

WEST GOSHEN



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ANNUAL MEETING 2008

West Goshen Township held its Annual Organization Meeting on Monday, January 7, 2008. At the meeting, the Board of Supervisors announced that Patricia B. McIlvaine will serve as Chairman, with Edward G. Meakim as the vice-chairman and Dr. Robert S. White serving as a member.

The Board of Supervisors made the following appointments:

Planning Commission

Michael P. McKie (3rd term)

Park and Recreation Board

Leslie K. Bair (3rd term)
Mary Lou Enoches (2nd term)
Kenneth W. Lehr (1st term)
Gerald L. Napiecek (3rd term)
Kent Wise (1st term)

Zoning Hearing Board

Grant K. Middlestead (3rd term)

Sewer Authority

Theresa A. Davis (2nd term)
Michael T. Arnold (2nd term)

Vacancy Board

Raymond H. Halvorsen (6th term)

Pension Committee

Peter C. Anderson (13th Term)
Gary S. Hess (13th Term)
William Keenan (13th Term)
Walker C. Tompkins, Jr. (4th Term)

BECOME A TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL BY JOINING A BOARD

Take advantage of the opportunity to make a difference in your community. Get involved in your local government, and meet other people interested in contributing to the well-being of West Goshen residents.

The West Goshen Board of Supervisors seeks candidates on an ongoing basis for the following boards and commissions:

- **Park and Recreation Board:** Meets monthly to plan Township events, and to advise on park and recreation issues.
- **Pension Committee:** Meets quarterly to review, assess, and manage employee pension plans.
- **Planning Commission:** Meets monthly to review development plans, and to recommend approval or denial of construction projects.
- **Sewer Authority:** Meets monthly to plan and supervise capital improvements to the wastewater treatment plant.
- **Zoning Hearing Board:** Meets as needed to review proposed property alterations to make sure proposals adhere to West Goshen's Zoning laws.

The West Goshen Board of Supervisors maintains a file of residents interested in serving on these boards and commissions. The supervisors refer to this file when vacancies arise.

West Goshen Township currently has openings on the Planning Commission and the Park and Recreation Board.

Any resident of West Goshen Township interested in serving on one of these boards or commissions is encouraged to send a letter of interest and a résumé to: West Goshen Board of Supervisors, 1025 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380. Questions may be referred to Township Manager Casey LaLonde at 610-696-5266. ★

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The following plans have been approved for development:

- A residential subdivision/lot line change located at the intersection of South Five Points Road and Westtown Road.
- A 1,350 square foot addition to the existing restaurant (West Chester Diner) located at 1147 West Chester Pike. The land development provides for additional parking.

The following plans are currently in the review process:

- A lot consolidation of four nonconforming parcels to enable the expansion of an existing building located at 1003 West Chester Pike.

- The American Helicopter Museum proposes a 2,400 square foot maintenance building located at 1220 American Boulevard.

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

On November 14, 2007, Dash Enterprises received Conditional Use approval from the Board of Supervisors for a proposed vehicular sales and service agency and the accessory use of an automobile repair shop on a 3.93 acre parcel of property located at 312-439 Westtown Road. The property is located in the MPD District.

On October 24, 2007, Ordinance 11-2007 was passed which amended the West Goshen Township Revised Zoning Code of 1990 by deleting the definitions of "Public Amusement Facility," "Public Recreation Facility," and "Mini-Warehouse." These definitions were replaced with new definitions for "Public Place of Amusement or Recreation" and "Mini-Warehouse/Self Storage Facility", with specifications as to where such uses are permitted. A definition for "Dog Day Care Facility" was added, as well as specific requirements and design criteria to permit the use in the MPD District by special exception approval by the Zoning Hearing Board. ★

township information

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

6 year elected term

Patricia B. McIlvaine, *Chairman*
Edward G. Meakim, *Vice-Chairman*
Dr. Robert S. White, *Member*

ADMINISTRATION

Casey LaLonde, *Township Manager*
Jeanne M. Denham, *Finance Director*
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*

