

WEST GOSHEN



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Take Steps Towards a Healthier Life

A Simple Step

There's a simple step you can take to lower your risk of heart attack, stroke, diabetes, glaucoma, and some forms of cancer ... This simple step also can help relieve osteoporosis, arthritis, and back pain ... Taking this simple step can lower your weight, blood pressure, and cholesterol level ... This simple step is...simply stepping.

Every Step Counts

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department has teamed up with Chester County Hospital, the West Chester Area School District, and other park and recreation departments across the county to introduce **Chesco: Every Step Counts**, a new program designed to encourage residents of Chester County to adopt a healthy lifestyle through walking.

Chesco: Every Step Counts will celebrate its kickoff at West Goshen Community Park on Sunday, April 4th between 2:00 and 4:00 PM. Enjoy food, fun, music, children's activities and more. Participants will receive pedometers and walking journals, learn simple stretching exercises to enhance their walking experience, and partake on a two mile walk. Participants may then walk on their own or in walking groups over the next 30 days with a goal of taking 10,000 steps (approximately five miles) in one day by the end of the month. To encourage continued

commitment to walking, **Chesco: Every Step Counts** will also have a million step club, for people who record one-million steps taken during the first six months of the program.

Step Up and Register

Chester County residents can register to participate in **Chesco: Every Step Counts** by calling Chester County Hospital at 610-738-2300 between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM. The registration fee is \$10 and includes the pedometer and walking journal, or \$5 for participants who already have a pedometer. Early registrants will also receive a free T-shirt.

Stepping Out

In conjunction with **Chesco: Every Step Counts**, the West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department announces the formation of "West Goshen Walks." This walking group will meet on weekdays at 7:00 AM at West Goshen Community Park beginning Monday, April 6th. Anyone interested in joining "West Goshen Walks" or in learning more about the benefits of walking may email Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org, or call the Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266. ★

Where does your storm water go?

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground. This water seeps into the ground or drains into storm sewers. Precipitation is a natural part of the water cycle and the environment, but there can be problems associated with storm water runoff where it comes into conflict with development. Hard, impermeable surfaces such as concrete prevent water from soaking in the ground, and this can lead to flooding. The water can also wash pollutants and sediments from the ground and into watersheds. Since storm water is not treated, these chemicals end up in rivers, lakes, and the ocean. These substances can degrade the quality of the waterways, harm animals such as fish, and make beaches unsafe for swimming.

To address the environmental hazards of storm water, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program was established in 1972 under the authority of the Clean Water Act. In 1990, Phase I of the NPDES storm water program required permit coverage for large or medium municipalities that had populations of 100,000 or more.

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Tax Increase Necessitated

For the first time since 1994, West Goshen Township will be raising property taxes for the year 2004. The tax increase, from .85 mils to 1.5 mils, was necessitated by a drop in earned income tax receipts and by required budget increases. Increases in expenses include state mandated staff increases and an 11% rise in employee health insurance. For more information about West Goshen Township's 2004 budget, please see page 3.

West Goshen's earned income tax will remain at 1/2%. ★

township information

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

6 year elected term

Patricia B. McIlvaine, *Chairman*
Edward G. Meakim, Jr., *Vice-Chairman*
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Jeanne M. Denham, *Finance Director*
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Police 911 or 610.696.7400
Fax 610.696.3935
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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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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

James L. Mosteller
Louis J. Mayer
Jacob W. Bowman, Jr.

TAX COLLECTOR

William R. Keenan

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

ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING

The West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors appointed its first-ever female chairman at the Township's Annual Organization Meeting on Monday, January 5th. Patricia B. McIlvaine, who was sworn into her second term on the Board of Supervisors, will chair the Board, with Edward G. Meakim, Jr. serving as vice-chairman and Dr. Robert S. White continuing as member.

