

WEST GOSHEN



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New Community Map Enclosed

A brand new Community Map is enclosed for your use. This is a change from the Community Map published in 2002. At that time, the map was mailed separately, so please do not forget to save your Community Map for future reference. The Community Map includes an updated Township map, listing of Township parks and other amenities, and a historical map showing the Township as it existed many decades ago. The map also contains vital Township information useful on a daily basis to Township residents and businesses.

The Community Map is paid for entirely by the businesses listed on the map. We encourage you patronize these businesses as you do your daily errands in West Goshen Township.

West Goshen Approves 2010 Budget

West Goshen Township continued to experience revenue shortfalls in property transfer taxes and other revenues through 2009 due to the continuing housing market crisis and generally sour economy. Although the 2010 General Fund budget proposed an increase of only \$27,170 from the 2009 adopted budget of \$13,932,784, significant revenue shortfalls forced the Township Board of Supervisors to transfer \$1,300,000 from reserves and raise property taxes by 0.5 mills to 2 mills in order to balance the budget. The Board of Supervisors faced this difficult decision and decided not to cut services to residents.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania allows county governments, school districts and local governments (cities, townships, and boroughs) to levy property taxes. Property taxes are assessed and levied as a millage rate. One mill represents \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Therefore, if your overall property tax bill is one mill and your

house is assessed at \$100,000, you pay \$100 in property taxes.

For all residential and commercial properties in the Township, Chester County levies a property tax of 3.965 mills, or \$3.965 per \$1,000 of assessed value; West Chester Area School District levies a property tax of 17.85 mills, or \$17.85 per \$1,000 of assessed value; West Goshen Township levies a property tax of 2 mills, or \$2 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

For example, if your home is assessed at \$200,000, you would pay \$793 in Chester County property taxes; \$3,570 in West Chester Area School District property taxes; and \$400 in West Goshen Township property taxes.

In percentage terms, West Chester Area School District levies approximately 75% of your overall property tax bill, with Chester County second at approximately 17%, with West Goshen Township a distant third at 8%.

The adopted budget seeks to maintain West Goshen Township's high level of services. However, those services come



**For budget
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at a cost for Police protection, funding of fire and ambulance services, maintaining streets and other Public Works functions, and for the Township's world-class park system and associated park and recreation opportunities. The Board of Supervisors believes West Goshen Township is the premier residential and commercial location in Chester County and the greater southeastern Pennsylvania region, as recognized by Money Magazine's 2009 listing of West Goshen Township as the 11th best place to live in the United States. The Board of Supervisors and staff strive to maintain this high quality of life while restraining costs. ★

Employment Opportunities with U.S. Census

The United States Census Bureau is hiring temporary employees to help gather data from households. These flexible, part-time jobs pay \$17.75 per hour and include training. For more information, contact the Census Bureau at 1-866-861-2010 or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov.

Subdivision and Land Development Report

The following plans have been approved for development:

McCue Subdivision – Consolidation of two lots into one, located at 324 South Five Points Road for the purpose of enlarging the residence.

West Goshen Township Street Facility Building – Land development plan for the construction of a 33,766 square foot public works building located at 1025 Paoli Pike.

West Chester University – Land development plan for construction of a 9,135 square foot addition to E.O. Bull Center located at 2 East Rosedale Avenue.

Kirkland Woods – The plan proposes the subdivision of property located at 300 Kirkland Avenue into seven single family lots.

Schramm, Inc.:A&B Building – 3,200 square foot addition of which 2,400 is proposed to building A and 800 to building B. The property is located on the north side of East Virginia Avenue.

The following plans are new submissions for consideration:

South Concord Road – A proposed subdivision for 23 lots, including 20 single

family dwellings and 3 open space lots. The site is located at the rear portion of Rolling Green Memorial Park, zoned R-3 Residential.

The following plans remain under review:

Liberty Tool – Land development plan for a 26,000 square foot industrial supply warehouse facility with associated parking and stormwater management facilities, located at 1005 Saunders Lane.

Goshen Leisure Development II – The proposed plan reflects 164,150 square feet of flex office and warehouse buildings to be located at 21 Hagerty Boulevard.

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

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

The Woodlands at Greystone – 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).

Greystone South – The proposed plan concerns a 25 lot residential subdivision located on the west side of Penn Drive, just north of the Route 322 bypass.

Hickman Land Development – Land development for property located at 352 Snyder Avenue which proposes to add a roof to a 2,048 square foot partially completed garage, and construct an additional 3,200 square foot garage. Both garages are to be used for the storage of vehicles for septic cleaning business.

Roslyn Swim Club – Land development proposing to convert the existing 1,200 square foot roofed deck into a locker room/bath house facility, construct a new 1,200 square foot roofed deck, install sidewalk access to the new facilities, including a handicap accessible sidewalk to further enhance and make more useable the existing facility.

