once a month. Typically, a volunteer with our GoshenTown Chapter will pick up the meals for their route at Pembroke Retirement Home at 11:30 AM. We provide the directions and a weekly list of clients."

In order to be eligible to receive Meals on Wheels, a client must be homebound. Service recipients can be referred from hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nurses, social workers, the Chester County Department of Aging, or by themselves since Meals on Wheels has popular recognition on a national level. New clients meet with a Meals on Wheels staff member and someone from the Department of Aging will visit to determine if additional services are required. Meals on Wheels does not have any age requirements. However, the majority of service recipients are age 60 or older.

"We appreciate the funding from the Department of Aging and the support of the Chester County Commissioners," points out Purcell.

Over half of the funding for Wheels on Meals of Chester County comes from the County's Department of Aging. Other

funding comes from grants, individual donations, and contributions from clients for food deliveries.

According to Jeani Purcell, "Donations are requested from the clients. However, we never turn anyone away if they can not contribute."

In partnership with the Chester County Food Bank, Meals on Wheels of Chester County can also provide frozen meals for recipients to heat at a later time. Thanks to Henry's Food Cupboard, a new program initiated by State Senator Andrew Dinniman with the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association, this fall Meals on Wheels of Chester County will also be able to deliver pet food to clients with dogs or cats who might not otherwise be able to get out to purchase pet supplies. Having pets, especially for someone who is lonely, is a huge benefit to homebound persons and helps keep pets out of adoption facilities.

Meals on Wheels of Chester County is a member of Meals on Wheels of Pennsylvania and Meals on Wheels America. The national and state organizations provide advocacy and lobbying for the local groups, and staff members of Meals on Wheels of Chester County can attend the National Conference for seminars, training, and sharing of ideas with other Meals on Wheels groups across the country.

For more information about Meals on Wheels of Chester County, visit www.mowcc.org. If you are interested in volunteering to deliver meals, or if you or someone you know would like to request Meals on Wheels service, contact Meals on Wheels of Chester County at 610-430-8500 or via email at meals@mowcc.org.

"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.



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TOWNSHIP HOLIDAYS: Township offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th in celebration of Thanksgiving, on Friday, December 25th for Christmas, and on New Year's Day, Friday, January 1st.

Trash will be collected on Friday, November 27th instead of Thursday, November 26th. Trash service will not be affected by the Christmas or New Year holidays.