Jacob W. Bowman, Jr. was also sworn in at the Annual Organization Meeting for his first term as Township Auditor. In addition, the Board of Supervisors made the following appointments at the meeting:

Planning Commission	Nancy B. Higgins (4th Term)
Park and Recreation Board	Daniel Dixon (3rd Term) Edward T. Smith (3rd Term)
Zoning Hearing Board	Peter C. Anderson (3rd Term)
Sewer Authority	John L. Windle (5th Term)
Vacancy Board	Raymond H. Halvorsen (2nd Term)
BOCA Appeals Board	Louis Calvarese (3rd Term) David W. Graf (6th Term) Roberta P. Kelly (1st Term) James J. McIntyre (16th Term) Grant K. Middlestead (3rd Term)
Pension Committee	Peter C. Anderson (8th Term) Gary S. Hess (8th Term) William Keenan (8th Term) Richard Weinstein (8th Term)

2004 BUDGET

The proposed General Fund Budget, the proposed Sewer Fund Budget, and the proposed Waste and Recycling Fund Budget for the fiscal year 2004 for West Goshen Township, Chester County, were adopted at the Board of Supervisors meeting on November 19, 2003.

2004 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

REVENUES

Taxes	\$ 8,036,000
Licenses	243,700
Fines & Forfeits	133,600
Interest & Rents	67,600
Intergovernmental Revenue	447,149
Departmental Earnings	268,148
Miscellaneous Revenue	25,868
Fund Equity & Other	3,061,135
Total Revenues	\$ 12,283,200

EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$ 1,659,361
Public Safety	4,397,007
Highways	949,965
Parks & Recreation	941,023
Debt Service & Capital Projects	1,245,350
Misc.	5,000
Other Financing Uses	71,157
Reserved for Future Year's Expenses	3,014,337
Total Expenditures	\$ 12,283,200

2004 SEWER FUND BUDGET

REVENUES

Interest Earnings	\$ 44,000
State Capital & Operating Grants	-
State Aid Employee Pension	57,285
Connection Fees	8,000
Sewer Rents	2,983,039
Misc. Revenue & IWP	25,000
Fund Equity & Other	3,919,690
Total Revenues	\$ 7,037,014

EXPENDITURES

Administrative Expenses	\$ 342,157
Rent to Authority	1,201,692
Collection	616,839
Treatment Plant	1,532,281
Transfers	29,525
Reserved for Future Year's Expense	3,314,520
Total Expenditures	\$ 7,037,014

2004 WASTE AND RECYCLING BUDGET

REVENUES

Interest Earnings	\$ 13,204
Grants	86,943
Waste & Recycling Income	1,358,210
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,500
Fund Equity & Other	1,444,104
Total Revenues	\$ 2,904,961

EXPENDITURES

Administrative Expenses	\$ 73,300
Professional Services	6,800
Contracted & Other Services	1,380,994
Reserved for Future Year's Expenses	1,443,867
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,904,961

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	7:00 PM
February	11	18	17	11	12
March	10 & 24	17	16	10	11
April	14 & 28	21	20	14	15

The Board of Supervisors will not meet on Wednesday, February 25.

All meetings are held in the Township Administration Building except the Sewer Authority, which meets 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.

When It Rains, It Drains

Understanding storm water and how it can affect your money, safety, health, & the environment.

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Phase II of the NPDES storm water program was signed into law in December 1999. This regulation requires smaller communities, including West Goshen Township, to develop and implement a comprehensive storm water management program that includes six minimum control measures: (1) public education and outreach on storm water impacts; (2) public involvement/participation; (3) illicit

discharge detection and elimination; (4) construction site storm water runoff control; (5) post-construction storm water management for new development and redevelopment; and (6) pollution prevention/good housekeeping for municipal operations.

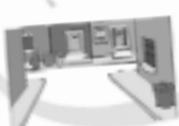
In accordance with the NPDES requirements, West Goshen Township has provided the following information from

the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Additional information will be provided in future newsletters. If you have any questions regarding storm water management in West Goshen Township please contact the West Goshen Township Engineer for further information. ★

What Happens When It Rains?



Rain is an important part of nature's water cycle, but there are times it can do more damage than good. Problems related to storm water runoff can include:



Flooding caused by too much storm water flowing over hardened surfaces such as roads and parking lots, instead of soaking into the ground.

Increases in spending on maintaining storm drains and the storm sewer system that become clogged with excessive amounts of dirt and debris.