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

township information

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

6 year elected term

Edward G. Meakim, Jr., *Chairman*
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WEST GOSHEN POLICE

1025 Paoli Pike, W.C., 19380
Police 911 or 610.696.7400
Fax 610.696.3935
police@westgoshen.org
Michael J. Carroll, *Chief of Police*

SEWER TREATMENT PLANT

848 S. Concord Rd., W.C., 19382
610.696.0900
Fax 610.429.9360
John M. Scott, *Sewer Plant Manager*

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THE FRIENDS OF WEST GOSHEN PARKS, INC.

Non-profit group assisting the Park and Recreation Board; meets bimonthly
John Herley, *President*
Peggy Niemeyer, *Vice-President*
(Vacant), *Secretary*
Jennifer Dobbins, *Treasurer*

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William Gale, *Secretary*
Louis J. Mayer, *Member*

TAX COLLECTOR

William R. Keenan

TOWNSHIP PARKS

Barker Park
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

2010 Budget



The West Goshen Board of Supervisors approved the 2010 General Fund Budget, Sewer Fund Budget, and Waste and Recycling Fund Budget at their December 16, 2009 meeting.

2010 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

REVENUE

Taxes	\$ 10,803,000
Licenses	335,850
Fines & Forfeits	203,000
Interest & Rents	80,289
Intergovernmental Revenue	509,621
Departmental Earnings	394,764
Miscellaneous Revenue	14,000
Transfers	350,000
Fund Equity & Other	8,854,085

Total Revenues \$ 21,544,609

EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$ 1,960,125
Public Safety	5,921,714
Highways	3,144,739
Parks & Recreation	1,408,872
Debt Service & Capital Projects	1,404,512
Miscellaneous	—
Other Financing Uses	119,992
Reserved for Future Year's Expenses	7,584,655

Total Expenditures \$ 21,544,609

2010 SEWER FUND BUDGET

REVENUES

Interest Earnings	\$ 10,200
State Aid Employee Pension	75,723
Connection Fees	4,000
Sewer Rents	4,297,762
Misc. Revenue & IWP	40,815
Fund Equity & Other	1,578,514

Total Revenues \$ 6,007,014

EXPENDITURES

Administrative Expenses	\$ 491,367
Rent to Authority	1,132,571
Collection	719,111
Treatment Plant	1,990,772
Transfers	42,395
Reserved for Future Year's Expense	1,630,798

Total Expenditures \$ 6,007,014

2010 WASTE AND RECYCLING BUDGET

REVENUES

Interest Earnings	\$ 500
Grants	62,000
Waste & Recycling Income	2,111,300
Miscellaneous Revenue	10,000
Fund Equity & Other	939,898

Total Revenues \$ 3,123,698

EXPENDITURES

Administrative Expenses	\$ 93,916
Professional Services	6,325
Contracted & Other Services	1,833,342
Transfers	350,000
Reserved for Future Year's Expenses	840,115

Total Expenditures \$ 3,123,698

April Yard Waste Collection Dates

Yard waste will be picked up on Saturday, April 10, 2010 and Saturday, April 24, 2010. Yard waste can be placed in biodegradable paper bags or trash cans. 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.

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Public Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors (4:00 PM, second and fourth Wednesday of each month, except where otherwise noted): January 20; February 10; March 10; April 14 and April 28.

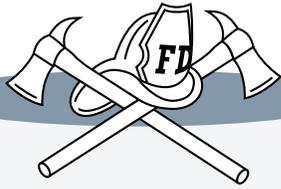
Park and Recreation Board (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month): January 20; February 17; March 17; April 21.

Planning Commission (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month): January 19; February 16; March 16; April 20.

Sewer Authority (7:30 PM, second Wednesday of each month): January 13; February 10; March 10; April 14.

Zoning Hearing Board (7:00 PM, first Thursday after the second Wednesday each month, except where otherwise noted): January 14; February 11; March 11; April 15.

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.



Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa

If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

Make sure smoke detectors have batteries and are in working condition. Use the test button on the smoke detector so that everyone in your family is familiar with the alarm.



Draw a home escape plan and discuss it with everyone in your home. Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Twice a year, practice the plan at night and during the day with everyone in your home, using different ways out. Make sure children know how to escape on their own in case the adults in the house can't help them. Check that all doors and windows leading to the outside open easily. Always close doors behind you as you leave to starve potential fires of additional oxygen. Designate an outside meeting place a safe distance from the house where everyone should gather.

If the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out. If you have to escape through smoke, get as low as you can to the ground and proceed under the smoke to the nearest exit. Feel doors and knobs before opening any doors. If your clothes catch on fire, remember to stop, drop, and roll out the flames. Call the fire department from outside your home. Never go back inside for people or pets.

Don't wait. Planning now can make a difference in assuring your family's safety during a fire.

Source: National Fire Prevention Association

West Goshen Township Held Annual Organization Meeting on Monday, January 4th

The Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code mandates that all Second Class Townships, including West Goshen, hold an organization meeting on the first Monday of each year (or Tuesday if the first Monday is New Year's Day). This year, West Goshen, along with Townships across the state, held its Organization Meeting on January 4th. At the Organization Meeting, the Board of Supervisors voted Edward G. Meakim, Jr. Chairman, Dr. Robert S. White as Vice-Chairman, and Patricia B. McIlvaine as Member.