PARK & RECREATION BOARD

Mary Lou Enoches, *Chairman*
Kenneth W. Lehr
Gerald L. Napiecek, *Vice-Chairman*
Edward T. Smith, *Secretary*

Robert M. Cifone
Michael A. Pillagalli
Kent Wise
Megan Zug
Leslie K. Bair, *Alternate*

PLANNING COMMISSION

Dean K. Diehl, Jr., *Chairman*
Paul D. Spiegel, *Vice-Chairman*
Jeffrey Laudenslager
Carrie Martin
Michael P. McKie
James J. O'Brien
Salvatore Triolo

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Peter C. Anderson, *Chairman*
Joseph DeFelippes, *Vice-Chairman*
Grant K. Middlestead, *Member*
Scott T. Cullinan, *Alternate*

SEWER AUTHORITY

Walter E. Hoover, Jr., *Chairman*
Michael T. Arnold, *Vice-Chairman*
Theresa Davis, *Secretary*
John L. Windle, *Treasurer*
Lewis H. Reid, *Member*
Paul D. Spiegel, *Member*
Frank J. Biasi, *Alternate*
Kenneth W. Fuller, *Alternate*

THE FRIENDS OF WEST GOSHEN PARKS, INC.

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

AUDITORS

Louis J. Mayer, *Chairman*
Hugh J. Purnell, Jr., *Secretary*
William Gale, *Member*

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
Lambert Park
1145 Pottstown Pike
West Goshen Community Park
Fern Hill & North Five Points Roads

2008 Budget

The West Goshen Board of Supervisors approved the 2008 General Fund Budget, Sewer Fund Budget, and Waste & Recycling Fund Budget at their December 12, 2007 meeting.

2008 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

REVENUES

Taxes	\$ 10,763,000
Licenses	283,500
Fines & Forfeits	199,000
Interest & Rents	502,926
Intergovernmental Revenue	512,751
Departmental Earnings	441,150
Miscellaneous Revenue	20,000
Fund Equity & Other	8,655,294

Total Revenues \$21,377,621

EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$ 1,881,693
Public Safety	5,298,334
Highways	2,683,260
Parks & Recreation	1,085,391
Debt Service & Capital Projects	1,653,351
Misc.	
Other Financing Uses	113,662
Reserved for Future Year's Expenses	8,661,930

Total Expenditures \$21,377,621

2008 SEWER FUND BUDGET

REVENUES

Interest Earnings	\$ 111,000
State Aid Employee Pension	68,154
Connection Fees	14,000
Sewer Rents	3,218,457
Misc. Revenue & IWP	36,090
Fund Equity & Other	2,946,332

Total Revenues \$ 6,394,033

EXPENDITURES

Administrative Expenses	\$ 482,712
Rent to Authority	1,192,904
Collection	826,596
Treatment Plant	1,777,981
Transfers	40,158
Reserved for Future Year's Expense	2,073,682

Total Expenditures \$ 6,394,033

2008 WASTE & RECYCLING BUDGET

REVENUES

Interest Earnings	\$ 57,400
Grants	50,000
Waste & Recycling Income	1,372,045
Miscellaneous Revenue	3,000
Fund Equity & Other	1,375,067

Total Revenues \$ 2,857,512

EXPENDITURES

Administrative Expenses	\$ 93,563
Professional Services	6,045
Contracted & Other Services	2,043,505
Reserved for Future Year's Expenses	714,399

Total Expenditures \$ 2,857,512

Public Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors (4:00 PM, second and fourth Wednesday of each month, except where otherwise noted): January 23; February 13 and 27; March 12 and 26; April 9 and 23.

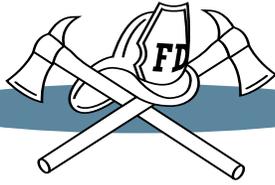
Park and Recreation Board (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month): January 16; February 20; March 19; April 16.

Planning Commission (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month): January 15; February 19; March 18; April 15.

Sewer Authority (7:30 PM, second Wednesday of each month): January 9; February 13; March 12; April 9.

