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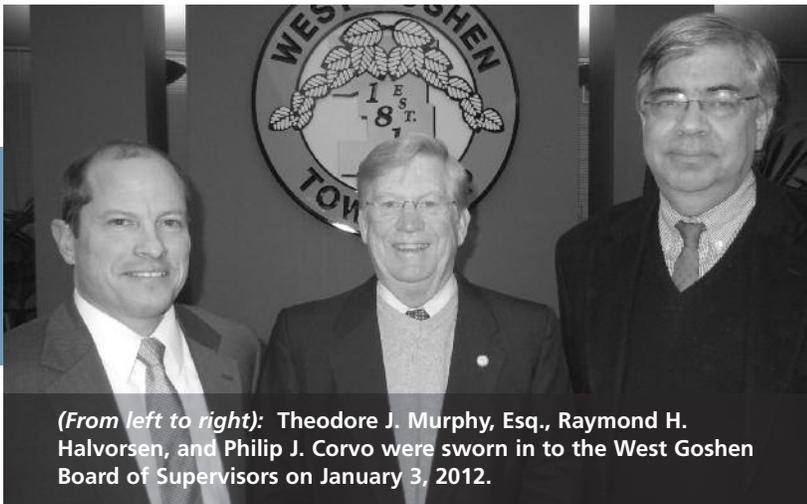


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West Goshen Township Welcomes Three New Supervisors



(From left to right): Theodore J. Murphy, Esq., Raymond H. Halvorsen, and Philip J. Corvo were sworn in to the West Goshen Board of Supervisors on January 3, 2012.

History was made at West Goshen's January 3, 2012 Annual Organizational Meeting, as three new supervisors were sworn in.

In November 2010, West Goshen residents voted in a ballot referendum to expand the Board of Supervisors from three to five. In addition to two new supervisors, Township residents had to vote for a replacement for outgoing Board member Edward G. Meakim, Jr. in the November 2011 general election. At the Organization Meeting on January 3rd, the Honorable District Judge William D. Kraut swore in Philip J. Corvo, Raymond H. Halvorsen, and Theodore J. Murphy, Esq. as new West Goshen Supervisors.

Philip Corvo settled in West Goshen Township in 2004 after work had taken him and his wife on a tour across the United States. He had purchased First State Plastics, a recycling company in New Castle, Delaware, and was looking to move back

into the Delaware Valley, where both he and his wife had grown up. He chose West Goshen because "It seemed like a good place to live." Corvo was familiar with West Goshen Township since he had attended West Chester University and taught biology there in 1975 and 1976.

Because his work kept him and his family moving frequently, Corvo had never gotten involved in politics until recently. In 2010, he led the petition drive to expand the West Goshen Board of Supervisors from three members to five. "That was as civic as I'd ever become," explains Corvo. "I got a compressed education in civics."

Corvo says his intention was not to run for Supervisor, but after the ballot measure to expand the Board passed, he was pressed to run by supporters of the motion.

"Going door to door, getting a lot of signatures, I met a lot of interesting people, some of which have become personal friends. I hope the next six years

West Goshen Makes List of Top Places to Live (Third Time in a Row!)

In its September 2011 issue, *Money Magazine* rated West Goshen Township as the 25th best place to live in the United States.

This marked the third consecutive time West Goshen appeared in the Top 25 of this biennial list, making West Goshen Township one of eight municipalities nationally to be thrice recognized.



"I've lived here 46 years, and I love West Goshen," said Edward G. Meakim, Jr., Chairman of the West Goshen Board of Supervisors at the time of the announcement. "With us going sixteen out of eighteen years without a tax increase and with our mixture of residential and business, West Goshen is the best place to live and work." ★

build on that."

Corvo says he is looking forward to the opportunity to serve his fellow residents. "This is all about, at some level, service, and I think it will be an interesting journey. I'm looking forward to it."

Raymond Halvorsen had previously served as a West Goshen Supervisor from 1987 through 2001. His family moved to West Goshen in 1963. He grew up in a civic-minded household, with his mother serving over twenty years as the Township's first full-time secretary. A business owner who volunteered his time as judge of elections, Halvorsen joined the Planning Commission in 1984 before running two years later for Supervisor. Since 2001, Halvorsen has served as the Township's Public Works Director.

"I reentered the race for Supervisor

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Edward G. Meakim, Jr. retires after serving eighteen years as Township Supervisor. Story on page 6.

Subdivision and Land Development Report

The following plans have been approved for development:

Chester County Hospital: North Tower (Revised)

Location: 701 E. Marshal Street

The plan was originally approved in May 2011 for a four story shell to be constructed over the existing loading dock area, with only the first floor occupied with a total of 24 beds. The revised plan constituted changes to the location of the stormwater facilities for this plan, relocating the stormwater infiltration basin out of West Chester Borough and into West Goshen Township.

The following plans remain under review:

Bridgewater Drive Subdivision

Location: 1262 & 1266 Bridgewater Drive

This plan constitutes a lot-line change which proposes to transfer .361 acres from the 1266 Bridgewater property to the 1262 Bridgewater property.

The Arbours at West Goshen – Amended

Location: Honeysuckle Court and Ward Avenue

The plan for the Arbours at West Goshen, approved in 2006, called for the

construction of 79 townhomes, one clubhouse, and 144 attached condominiums for an active adult retirement community. The amended plan proposed to eliminate the 144 attached condominiums and replace them with 133 townhouse units.