The Annual Meeting is also when the West Goshen Board of Supervisors designates emergency service providers, names Township officers, announces depositories for Township funds, and determines Township holidays. Board of Supervisors meetings were set for the year at 4:00 PM on the following Wednesdays: January 20th, February 10th, March 10th, April 14th, April 28th, May 12th, May 26th, June 9th, July 14th, August 11th, September 8th, October 13th, October 27th, November 10th, and December 15th.

The West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors made the following

appointments for Township boards, authorities, committees, and commissions:

Planning Commission

Robert Holland (2nd term)
Salvatore Triolo (2nd term)
John T. Wildrick (2nd term)

Park and Recreation Board

Robert Cifone (3rd term)

Zoning Hearing Board

Peter C. Anderson (4th term)

Sewer Authority

Kenneth W. Fuller (2nd term)

Vacancy Board

Raymond H. Halvorsen (8th term)

Pension Committee

Peter C. Anderson (15th term)
Robert Holland (3rd term)
William Keenan (15th term)
Thomas A. Teneza (3rd term)
Walker C. Tompkins, Jr. (6th term)
John Trevisani (2nd term)

If you are interested in serving West Goshen Township by joining a board or commission, contact Township Manager Casey LaLonde at 610-696-5266 for information. ★

ROAD RULES

In each issue of the Township Newsletter, the West Goshen Police Traffic Safety Unit will provide information for drivers, focusing on sections of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code or on other traffic safety issues.

According to Section 1503 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation may issue a junior driver's license to a person 16 or 17 years of age under rules and regulations adopted by the department and subject to certain provisions. A junior driver's license shall automatically become a regular driver's license when the junior driver turns 18 years old. No licensed

JUNIOR DRIVER'S LICENSES

junior driver shall drive a vehicle upon a public highway between 11 PM and 5 AM unless accompanied by a spouse 18 years of age or older, a parent, or a person in loco parentis. Section 1503 does allow a holder of a junior driver's license to drive on public roads during restricted times if the junior driver is between his or her home and place of employment or other authorized activity, such as volunteer fire fighting. The junior license holder may be required to provide written authorization or notification from his or her employer if driving during these hours. ★

Keeping Your Roads Clear in Winter Storms Big and Small

On Saturday, December 19, 2009 and Sunday, December 20, 2009, West Goshen Township was blanketed with over a foot and a half of snow. Members of the Streets Department, Parks Department, Sewer Department, and even Administrative staff members responded by spending that Saturday into Sunday morning plowing and salting the Township's 93 miles of roads.

West Goshen's streets are divided into twelve routes, each with an assigned crew of drivers. Hills, intersections, and curves receive salt first due to the potential traffic hazards they present. Then all other areas are salted and plowed. Drivers begin one pass in each direction on streets and one pass into and out of cul-de-sacs. Once an initial clearance is made on each roadway, drivers commence with the process of pushing snow back to the road's edge and cleaning out cul-de-sacs.

While the West Goshen Streets Department works to remove snow quickly and effectively, you can help to facilitate the process in the event of a snowstorm:

- **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.

- **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 back of the curb to avoid it getting knocked over.**

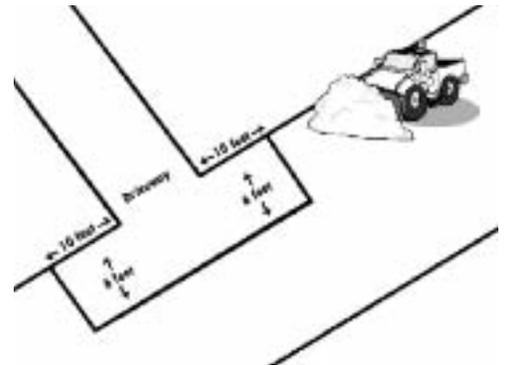
A mailbox within a foot of the pavement and/or mounted at a height of less than four feet is most likely to be damaged by the weight of snow being pushed from a plow. Make sure to clear snow from all walkways, stairs, and paths to mailboxes.

- **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.

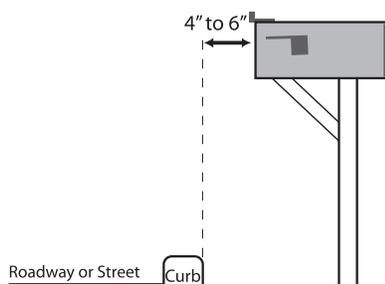
- **Placing shoveled, blown, or plowed snow from driveways, sidewalks, or parking lots onto public streets is extremely dangerous and is a violation of Chapter 70 ("Streets and Sidewalks") of the West**

Goshen Code, punishable by fines up to \$1,000 per day. The ordinance also prohibits piling snow into storm gutters.

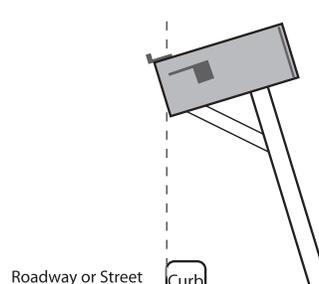
If you have a problem, call the Township between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM on Mondays through Thursdays. Please leave your name, address, phone number, and the nature of the problem. Calls received after 3:00 PM may not be acted upon until the next business day. On Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays or after 5:00 PM, 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. Derry Lane and Sorber Drive, are cleared by the developers.