Zoning Hearing Board (7:00 PM, Thursday after first Board of Supervisors' Meeting each month, except where otherwise noted): January 10; February 14; March 13; April 10.

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



Safety Tips from Fire Marshal Andrea Testa



You can help save lives this winter. If you have a fire hydrant on or near your property, please take a few moments and clear the snow away.

Clearing the snow away from a fire hydrant increases its visibility and can save precious time for saving lives and property when firefighters need to hook up to the hydrant in a hurry.

Also, make sure all exit doors from your home remain clear of snow and ice. Having only one doorway clear may impede your escape during an emergency. You should always have at least two unobstructed exits out of your home. ★



Spring Yard Waste Pick-up

Picked up on Saturday, April 12, 2008 and Saturday, April 26, 2008

Yard waste can be placed in biodegradable paper bags or trash cans. If using plastic bags, provide a container in which the bags may be left so they can be used again. Branches not exceeding four feet in length may be bundled together. There is no limit to the number of bags or bundles to be collected. ★

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Dropoff

Saturday, April 5th • 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
CAT Pickering Center for Arts and Technology
1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville

Computer components accepted at this dropoff!

The Waste and Recycling Guide in the Spring 2008 issue of The West Goshen Township Newsletter will have a complete list of Household Hazardous Waste Disposal dates and locations.

For more information, check West Goshen's website, or visit the Chester County Solid Waste Authority's website at www.chestercountyswa.org/pdf/LH2007.pdf. ★



ROAD RULES

In each issue of the Township Newsletter, the West Goshen Police Traffic Safety Unit will provide information on sections of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code that may inform readers on the requirements of these sections and the penalties for violating these sections.



By now, everyone should be familiar with handicapped parking spaces. Businesses, state or local government agencies, or other covered entities must provide accessible parking spaces as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act Standards. These parking spaces are designated with an international symbol for access for persons with disabilities along with a sign indicating the penalty amount.

Handicapped accessible parking spaces are served by an aisle width of not less than sixty (60) inches located adjacent to the designated parking space and continue the length of the space. The access aisle is just wide enough to permit a person using a

wheelchair to enter or exit the car. Van accessible parking spaces are served by an aisle width of not less than ninety-six (96) inches to accommodate a wheel chair lift. These aisles are marked to discourage parking in them. These markings are usually diagonal hashed throughout the entire aisle.

Drivers are reminded that a special license plate or placard is required to park in handicapped accessible spaces. Drivers may not park in access aisles. Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, any person found to be in violation of these parking regulations is guilty of a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine \$50 to \$200. ★

Keeping West Goshen's 88 Miles of Roads Clear this Winter

Our Streets Department maintains over 88 miles of roads and more than 150 cul-de-sacs. Our first priority is to make the roads safe for the traveling public. The decision to send trucks out is made by the Director of Public Works 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 curves, then all other areas. Salt needs the movement of traffic to make it effective, 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.

Last 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.

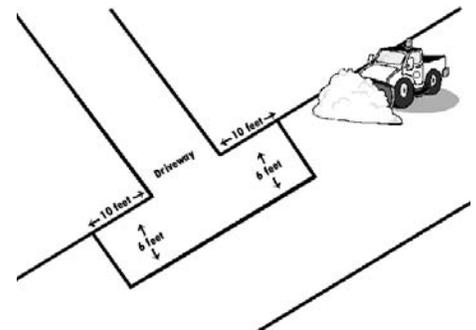
To facilitate plowing, make sure to park