Decreases in sportfish populations because storm water carries sediment and pollutants that degrade important fish habitat.



More expensive treatment technologies to remove harmful pollutants carried by storm water into our drinking water supplies.



Closed beaches due to high levels of bacteria carried by storm water that make swimming unsafe.



We can help rain restore its good reputation while protecting our health and environment while saving money for ourselves and our community. Keep reading to find out how...

What is Storm Water?

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, the draining water is called storm water runoff.

Why is Storm Water "Good Rain Gone Wrong?"

Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland, or coastal water. All of the pollutants storm water carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because storm water does not get treated!



Pet wastes left on the ground get carried away by storm water, contributing harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to our water.



Vehicles drip fluids (oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze, brake fluids, etc.) onto paved areas where storm water runoff carries them through our storm drains and into our water.



Chemicals used to grow and maintain beautiful lawns and gardens, if not used properly, can run off into the storm drains when it rains or when we water our lawns and gardens.

Waste from chemicals and materials used in construction can wash into the storm sewer system when it rains. Soil that erodes from construction sites causes environmental degradation, including harming fish and shellfish populations that are important for recreation and our economy.



Restoring Rain What Everyone

Rain by nature is important for drinking water supplies, recreation, and agriculture. However, when it becomes a problem, it can cause maintenance, lawn care, and more rain to wash away. Here are some ways to prevent storm water runoff:

- Properly dispose of cleaning supplies. Part of the storm water does.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides efficiently to prevent runoff.
- Look for signs of soil erosion and chemicals, leaving runoff or tracked into the street. Report poorly managed storm water runoff to the back of this brochure.
- Install innovative storm water management property, such as rain barrels, rain gardens, storm water and keep it away into the storm sewer system.
- Report any discharges from storm water during times of dry weather—a problem with the storm water.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of pet waste matter where pets make a mess. Storm water runoff can carry pet waste to the storm sewer system.
- Store materials that could pollute and use containers for outdoor storage to prevent exposure.

ANSWERS TO TEST YOUR STORM SEWER SYSTEM SAVVY:

- 1. Ditch** – Part of the storm sewer system. Most people think that the system is just a series of underground pipes. It can also include ditches used to convey storm water from the land to a receiving lake, river, or stream.
- 2. Fire Hydrant** – Not part of the storm sewer system. Water sprayed from fire hydrants is not storm water, but is allowed by law to enter the storm sewer system.
- 3. Curb with Storm Drain Inlet** – Part of the storm sewer system. Many people do not realize that this is an opening leading to the storm sewer system. Anything going into this inlet (e.g., trash, leaves, improperly disposed of hazardous materials) travel directly to a receiving lake, river, or stream without being treated first. Many communities stencil storm drains with "Do Not Dump" messages to let people know.
- 4. Storm Sewer Outfall** – Part of the storm sewer system. An outfall is where storm water drains from the storm sewer system into a receiving lake, stream, or river. If there is a flow from an outfall when it isn't raining, there could be a problem with the system or someone has used a storm drain for illegally disposing of materials.
- 5. Toilet** – Not part of the storm sewer system. Wastewater from sinks and toilets in houses and businesses travel through a sewer system constructed to carry sanitary wastes. In some instances, older communities may have a combined sewer system designed to carry both storm water and sanitary waste.
- 6. Septic System** – Not part of the storm sewer system. Homeowners use septic tanks to manage sanitary wastes on-site. Improperly maintained septic systems can leak and contribute pollutants to the storm sewer system, as well as directly to lakes, rivers, and streams.
- 7. Roads and Other Paved Areas** – Not part of the storm sewer system. Roads and other hardened surfaces such as parking lots and sidewalks can accumulate pollutants (e.g., oil, grease, dirt, leaves, trash, pet wastes) that storm water eventually washes into the storm sewer system.
- 8. Storm Drain Inlet** – Part of the storm sewer system. This is another example of what a storm drain may look like. Like the storm drain inlet shown in picture #3, anything that enters this drain will go directly to streams, rivers, and lakes without being treated first. It is important to recognize this as a storm drain to prevent it from being used as a trash can.