CORRECT



INCORRECT



Part of Our Community



"The Chester County Historical Society is your source for everything Chester County."

Perhaps Kimberly A. Hall, President of the Chester County Historical Society, is exaggerating a little. But can you really blame her when you consider the resources available at the Society's West Chester location, including:

Historical Museum: Over 70,000 decorative art objects are preserved in the museum, with six galleries featuring permanent and temporary exhibits. Visitors can learn about the Underground Railroad, Chester County's role in the American Revolution, industries that helped fuel the early growth of the County, and the individuals who helped shape Chester County. The museum also boasts world-class collections of tall case clocks and eighteenth-century spice boxes, offering a

glimpse into early Chester County craftsmanship.

Research Library: The library is the definitive source for research about Chester County's history, with a catalogue of over 500,000 documents, 20,000 volumes, 80,000 photographic images, and a collection of early maps and atlases. One wall of the library is lined with file cabinets containing articles dated from the early 1800's through 1970 from Chester County newspapers. The files are organized by subject name, and by municipality so researchers can look for the names of past Chester County residents such as "Bayard Rustin" or examine broader subjects such as "West Goshen businesses."

Partnership with Chester County

Archives: In a one-of-a-kind arrangement in the State of Pennsylvania, the Chester County Historical Society partnered with the County of Chester in 1982 to administer and make available to the public the County's historical archival records dating back to the 17th century. Highlights include birth, death, and marriage records, wills, deeds, tax records, and orphan court papers.

Educational Programs: Elementary school teachers can bring subjects such as early settlement of Chester County, the American Revolution, or the Underground Railroad and the Civil War to life by arranging a field trip to the museum, borrowing educational

materials, or arranging for a school presentation. The Society's History Lab has hands-on exhibits for children to learn about history experientially. As the Chester and Delaware County sponsor of National History Day, the Chester County Historical Society invites middle and high school students to interpret a historical topic and to design a website, arrange an exhibit, create a performance, or film and edit a documentary highlighting that subject before a review panel.

Special Events: Events are not just limited to lectures, workshops, and special presentations at the Historical Society's Cultural Center. The Chester County Historical Society examines history through walking tours of West Chester (including a pub tour). The antiques show, scheduled for March 19th, 20th, and 21st at the Westtown School, is in its 28th year and is recognized as one of the premier antiques shows on the East Coast. And in October 2009, the Chester County Historical Society hosted an Open House to encourage County residents not familiar with the society to learn more about resources available.

The Chester County Historical Society occupies two buildings on North High Street in West Chester Borough. The 1848 Horticultural Hall was the site of the first Pennsylvania Women's Rights Convention in 1852, hosted speeches by prominent Americans such as Frederick



Douglass, and even served as an arena for performances by Buffalo Bill Cody. The building housed the Grand Army of the Republic for Civil War veterans until 1937, when the Chester County Historical Society moved into the building to house its collections. In the early 1990's, the Society began fundraising to acquire the nearby YMCA building built in 1903, and to connect it to the original building with a pedestrian walkway over Prescott Alley. The 50,000 square foot History Center, featuring the newly linked historical buildings, was opened in 1995.

Today, the Chester County Historical Society has a ten-member full-time and eight-member part-time staff overseeing its operations and archives, and a 22-member Board of Trustees to steer the nonprofit organization. The Society's History Center hosts visitors wanting to learn about Chester County's past; genealogists studying family history; homeowners and business owners looking to find out more about their properties; school students of all ages researching for projects and assignments; and doctoral candidates working on dissertations. Over 200 volunteers help research, catalog, and interpret historical artifacts, offer support through leading guided tours, lending administrative assistance, or sharing expertise such as gardening, and help plan, publicize, and staff special events throughout the year.

To serve over 28,000 people each year, the nonprofit Historical Society relies on a variety of funding sources.

"We have diversified sources of funding," explains Hall. "The current economy shows that you can not be too reliant on one source of funding."

The Museum and Library admission fees (\$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$3.50 for students and children over 5) cover only a small portion of expenses. The staff and board of trustees pursue grants and donations from foundations, state and county governments, businesses, and

individuals. In 2009, the Chester County Historical Society received a challenge match of one million dollars from an anonymous County resident, and is halfway towards reaching the goal for the match.

An endowment fund helps with the funding. Events help bring in income. The Cultural Center may be rented out by businesses, nonprofits, or individuals for board meetings, workshops, and even wedding receptions.

One of the most significant sources of income for the Chester County Historical Society is memberships. Individuals or families joining the Historical Society get free admission for a year and discounts to programs, museum shop merchandise, and even to local restaurants.

"During these challenging economic times - everyone is looking for value," says Hall. "Membership at CCHS provides high quality yet low cost family entertainment right in your backyard. Whether you are looking for an engaging exhibit, a concert, or to have hands-on fun with your kids, it can't be beat--especially when combined with the restaurant discount."