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

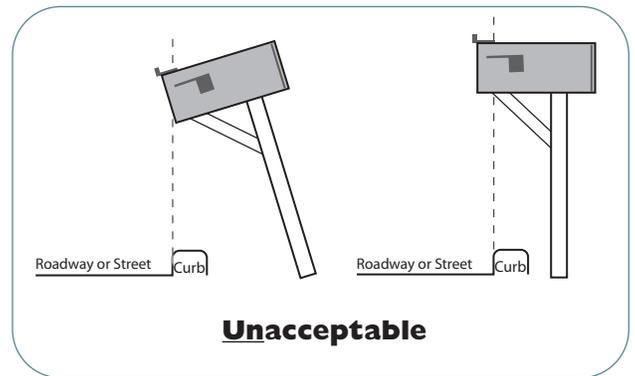
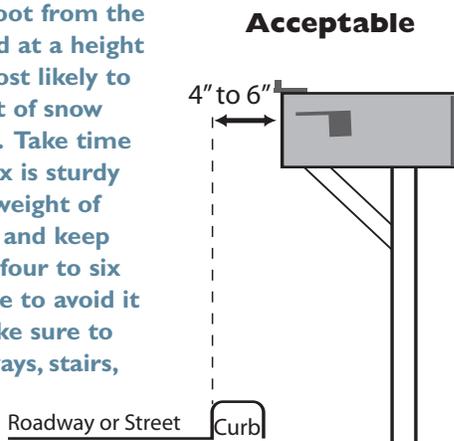
If you have a problem, call the Township between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM on weekdays. Please leave your name, address, phone number, and the nature of problem. Calls received after 3:00 PM may not be acted upon until the next business day. On weekends and after 4:30 PM on weekdays, emergencies may be reported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

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

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



A mailbox less than one foot from the pavement and/or mounted at a height of less than four feet is most likely to be damaged by the weight of snow being pushed from a plow. Take time to make sure your mailbox is sturdy enough to withstand the weight of snow being pushed into it and keep the front of your mailbox four to six inches behind the curb line to avoid it getting knocked over. Make sure to clear snow from all walkways, stairs, and paths to mailboxes.



“Part of Our Community” highlights local businesses, organizations, and people who make a difference in the community. In 2008, the West Goshen Township Newsletter will highlight the Township’s emergency service providers. To submit ideas for future columns, please email Newsletter Editor Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org.



In 1951, a large warehouse fire in West Chester resulted in 40 firefighters requiring medical treatment. At the time, the entire West Chester area was served by just two ambulances, one by Chester County Hospital and one by Memorial Hospital. As a result of the strain put on resources during this emergency, members of the community, led by Nick Mastrangelo, a volunteer firefighter and the owner of the Horse and Hound Tavern, met to create a new ambulance company to serve the area.

On June 1 of that year, these concerned citizens formed the Good Fellowship Club of Chester County and purchased a Packard ambulance to serve the region from its home at the Horse and Hound. In 1952, the ambulance company moved to 223 N. Walnut Street. Within twenty years, the Club would outgrow these facilities and would move in 1971 to its current location on Montgomery Avenue in West Goshen Township. In August 2004, Good Fellowship dedicated its new building at this location, complete with an ambulance garage, administrative offices, member areas, and EMS Training Institute classrooms.

Today, Good Fellowship is the busiest emergency service responder in Chester County. In 2007, the Club’s fleet of five vehicles was dispatched to over 4,000



Good Fellowship prides itself on its quick response to calls

calls in West Goshen, West Chester, West Whiteland, Westtown, East Bradford, West Bradford, Birmingham, Newlin, and Thornbury. The average time from a call coming in to a vehicle hitting the road was 45 seconds last year. The average time needed to be on scene for a call is 6 minutes and 30 seconds. Because Good Fellowship is located in West Goshen, the response to location time is usually much quicker than that for Township residents and businesses.

“One of the big things we’re proud of is we’re in our seventeenth year of not missing a call,” emphasizes William Wells, Executive Director of Good Fellowship. “No one else in the state can say that.”

In 2002, Good Fellowship was recognized as Pennsylvania’s State Ambulance Company of the year.

“I see Good Fellowship as the leader in EMS in Chester County,” says Wells. “We’ve been in the cutting edge.”

Wells attributes the success of Good Fellowship to dedicated staff and volunteers. Good Fellowship has ten full-time employees and fifteen part-time employees. But, according to Wells, the ambulance company would not be able to serve as effectively as it does without a corps of 130 active volunteers, 80 of which are scheduled for unpaid shifts each week. Volunteers can serve as drivers, ambulance attendants, emergency medical technicians, or even help with the Training Institute by serving as instructors and patients. According to Wells, volunteers save the community over \$500,000 per year in staffing expenses.