Where To Go To Continue the Information Flow

Your community is preventing storm water pollution through a storm water management program. This program addresses storm water pollution from construction, new development, illegal dumping to the storm sewer system, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping practices in municipal operations. It will also continue to educate the community and get everyone involved in making sure the only thing that storm water contributes to our water is ... water! Contact your community's storm water management program coordinator or the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for more information about storm water management.

Safety Tips from Officer Friendly

Thinking of installing a home alarm?

Some things you may want to consider when shopping for the right home security system:

Simply displaying window decals and/or yard signs can decrease your chances of being burglarized by up to 75%.

Wireless systems are often the easiest to install, but often are also the fastest to cause false alarms. These systems can be hooked up to a central monitoring system and there are many available.

False alarms can be potentially dangerous as well as becoming a nuisance. Fines for false alarms range from \$25 (for second through fifth offenses) to \$100 (per false alarm over five). Make sure you familiarize yourself with the system adequately to prevent false alarms.

West Goshen Township requires alarm systems to be registered with the West Goshen Police Department. ★

Test Your Storm Sewer System Savvy!

What does the storm sewer system look like in your community? See if you can identify which pictures are part of the storm sewer system. (Answers are on the back.)



Community's Reputation: One Can Do To Help

Important for replenishing drinking water and healthy wildlife habitats. It only when pollutants from our activities like car care, and dog walking are left on the ground. Here are some of the most important water pollution:

of hazardous substances such as used oil, and paint—never pour them down any sewer system and report anyone who

lizers, and herbicides properly and excess runoff.

and other pollutants, such as debris, construction sites in storm water roads by construction vehicles. and construction sites that could runoff to your community. (See the for contact information.)

water practices on residential barrels or rain gardens, that capture on site instead of letting it drain sewer system.

in storm water outfalls during sign that there could be a sewer system.

use of their waste properly. No mess—in a backyard or at the can carry pet waste from the team to a stream.

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Safety Tips from Fire Marshal Ralph Brown

Keep your kitchen safe from fire hazards:

✓ Never enter an area with a lighted match or cigarette if you smell gas from a stove, oven, or heater. The smallest spark or flame could ignite gas in the air and cause an explosion.

✓ Avoid letting grease build up on the stove or in the oven. Grease fires can start even during preheating. Grease from fatty meats can also flare up and start a fire. If fire starts, shut off the oven. Smother the fire by throwing baking soda on the food and keeping the oven door closed. If fire doesn't go out, use a Type ABC or B extinguisher.

✓ Keep towels, rags, bags, and other paper or plastic items away from the stovetop.

✓ Never heat cooking oil and leave the room. Flames can ignite spontaneously! If a fire starts, place a lid on the pan and turn the burner off until the pan is cool. If the fire doesn't go out, douse with baking soda or use a Type ABC or B extinguisher. *Do not move the pan, turn on the exhaust fan, or use water!*

✓ For oven fires, keep the oven door shut and turn off the oven. If the fire doesn't go out by itself, use a Type ABC or B extinguisher. Follow the same procedure for microwave oven fires.

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

Join Our Happy Campers

The West Goshen Summer Recreation Program is seeking candidates for the positions of counselor and junior counselor.

Counselors

Summer counselors work directly with 5-12 year old children in the Summer Recreation Program. Counselors introduce group activities, involving children in arts, crafts, sports, and other recreational opportunities.

Counselors must be at least 18 years old by June 1, 2004, and have a high school diploma.

Applications for the position of Summer Recreation Counselor must be completed and returned to the Park and Recreation office by Monday, March 1, 2004, with interviews to follow in March. Counselors will be notified of hiring by Friday, April 16, 2004.

Junior Counselors

Junior counselors assist counselors in summer recreation activities. Note that the Park and Recreation

Department has instituted the following changes to the position of junior counselor to be instituted for Summer 2004:

- Junior counselors will be paid at prevailing minimum wage.
- Junior counselors must be at least 16 years old.
- Junior counselors must provide West Goshen Township with appropriate working papers.
- Junior counselor candidates must submit a West Goshen Township Application for Employment by Friday, April 30, 2004.
- Junior counselors will be notified of hiring by Friday, May 28, 2004.