"We're the storyteller of Chester County. Whether you live in West Goshen or Oxford, it's your place to learn why Chester County is a special place to live, as the County's roots are in its history."

The Chester County Historical Society Museum and Library are open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10:00 AM through 5:00 PM. For more information about the Chester County Historical Society, visit www.chestercohistorical.org. For more information about the Chester County Archives, located at the Chester County Government Services Building, call 610-344-6760 Mondays through Fridays between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM or visit www.chesco.org/archives.

Thanks!

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Board and The Friends of West Goshen Parks thank the following businesses who supported the 2009 West Goshen Summer Concert Series:

Platinum level sponsors:

Faulkner Auto of West Chester; Park Valley Associates; TD Bank.

Gold level sponsor: Fulton Bank.

Silver level sponsor:

First National Bank of Chester County; Krapf's Coaches; West Goshen Automotive and Fleet Services.

Supporting sponsor:

Francis Hall Insurance.

Friends of West Goshen Parks Raffle

Donors: Applebee's; Athena Pizza; Barnaby's of America; Benny's Pizzeria; The Blarney Stone; Bonefish Grill; The Bowling Palace and Entertainment Center; Brickside Grille; Chester County Book and Music Company; Dan's Flower Shop; Doc Magrogan's Oyster House; Duffer's Tavern; Dunkin' Donuts of East Brandywine; Empire Pizzeria and Grill; Flowers by the Greenery; Fruit Flowers; Fuji Fusion Steak House and Sushi Bar; Genuardi's; Giant; Goose Creek Grill; Gramm's Kitchen; Halladay Florist; The Ice Cream Company; Ice Line Quad Rinks; Iron Hill Brewery and Restaurant; Kildare's; Kooma; La Difference Salon and Day Spa; La Locanda Restaurant and Bar; Las Vega Pizza; Limoncello Ristorante; The Lion's Share Diner and Family Restaurant; Mabel's Barbecue; Max and Erma's; The Mediterranean; Moonbounce Adventures; Nino's Pizza; Oasis Family Fun Center; On The Border Mexican Grill and Cantina; Pace One Restaurant and Country Inn; Pat's Pizza Family Restaurant; The Pepper Mill; Piatto Pizza; Pizza University; Qdoba Mexican Grill; Rino's Restaurant and Pizzeria; Roger's Bistro; Ryan's Pub; Sabatino's Grill; Salon West Endz; Scott's Cakes; Shaving Grace Barbers; Spice Indian Thai Bistro; Starbucks Coffee; Swedish Pastry Shop; Sweet and Sassy; Tee It Up Family Fun Center; Tommy's Original Pizza; Trattoria Giuseppe; Uno Chicago Grill; Weso's Italian Restaurant; The West Chester Diner.

Addition support provided by:

Fairman's Skate, Snow, and Surf Shop; Shop-Rite of West Goshen. ★



Master Your Yard Waste

The popular Master Composter Classes are being offered again by the Chester County Board of Commissioners and the Chester County Solid Waste Authority. These free classes meet from 7:00 through 9:00 PM. Participants who attend all three classes and perform six hours of volunteer service will receive a Master Composter Certification.

Mondays: Government Services Center, 610 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA
March 15, 2010
March 22, 2010
March 29, 2010
Snow date: April 5, 2010
Call 610-273-3771, ext. 228 to register.

Tuesdays: Owen J. Roberts High School, 981 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA
March 16, 2010
March 23, 2010
March 30, 2010
Snow date: April 6, 2010
Call 610-469-5830 to register through Adult School Evening Classes.

Wednesdays: Chester County Solid Waste Authority, 7224 Division Highway, Narvon, PA
March 17, 2010
March 24, 2010
March 31, 2010
Snow date: April 7, 2010
Call 610-273-3771, ext. 228 to register.

Integrating Nature With Stormwater Control

Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association (CRC), Habitat Resource Network, and Penn State Brandywine will jointly sponsor a lecture on the design, improvement, and maintenance of stormwater best management practices on Sunday February 7, 2010, starting at 2 PM. Mark Gallagher, M.S.

in Plant Ecology and Vice President of Princeton Hydro, will present "Integrating Natural Elements into the Design and Maintenance of Stormwater Facilities".

A discussion of common problems related to the design and maintenance of stormwater management practices, including swales and dry and wet basins, will be provided. The presentation will provide examples of stormwater management techniques that successfully integrated natural design elements and native plants to control stormwater, and will reference requirements of Pennsylvania's new

stormwater regulations as well as principles championed by renowned author Professor Doug Tallamy. The program will assist homeowners and associations who desire to improve the functioning and appearance of their own basins, swales, slopes, and low lying areas, as well as municipalities and institutions desiring to meet water quality standards by redesigning these areas.

Learn environmentally sound methods of managing stormwater while beautifying your property at this free workshop!