Volunteers aren’t just on-call; they stay at the Good Fellowship Building during shifts so they don’t have to lose precious minutes getting there when emergencies arise. To accommodate volunteers, the building’s amenities include a kitchen area, a fitness center, a laundry room, and a television room.

“Our building was built with two things in mind: volunteers and training,” explains Wells.



Volunteers are key to Good Fellowship’s success

The Good Fellowship EMS Training Institute was established in 1991. Good Fellowship remains the only ambulance company in Chester County with a training institute. Each year, the Institute trains Emergency Medical Technicians from Chester, Delaware, and Philadelphia Counties and from the state of Delaware. In addition, Good Fellowship offers classes for the public in first aid and CPR with AED (automatic external defibrillator). Good Fellowship provides first aid and CPR training for West Goshen Township staff members, including annual training sessions for police, Summer Recreation Program counselors, and skatepark attendants. Beginning in 2008, Good Fellowship will also conduct the first aid and CPR classes offered through Chester County Hospital.

In addition to emergency transport and the EMS Training Institute, Good Fellowship provides support by being on stand-by at numerous activities in the area, including sporting events and community festivals such as West Goshen Community Day. To help facilitate immediate first aid response, Good Fellowship introduced a bike team six years ago to better navigate crowded street events such as West Chester’s Restaurant Festival.

Good Fellowship provides monthly activity reports to each of the municipalities it serves. West Goshen Fire Marshal Andrea Testa shares these reports with the public at the West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors meetings each month.

Contrary to popular belief, emergency

THE FRIENDS OF WEST GOSHEN PARKS

Making a Difference in the Community

rescue services such as ambulance and fire service are not part of the municipal government, but are independent nonprofit organizations. Good Fellowship receives financial support from West Goshen Township (including paying for volunteers' workers compensation insurance) and the other municipalities it serves, but also receives funding from billing to insurance carriers for services rendered, an annual fund drive, contributions by members, and a small annuity fund.

Good Fellowship has two categories of membership. Active members include individuals who volunteer with the company. Subscriber members pay an annual membership fee (\$40 for individuals, \$60 for families) to join. In return, Good Fellowship waives the co-pays for emergency calls for members.

According to Wells, members join to give something positive back to the community, but stay involved because of the camaraderie developed among active volunteers.

"The name says it all. There's a lot of good fellowship with the members. Whoever thought up the name hit the nail right on the head."

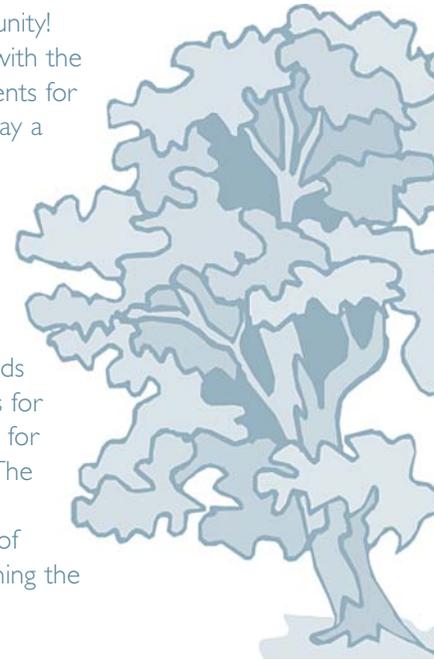
Good Fellowship provides emergency transport services for areas in the western part of West Goshen Township. This is defined by areas west of a border created by Phoenixville Pike at the northern Township boundary, south to the 322 Bypass, then along Route 202 to South Concord Road to West Goshen's southern border. Areas east of this line would be serviced by Goshen Fire Company.

"We are very happy to be situated in West Goshen Township," says Wells. ★



Now is the time to make a difference in your community! The Friends of West Goshen Parks are cooperating with the West Goshen Park and Recreation Board to plan events for 2008. Join The Friends of West Goshen Parks, and play a critical role in the planning process.