Applications

The West Goshen Township Application for Employment may be picked up at the West Goshen Administration Building between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, or may be obtained by calling 610-696-5266. The Application for Employment is also available on the West Goshen website at www.westgoshen.org/Forms/Employment_Application.pdf ★

Legal Briefs

If you have a drainage facility (retention basin or swale) on your property, Township Ordinance requires that all watercourses, drainage ditches, culverts, drainpipes, and drainage structures be kept open and free-flowing at all times. No person shall deposit or place any debris or other material in any watercourse, drainage ditch, or structure in such a manner as to obstruct free flow.

Hedges and tree limbs that abut a public street must be cut in back of the curb line.

A reminder that "Yard Sale" signs are not permitted on utility poles and will be removed by the Township. Such signs may only be placed in the ground. Yard sale items may not be items other than from your home—no commercial or industrial equipment, etc.

Twigs and tree limbs may be burnt between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM, with no smoldering after 4:00 PM. All other burnings are prohibited in West Goshen Township. Please check with the Township office or visit www.westgoshen.org for burning conditions. ★

Snow Removal Practices

Our Streets Department maintains over 85 miles of roads and 103 cul-de-sacs. You can assist the snow clearing process this season by following these practices:

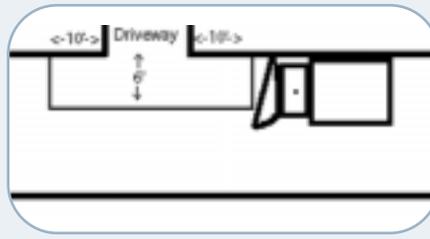
■ **Vehicle Parking** – When snow begins to fall, your vehicle should be placed in your driveway. In the case of steep driveways, park at the mouth of the drive, but off the road. Cul-de-sacs should also be vehicle free. If a car is parked on a road-side or cul-de-sac, we may not finish plowing that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

■ **Shoveling Out of Driveways** –

① When shoveling your driveway, leave the last six feet of your drive unshoveled until the plowing has ceased. This unshoveled part will allow the snow being pushed by the plow to remain on the plow and not dumped into your drive.

② If you must shovel out your drive, clear a six foot area of the road that is directly in front of the mouth of your drive. In addition clear an area ten feet before and after the mouth of your drive, so that when the plow comes through, it will unload snow that it is pushing in the cleared area and not in the mouth of your drive. (See diagram above right.)

③ Better yet, wait until all plowing has stopped before shoveling.



■ **Removal Policy** – Our first priority is to make the roads safe for the traveling public. The decision to send trucks out is made by the Streets Superintendent who is in contact with the West Goshen Police Department. All trucks are sent out to their assigned areas with the instructions to first salt hills, intersections, and curve areas, then all other areas. Salt needs the movement of traffic to activate it, so if it appears that your street has not yet been salted, it may be that there has not been a sufficient amount of traffic to make it effective.

When plowing, our crew makes one pass in each direction on streets and one pass into and out of cul-de-sacs.

Lastly comes the process of pushing snow back to the road's edge and cleaning out cul-de-sacs. If our crew has been working extensive hours plowing and salting, this phase of the snow clearance may not begin until the next day so that the road crew may be sent home to rest.

■ **Mailboxes** – A mailbox within a foot of the pavement and/or mounted at a height of less than four feet is most likely to be damaged by snow spraying up from a plow. Take time to relocate your mailbox.

If you have a problem, call the Township between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM on weekdays. Please leave your name, address, phone number, and the nature of problem. Calls received after 3:00 PM may not be acted upon until the next business day. On weekends and after 4:30 PM on weekdays, emergencies may be reported to the Police Department at 610-696-7400. Above all, please be patient. ★

PennDOT clears the following streets: Boot Road, Fern Hill Road, S. High Street (Business Rt. 322), E. Marshall Street, Montgomery Avenue, Paoli Pike., Phoenixville Pike, Pottstown Pike, Strasburg Road, West Chester Pike (Rt. 3), Westtown Road, and Rts. 202 and 322.