The program will be held in the Tomezsko Building Auditorium on the campus of

Penn State Brandywine (formerly Penn State Delaware County), located at 25 Yearsley Mill Road, Media, 19063. The program is free and open to the public, but space is limited, so reservations are recommended. Contact CRC at crc@nni.com or 610-892-8731. For more information see www.crcwatersheds.org or www.habitatresourcenetwork.org. ★

Hold the Stormwater, Please

Impervious, non-porous surfaces such as asphalt, concrete walkways, and rooftops result in less rainfall soaking into the ground, potentially causing flooding, increased pollution of streams, diminished drinking water supply, and critically low or dry creek beds during periods of reduced rainfall.

You can help sustain a healthy groundwater supply by following some simple steps at your home:

- **Substitute porous surfaces for impervious ones.** Patios, walkways, driveways, and parking areas can be constructed with porous materials—such as blocks or pavers with voids that can be filled with gravel or planted with grass—that allow stormwater to soak into the soil.

- **Direct stormwater to areas where it can seep into the ground.** Redirect downspouts away from paved areas or house foundations to grassy areas, seepage pits, mulched beds, or rain gardens.
- **Hold stormwater in a rain barrel for reuse in gardens or to release at a later time.** For best results, direct overflow from your rain barrel to a more porous area such as a mulched bed or a rain garden.
- **Plant more trees, shrubs, and mulched beds.** Trees, shrubs, and mulched beds with flowers will infiltrate rainwater better than mowed lawns. Consider planting one or more large canopy trees such as maples and oaks. ★

Sources: Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association; Philadelphia Water Department; Wissahickon Watershed Association.

SKATEPARK UPDATES

The skatepark at Robert E. Lambert Park is open from 10 AM through sunset on weekends and school holidays. Beginning on March 1st, the skatepark will open at 4 PM through sunset on weekdays. The skatepark may close in the event of inclement weather, wet surface, or if temperatures are below freezing. To find out the status of the skatepark, call the West Goshen Township Administrative Offices at 610-696-5266. During hours when the offices are closed, a

recorded message will indicate if the park is open or not.

The popular Fairman's Skate Jams will continue on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:00 PM through sunset. Skateboarders can get pointers from the pros from Fairman's Skate, Snow, and Surf Shop. There is no additional charge beyond regular admission fees for the Skate Jams. The first Skate Jam of 2010 will be on Tuesday, March 9th. Look for more information about upcoming events at the skatepark, including new contests, at

www.westgoshe.org/Departments/Events/Skatepark/skatepark.html, or email Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshe.org to get updates about the skatepark.

Private skateboarding lessons are available through a partnership between the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department and Fairman's Skate, Snow, and Surf Shop. For more information, visit www.westgoshe.org/Departments/Events/Skatepark/Private_Lessons/private_lessons.html.

West Goshen Park and Recreation Department Returns to Cape Cod

In October 2008, the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department offered its first ever trip to Cape Cod. Demand for the trip was so great and response from trip participants was so favorable that the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is partnering with Park and Recreation Departments from East Goshen Township and West Chester Borough to offer a return trip Thursday, May 20th through Monday, May 24th.

The trip will include round-trip transportation, Thursday and Friday evening dinners, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday breakfast, a whale watching cruise, guided tours of Provincetown, Hyannis, Chatham, and Martha's Vineyard, a Saturday evening dinner cruise, four nights of hotel accommodations in Provincetown (special needs accommodations available upon prior request), free time to explore on your own, and all driver, meal, and guide tips. The cost for this trip is

\$769 per person for a single-occupancy room, \$619 per person for double-occupancy, \$599 per person for triple-occupancy, or \$579 per person for quad-occupancy.

"There was not a wasted moment. We learned and participated. It was great not to have to drive or worry about the price of gas."

Space is limited and available on a first-come first-served basis. The registration deadline is April 26, 2010. Registration forms are available at www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Cape_Cod/cape_cod.html, or by contacting the West Goshen Park and Recreation office at 610-696-5266. ★



ROONIE SAYS...

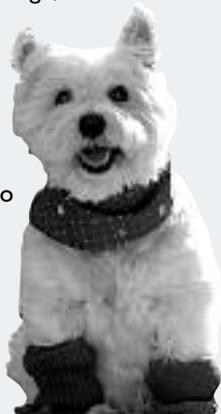
Rabies Vaccinations

Rabies shots are required for all dogs and house cats in the Commonwealth of Rabies is a very dangerous disease, with a 100% fatality rate for pets. It can be passed from animals to humans. Unvaccinated pets exposed to positive rabies carriers may be placed under quarantine up to six months to ensure there is no contact with other animals or humans. Pet owners who do not vaccinate pets three months of age or older may be fined up to \$300 per unvaccinated cat or dog.

"Rabies vaccinations are required by law because the disease is highly infectious," explains veterinarian Dr. Brenda Perkins of the West Chester Animal Hospital.

According to Dr. Perkins, common vaccinations for canine ailments that are not mandated by the state include distemper, parvo, and kennel cough. (For more information about kennel cough, see the Summer 2009 Issue of The West Goshen Township Newsletter at www.westgoshen.org/WGTSummer09.pdf.)

"Dog owners should talk to their vet about vaccinations, especially if they take their dog to the dogpark or come into contact somewhere else with other dogs," advises Dr. Perkins.