The Friends of West Goshen Parks help by fundraising and volunteering at events. This year The Friends of West Goshen Parks elect a president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary for two-year terms. The Board of Directors of The Friends of West Goshen Parks are actively seeking candidates for these positions. Any member of The Friends can run for office, or nominate himself or herself for election to The Board of Directors. Call 610-692-2550 for more information about becoming involved in The Friends of West Goshen Parks, or join by completing and returning the form below.



THE FRIENDS OF WEST GOSHEN PARKS, INC. Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

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

Check here if you are interested in volunteer opportunities:

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



Attention Gardeners!

Become a Certified Master Composter

...and learn how to make your yard waste into valuable nutrients for your yard and garden. Classes offered by the Chester County Board of Commissioners and conducted by the Chester County Solid Waste Authority are FREE of charge, and meet from 7:00 through 9:00 PM. Residents can sign up for sessions:

Monday nights at the Chester County Solid Waste Authority in Narvon: March 10th, March 17th, and March 24th, with a snow date of March 31st.



Tuesday nights at Owen J. Roberts Middle School in Pottstown: March 11th, March 18th, and March 25th, with a snow date of April 1st.

Wednesday nights at the Chester County Government Services Center in West Goshen: March 12th, March 19th, and March 26th, with a snow date of April 2nd.



To register or for more information, contact the Chester County Solid Waste Authority at 610-273-3771, ext. 228. ★

Learn About “Rain Gardens and More”

The Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association (CRC) and Habitat Resource Network (HRN) of Southeastern Pennsylvania will host “Rain Gardens and More” on Saturday, February 9th at Penn State Brandywine (formerly Delaware County) campus on Route 352 in Middletown.

The program, which begins at 10:00 AM in the Commons Athletic Building, features a one-hour lecture on rain gardens by Catherine Renzi, owner of Yellow Springs Nursery and frequent designer of rain gardens. Vivian Williams of Stroud Water Research will give a brief presentation on the “How To’s of Rain Barrels”, and review the design and site visit of the newly installed naturalized detention basin on the Penn State campus.

After the conclusion of the program at 11:30 AM, there will be an optional site visit of the Toft Woods naturalized basin, and rain garden/rain barrel installations in Upper Providence Township.

Admission is \$5 per person, but is **FREE for residents of West Goshen Township**, since West Goshen is a co-sponsoring municipality. Participants are requested to preregister with CRC at crc@nni.com or by calling CRC at 610-892-8731. More details are available on CRC’s website, www.crcwatersheds.org. ★

Flowers and Blossoms

— Two Trips to Inspire and Refresh —

Philadelphia Flower Show

Join the West Goshen, East Goshen, and West Chester Park and Recreation Departments on a trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on Monday, March 3rd. This year’s theme, “Jazz It Up,” promises fun, flowers, and funky jazz! The bus will depart the West Goshen Municipal Complex at 9:00 AM and drop participants off at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Lunch will be available on your own at the show or at one of the dozens of nearby eateries. The motorcoach will depart from the show at 4:00 PM and arrive back in West Goshen by dinnertime. The cost of this trip is only \$49 dollars and includes a ticket to the Flower Show, round-trip transportation, and bus driver tip.

Cherry Blossom Festival

Visit Washington, DC on Saturday, March 29th to see the cherry blossoms in bloom, or tour the museums and monuments along the National Mall. Depart from West Goshen Community Park and spend the day at Washington’s Cherry Blossom Festival. The cost of this trip is \$35 per person, and includes round-trip transportation, a snack and beverage for the ride, and bus driver tip.

Registration for all West Goshen bus trips are on a first-come, first-served basis.

To find out more about either of these trips, visit www.westgoshen.org or contact the Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266. ★

Winter Fitness Opportunities

Just because it's cold outside and there may be snow on the ground doesn't mean you have to wait until spring to focus on fitness. The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department offers the following fitness programs:

Stretch, Strength, and S'myelin' with M.S.