Applegate Drive, Berwick Drive, Cork Circle, Cork Drive, Ember Drive, Empress Road, Stillwood Lane, Tarbert Drive, Topaz Drive, and Weatherhill Drive are cleared by the developer.

Your Guide to the 2004 Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade

The Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade takes place at Coopersmith Park on Spring Lane (behind Margarita's Restaurant) on Saturday, April 3, 2004. To help assure an enjoyable experience for everyone, we offer the following pointers:

- Residents of West Goshen Township may register their children for the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade online at www.westgoshe.org.
- The festivities begin with the arrival of the Easter Bunny at 10:30 AM. Because over 500 people typically attend this event, allow time for parking and walking to the park.
- Businesses along Spring Lane have given permission to use their lots for event parking. You may park in designated spaces at Margarita's Restaurant

and Torchianna Automotive.

- If you are parking along Spring Lane or Spring Court, make sure to obey parking signs and do not block any driveways or fire hydrants. Also, make sure that traffic can safely pass by your vehicle. (Remember: The fire engine carrying the Easter Bunny needs to get to the park!) Violators will be ticketed or towed.
- Children Age 2 through 9 may participate in the Egg Hunt. Having older children competing for eggs with younger children can be hazardous, so please make sure children join their appropriate age groupings.
- Plastic eggs will be filled with candy or small prizes. The Park and Recreation Department advises parents to check the contents of eggs

before small children put anything in their mouths.

- Children can enter the Decorated Hat Parade. Store-bought hats may be worn, but hand-made hats are preferred.
- The Easter Bunny will be available to pose for pictures immediately after the Decorated Hat Parade.
- Guests are encouraged to bring a dry good donation (i.e., soap, shampoo, toilet paper, diapers, laundry detergent, etc.) for Chester County Cares.
- In the event of rain, the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade will be celebrated on Saturday, April 10 at 10:30 AM. Check www.westgoshe.org after 9:00 AM on n April 3 for rain determination. ★

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Township offices will be closed on Monday, February 16th and Friday, April 9th. Trash and recyclables will be picked up on Tuesday, February 17th.

THANKS!

The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board and The Friends of West Goshen Parks, Inc., would like to publicly recognize the following individuals, businesses, and organizations for their support of our park and recreation programs during the year 2003:

Acme of West Goshen
Apartment Finder
Mrs. Ethel Y. Closson
Commerce Bank
DK Diner
Eckerd Drugs
Fairman's
Faulkner Auto of West Chester
First National Bank of Chester County
Frank's Nursery and Crafts
Good Fellowship Ambulance Company
Goshen Beverage Center
Goshen Fire Company
Goshen Manor/Goshen Terrace
The Greenery
Holiday Inn Express

Iron Hill Brewery and Restaurant
Jane Chalfont
K & G Pizza
Kildare's
Krapf's Coaches
La Difference Salon and Day Spa
La Petite Bakery
Margarita's Restaurant
Michener and Stratton
Microtel Inn and Suites
M.S. Yearsley and Sons True Value
Park Valley Associates
Parkway Deli
Parkway Hardware
PECO Energy
Penwick
Pep Boys
Pepper Mill Restaurant
Peter's Salon and European Spa
Piatto Pizza
QVC
Ryan's Pub
Signs Now
Stuart Jewelers
Torchianna Automotive
West Goshen Township Police Department



Philadelphia Flower Show

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department will sponsor a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on Monday, March 8, 2004.

Depart the West Goshen Municipal Complex at 9:00 AM and head for the Pennsylvania Convention Center and the largest flower show on the East Coast. Lunch will be available at the show or at one of the dozens of nearby eateries. The motorcoach will leave the show at 4:00 PM and arrive back in West Goshen by dinnertime.

The cost of this trip is only \$40 dollars and includes a ticket to the Flower Show in addition to round-trip transportation. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. To find out more, visit www.westgoshen.org or contact the Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266. ★

**Yard waste will be picked up on Saturday, April 10th and Saturday April 24th.
For yard waste guidelines, visit www.westgoshen.org.**