Roonie, the West Goshen Township Westie and namesake of Roonie's Canine Corner at Robert E. Lambert Park, offers advice for dog owners and users of the dogpark in each issue of the Township Newsletter.

Hey You! Yes You! This Is Your Opportunity to Make A Difference in Your Community!



Looking for a chance to help make your Community a great place to live? Want to meet other people interested in making a difference?

Have an interest in fun events and preserving open spaces for public recreation?

The Friends of West Goshen Parks is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping support the Township's parks and events. Currently, The Friends of West Goshen Parks is seeking Township residents to serve as officers on the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors meets on the first Thursdays in January, March, May, July, September, and November at 7:00 PM to

discuss fundraising strategies, volunteer projects, and membership recruitment.

If you're not able to join the Board of Directors, The Friends of West Goshen Parks also has plenty of opportunities to volunteer at events, help with fundraising, or helping with publicity. Or, you and your family can show your support by joining The Friends of West Goshen Parks and keeping up to date on the latest happenings in your parks.

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:

Please check if you would like to receive information about:

Joining the Board of Directors as an Officer _____ Volunteering at events _____

Helping with publicity _____ Helping with fundraising _____

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



Fast Facts About the West Goshen Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade

- The Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade is the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department's longest-running annual festival, celebrated each year since 1992.
- From 1992 through 2006 the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade was held at Coopersmith Park. Due to parking concerns, the event was moved to West Goshen Community Park in 2007, where it has been held each year since.
- Since 1999, the Park and Recreation Board has collected dry good donations (soap, toilet paper, diapers, shampoo, deodorant, laundry detergent, etc.) to go to low-income families in Chester County. This year, donations will be given to the West Chester Food Cupboard and the Coatesville Veterans' Administration Hospital.
- Over 500 children participate in the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade each year.
- The Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade is one of four West Goshen events (along with the July 4th Decorated Bicycle Parade, the Harvest Festival, and the Holiday Breakfast with Santa) restricted to residents of West Goshen Township.
- Children two to four years old can gather eggs filled with candy. Children five through nine years old can get eggs filled with candy, toys, and quarters. Ten eggs in the areas for children five through nine years old are filled with dollar coins.
- Members of the West Goshen Park and Recreation Board help the Easter Bunny fill 3,000 to 4,000 eggs each year.
- One "golden egg" is hidden by the Easter Bunny. The child who finds that receives a \$10 prize.
- Parents are reminded to check everything children may put in their mouths for safety.
- The Decorated Hat Parade was originally called the Decorated Bonnet Parade, but was changed to encourage more boys to participate.
- Everyone who participates in the Decorated Hat Parade receives a commemorative medal.
- A panel of judges will decide prize winners for the Decorated Hat Parade. In addition to the medal, each prize winner will receive Easter goodies.
- The top three complaints received by the West Goshen Park and Recreation Office regarding the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade: 1) Because of traffic, some families arrive after the Egg Hunt has started. 2) Children do not always stay with their age groups when gathering eggs. 3) Some children get upset when not winning a prize at the Decorated Hat Parade.
- The top three recommendations by the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department to alleviate concerns: 1) Arrive at the park early for the Egg

Hunt. 2) Parents should make sure for the safety and fairness of all that their children only participate in the Egg Hunt with their designated age group. 3) Be aware that prizes will be given for the Decorated Hat Parade, and make sure your children understand that they might not win one but will be given a medal for their



participation. You may want to consider if the prospect of not winning a prize may upset your child.

- **This year's Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade will take place at 10:30 AM on Saturday, March 27th at West Goshen Community Park.**
- In the event of rain, the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade would be postponed to Saturday, April 3rd at 10:30 AM. Check www.westgoshen.org or call 610-696-5266 on March 27th to see if the event is postponed.
- Families can register for the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade in advance at www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Egg_Hunt/egg_hunt.html. ★

~ FUN IN THE SUN ~

BE A SUMMER COUNSELOR!

Even though flurries are in the air and temperatures are below freezing, it's never too early to begin thinking about the warm



and sunny months of summer. Winter is a great time to start looking for enjoyable and rewarding summer employment, and West Goshen's Summer Recreation Program or Summer Teen Program may have the perfect position for you!

Summer Recreation Program: The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for the positions of counselor and junior counselor

for the 2010 Summer Recreation Program. Counselors supervise 5–12 year old children and are responsible for facilitating group activities such as sports, games, arts and crafts, and field trips. Counselor applicants must be 18 years old and have a high school diploma by June 21, 2010. Junior counselors assist with daily activities/operations, and are required to be 16 years old by June 21, 2010. The application deadline is Thursday, April 1, 2010 for counselor applicants, and Thursday, April 29, 2010 for junior counselor applicants.

Summer Teen Program: The Park and Recreation Department is also hiring for the position of counselor with the Summer Teen Program. Counselors supervise 13–15 year old participants and lead a variety of activities including sports, games, community service projects, and weekly field trips. Applicants must be 18 years old, and have a high school

diploma by June 21, 2010. The application deadline is Thursday, April 1, 2010.