Offered on the second, third, and fourth Tuesday of each month (and sometimes the fifth Tuesday, too!) between 7:00 and 7:45 PM at the West Goshen Township Administration Building, this class is brought to you by the Greater Delaware Valley M.S. Society, the West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department, and Ageless Exercise. Have multiple sclerosis? Myelin in your body not working as it should? Stretch and smile as you learn to relax, breathe, and learn the latest exercise techniques adapted to your own ability. Learn special exercises designed specifically for people with M.S. This fitness program costs \$25 per year to attend as many or as few sessions as you would like!

Adventure Boot Camp for Women

The popular women's fitness program will be offered again in the winter. Sessions take place from 6:00 AM through 7:00 AM on weekday mornings (Monday through Friday) at West Goshen Community Park. Registrants can sign up for any of the following sessions:

January 21st through February 15th
March 3rd through March 28th
April 14th through May 9th

The cost for each full session is \$300 for West Goshen residents or \$320 for non-residents.

Can't commit to attend every morning? Participants can sign up for partial sessions and attend three mornings per week. The cost for each partial session is \$200 for West Goshen residents or \$210 for non-residents. For more information about Adventure Boot Camp for Women, visit www.greatvalleybootcamp.com.

Yoga/Pilates

West Goshen's program featuring two of the most popular forms of exercise continues again this spring. Registrants can sign up for winter/spring sessions taught by Ageless Exercise on the following evenings at 7:30 PM:

Session 1: Tuesday, February 12
Tuesday, February 19
Tuesday, February 26
Tuesday, March 4
Tuesday, March 11

Session 2: Tuesday, March 25
Tuesday, April 1
Tuesday, April 8
Tuesday, April 15
Tuesday, April 22

Session 3: Tuesday, April 29
Tuesday, May 6
Tuesday, May 13
Tuesday, May 20
Tuesday, May 27

Cost for each session of five lessons is \$50 for West Goshen residents or \$60 for non-residents.

Senior Water Walking

Space is available for March, April, and May. Sessions meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 through 1:45 PM.

March Sessions

Tuesday, March 4	Thursday, March 6
Tuesday, March 11	Thursday, March 13
Tuesday, March 18	Thursday, March 20
Tuesday, March 25	Thursday, March 27

April Sessions

Tuesday, April 1	Thursday, April 3
Tuesday, April 8	Thursday, April 10
Tuesday, April 15	Thursday, April 17
Tuesday, April 22	Thursday, April 24

May Sessions

Tuesday, May 6	Thursday, May 8
Tuesday, May 13	Thursday, May 15
Tuesday, May 20	Thursday, May 22
Tuesday, May 27	Thursday, April 29

Cost is \$25 for eight sessions in either March, April, or May. Participants must reside in West Goshen Township. Maximum enrollment is six participants per month. ★

Registration forms for exercise programs are available at www.westgoshen.org, or may be requested from the Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266. Please note that space for each program is limited, and registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. If minimum enrollment is not met, programs may be cancelled and refund checks would be mailed to registrants.

If you would like to see a fitness program offered by the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department, please let us know by emailing Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org.

And for more fitness fun, check out our first ever ski trip on page 11!

Thanks!

for Supporting Events in West Goshen Township!

The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board and The Friends of West Goshen Parks, Inc., publicly recognize the following businesses for their support of our Park and Recreation programs during the year 2007:

Summer Concert Series

Platinum Level Sponsors:

Commerce Bank,
Goshen Manor Apartments/Goshen Terrace Apartments,
Park Valley Associates, and
QVC.

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Additional Support

Provided by: ACAC Fitness and Wellness Center, Franklin Video. ★

Now is the Time to Apply for Summer Jobs with the Park and Recreation Department

The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department will accept applications for the position of Summer Counselor through Friday, February 29, 2008.

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. In addition, the Park and Recreation Department will hire counselors for the West Goshen Summer Teen Program, which services participants 13-15 years old. All counselors must be at least 18 years old by June 20, 2008, and have a high school diploma.

Junior Counselors assist Counselors with the Summer Recreation Program. Junior Counselors must be at least 16 years old by June 20, 2008. The Park and Recreation Department will accept applications for Junior Counselor candidates through May 30, 2008.