Both eight-week programs begin Monday, June 21st and continue through Friday, August 13th. Counselor applicants, 18 years of age and above, are required to commit to all eight weeks in order to be eligible for employment, and if offered a position must submit background clearances.

Interested applicants may download an Application for Employment which is available online at www.westgoshen.org/News/Employment_Application.pdf, or may pick one up at the West Goshen Township Administration Building between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM Mondays through Thursdays. For more information contact Summer Program Coordinator Tom Steines at 610-696-5266 or at twp@westgoshen.org. West Goshen Township is an Equal Opportunity Employer. ★

Keep Active this Winter and Spring...

Bus Trips

Join the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department on bus trips to three great American cities this winter and spring!

Philadelphia Flower Show

This year's theme is "Passport to the World." The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department joins the Park and Recreation Departments from East Goshen Township and West Chester Borough for a Thursday, March 4th excursion. The bus will depart from East Goshen Township Park at 9 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 PM and arrive back by dinnertime. The cost of this trip is only \$49 and includes a ticket to the Flower Show, round-trip transportation, and bus driver tip.

Washington, DC Cherry Blossom Festival

Depart from East Goshen Township Park at 8:00 AM on Sunday, April 11th and see the famed cherry blossoms in bloom, participate in Festival activities, or tour Smithsonian museums or national monuments on your own. 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.

New York City

It's always a good time to visit the Big Apple! Spend the afternoon of Saturday, June 19th shopping, sightseeing, dining, or just walking aimlessly in Manhattan. The bus will depart from the Upper Parking Lot at West Goshen Community Park. Cost is \$35 per person.

Also, check out our Cape Cod Trip featured on page 9!

Registration for all West Goshen bus trips are on a first-come, first-served basis. To find out more about any of these trips, visit www.westgoshe.org/Departments/Events/events.html or contact the Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266. ★

Fitness Programs

Yoga/Pilates

West Goshen's program featuring two of the most popular forms of exercise continues again this winter and spring in the Community Room of the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Registrants can sign up for sessions taught by Ageless Exercise on the following evenings:

Winter Session:

Thursday, February 11
Thursday, February 18
Thursday, February 25
Thursday, March 4
Thursday, March 11

Spring Session:

Thursday, March 25
Thursday, April 1
Thursday, April 8
Thursday, April 15
Thursday, April 22

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

Senior Water Walking

Space is still available for the following winter/spring sessions of Water Walking. Sessions meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 through 1:45 PM at the ACAC Fitness and Wellness Center.

February Sessions

Tuesday, Feb. 2 Thursday, Feb. 4
Tuesday, Feb. 9 Thursday, Feb. 11
Tuesday, Feb. 16 Thursday, Feb. 18
Tuesday, Feb. 23 Thursday, Feb. 25

March Sessions

Tuesday, March 2 Thursday, March 4
Tuesday, March 9 Thursday, March 11
Tuesday, March 16 Thursday, March 18
Tuesday, March 23 Thursday, March 25
Tuesday, March 30

April Sessions

Thursday, April 1
Tuesday, April 6 Thursday, April 8
Tuesday, April 13 Thursday, April 15
Tuesday, April 20 Thursday, April 22
Tuesday, April 27 Thursday, April 29

May Sessions

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

June Sessions

Tuesday, June 1 Thursday, June 3
Tuesday, June 8 Thursday, June 10
Tuesday, June 15 Thursday, June 17
Tuesday, June 22 Thursday, June 24
Tuesday, June 29

Cost is \$50 for each month of eight or nine sessions. Participants must reside in West Goshen Township.

Senior Exercise Sampler

Each session of this six-week program will offer seniors the chance to learn different aspects of fitness, and exercises to achieve a healthy lifestyle. Participants will meet on the following Mondays between 2:15 and 3:00 PM:

February 15—Stretch, Strength, and Tone
March 8—Arthritis and Exercise
February 22—Balance Basics
March 1—Bands and Balls
March 15—Yoga and Pilates
March 22—Ageless Exercise

Sessions take place in the Community Room of the West Goshen Township Administration Building (Paoli Pike and N. Five Points Road). Cost for the six sessions is \$60 for West Goshen residents, \$75 for non-residents.

Registration forms for exercise programs are available at www.westgoshe.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@westgoshe.org.

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Financial Assistance to Haiti

International relief organizations still need financial assistance to aid the victims of the January earthquake in Haiti. However, some unscrupulous scammers have taken advantage of people's generosity by setting up false foundations which never use funds to help those in need. Make sure you donate to a known, reputable relief organization. To contribute to the American Red Cross Haiti Relief and Development Fund via the internet visit www.redcross.org, or make a \$10 donation to be added to your cellular phone bill by texting "HAITI" to 90999. ★

Be Someone's Hero This Winter

Each pint of blood can save up to three lives.

You can make a difference in someone's life by donating blood at the West Goshen Township Administration Building on Tuesday, February 2nd between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. For more information or to make an appointment, contact Sandy Turley,

Assistant to the Township
Manager at 610-696-5266.

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