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. ★

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Skatepark Updates

The skatepark at Robert E. Lambert Park will be open from 10:00 AM through sunset on weekends and school holidays, with the exception of Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008.

Beginning on March 3, 2008, the skatepark will also open on weekdays between 4:00 PM and sunset. This schedule will be in effect through the remainder of the school year. The skatepark may close in the event of inclement weather; wet surface, or if temperatures are below freezing.

On March 6, 2008, Fairman's Skate Shop will celebrate the return of weekday skate hours by having professional skateboarders and staff members on hand between 4:00 and 7:00 PM to offer pointers to those in attendance. Fairman's Team Riders will be in attendance on the first Thursday of each month between 4:00 and 7:00 PM through October 2008. There will be no additional charge beyond standard skatepark admission (\$5 for daily use) on those dates. For more information, visit www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Skatepark/skatepark.html.

Did you know you can receive email updates about the skatepark, including special events and hours? Just email Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org with the words "Skatepark Updates" in the subject field. ★



Go Skiing! with the Park and Recreation Department

Friday, February 15

The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department will offer its first ever ski trip to Blue Mountain on Friday, February 15, 2008. The West Chester Area School District will be closed for teacher in-service on that date. Anyone is welcome to join the trip. Parents of skiers under 18 years old must sign a waiver, and anyone under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. The cost of the trip is \$60 for transportation, driver tip, and a lift ticket, or \$75 for transportation, driver tip, lift ticket, and equipment rental. Lunch is on your own at the mountain. For more information, visit www.westgoshen.org, or contact Assistant Park and Recreation Director Tom Steines at 610-696-5266. ★

Spring is just a hippity-hop away...



ASK THE EASTER BUNNY

The West Goshen Township Newsletter helps the Easter Bunny answer questions from West Goshen children about the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade.

Dear Easter Bunny:
The Egg Hunt and Decorate Hat Parade used to be at Coopersmith Park. Why did it move to West Goshen Community Park? —Jack, age 9

Dear Jack:
As the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade grew in popularity, it became increasingly difficult for moms and dads to find parking spaces for it at Coopersmith Park. By having the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade at West Goshen Community Park, I can give eggs to more children like you. —E.B.

Dear Easter Bunny:
Why don't you have the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade on Easter morning? —Sue, age 6

Dear Sue:
As you can well imagine, I have my hands full on Easter morning bringing candy to boys and girls across the world. Due to my busy holiday schedule, I'll be celebrating the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade at West Goshen Community Park on Saturday, March 15th at 10:30 AM. If it rains that day, I'll come by on March 22nd at 10:30 AM. I'll make sure to call the West Goshen Township staff, so they can let people know at www.westgoshen.org or at 610-696-5266 if it is postponed due to weather. —E.B.

Dear Easter Bunny:
Can you give me any advice on how to win a prize at the Decorated Hat Parade? —Sarah, age 5

Dear Sarah:
I always prefer hats that are handmade with lots of bright Easter colors. Anyone age 2 through 9 years old can enter the Decorated Hat Parade, and everyone who participates gets a special commemorative medal. —E.B.

Dear Easter Bunny:
We always bring toilet paper and toothpaste to the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade. What do you need all that toilet paper and toothpaste for? —Joshua, age 7

Dear Joshua:
The West Goshen Park and Recreation Board gives donations of toilet paper, toothpaste, and other dry goods such as shampoo, diapers, laundry detergent, mouthwash, and deodorant to Chester County Cares who makes sure those donations go to families in Chester County who need help. —E.B.

Children can send questions to "Ask the Easter Bunny" c/o The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department, 1025 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380 or to klehr@westgoshen.org. ★

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Holiday Schedule: Township offices will be closed on Monday, February 18th and Friday, March 21st. Trash and recyclables will be picked up as scheduled on Monday, February 18th.

GIVE BLOOD

The next blood drive at the West Goshen Township Administration Building will take place on Tuesday, February 5th between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Donors are encouraged make an appointment in advance by contacting Sandy Turley, Assistant to the Township Manager at 610-696-5266. Don't miss out on this chance to save a life!