Pottstown Pike Subdivision

Location: East Side of Pottstown Pike, South of Greenhill Road

The plan will create a fourteen lot single family detached dwelling subdivision.

Three Lot Subdivision

Location: East Side of Pottstown Pike, South of Greenhill Road

The proposed plan will create a three lot single family detached dwelling subdivision. An existing house is to remain on one of the lots.

North Campus District Geothermal Pump House – Phase II

Location: 114 W. Rosedale Avenue

The plan proposes the construction of a 2,418 square foot utility building to serve as a geothermal pump house to augment West Chester University's geothermal system.

The Woodlands at Greystone

Location: Northwest corner of the Route 322 By-Pass and Phoenixville Pike

The submitted plan proposes for the development of 598 dwelling units pursuant to the Flexible Design Conservation District regulations for a 446+ acre property located along Pottstown Pike, Phoenixville Pike, and the Route 322 Bypass (commonly referred to as the Jerrehian tract).

Goshen Leisure Development II

Location: 21 Hagerty Boulevard: East of Route 202, North of Hagerty Boulevard

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

Chester County Hospital: West Pavilion

Location: 701 E. Marshal Street

The land development proposes a 71,715 square foot hospital addition for the Chester County Hospital located at 701 E. Marshall Street.

415 Goshen Road Subdivision

Location: 415 Goshen Road

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

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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

6 year elected term

Raymond H. Halvorsen, *Chairman*
Patricia B. McIlvaine, *Vice-Chairman*
Philip J. Corvo, *Member*
Theodore J. Murphy, Esq., *Member*
Dr. Robert S. White, *Member*

ADMINISTRATION

Casey LaLonde, *Township Manager*
Jeanne M. Denham, *Finance Director*
Raymond H. Halvorsen, *Director of Public Works*
Richard J. Craig, *Township Engineer*
J. David Woodward, *Streets Superintendent*
Kent Wise, *Parks Superintendent*

WEST GOSHEN POLICE

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Police 911 or 610.696.7400
Fax 610.696.3935
police@westgoshen.org
Joseph J. Gleason, *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

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Robert M. Cifone
Mary Lou Enoches
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Gerald L. Napiecek
Nancy Pine
Kent Wise
Michael McKinley, *Alternate*
Megan Zug, *Alternate*

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Monica Drenwiany, *Vice-Chairman*
Vito Genua
Jeffrey Laudenslager
Jeffrey S. Lieberman
Carrie Martin
Will Morrison
John T. Wildrick
(1 vacancy)

ZONING HEARING BOARD

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Salvatore Triolo, *Alternate*

SEWER AUTHORITY

Michael T. Arnold, *Chairman*
David R. Johnson, *Vice-Chairman*
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John L. Windle, *Treasurer*
Frank J. Biasi, *Assistant Secretary*

Ron Rothrock, *Member*
Kenneth W. Fuller, *Alternate*

THE FRIENDS OF WEST GOSHEN PARKS, INC.

Non-profit group assisting the Park and Recreation Board; meets bimonthly
John Herley, *President*
Mary Ann Fell, *Vice-President*
Mary Bleecker, *Secretary*
Marilyn Reich, *Treasurer*
Gerald L. Napiecek, *Member*
Margaret M. Niemeyer, *Member*

AUDITORS

Hugh J. Purnell, Jr., *Chairman*
William Gale, *Secretary*
William R. Christman, III, *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

ROAD RULES

Changes for Junior Drivers

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 other traffic safety issues.

In an effort to enhance safety on Pennsylvania roads, Governor Corbett and the Legislature have agreed on changes to the Vehicle Code involving graduated driver licensing requirements, passenger restrictions for junior drivers, and passenger restraint laws. The new rules in Act 81 of 2011 took effect on December 27, 2011. The changes to the law were initiated to help junior drivers receive more comprehensive training, ease young driver distractions through limiting the number of passengers they may carry, and improve general highway safety through improvements to passenger restraint laws.

Changes to Junior Driver Training: Act 81 increases supervised, behind-the-wheel skill building for learner's permit holders under eighteen years of age who have passed the road driving skills test after December 27, 2011 from 50 hours to 65 hours. Ten of the added hours will consist of nighttime driving, while the other five additional hours must be driven in poor weather conditions.

Changes to Junior Driver Passenger Restrictions: Act 81 places increased restrictions on the number and age of passengers which a junior driver license holder may transport. Current law limits drivers under the age of eighteen to transporting no more passengers than the number of seat belts in the vehicle. As of December 27, 2011, for the first six months after receiving a junior driver's license, a driver is not permitted to have more than one passenger under age eighteen who is not an immediate family member (brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister of the junior driver and adopted or foster children living in the



same household as the junior driver) in the vehicle unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Anyone not convicted of a driving violation and who has not been partially or fully responsible for a reportable crash after six months may have up to three passengers under age eighteen who are not immediate family members without a parent or legal guardian present. Junior drivers with convictions or who are partially or fully responsible for a reportable crash during the first six months are once again restricted to one passenger.

Changes to Seat Belt Requirements: Drivers and occupants in a vehicle who are under the age of eighteen must wear properly adjusted and fastened seatbelts, and children under the age of eight must be securely fastened in a child restraint system. Failure to comply with the new law's seatbelt provisions is a primary offense, meaning that a driver can be pulled over and cited solely for that violation. ★

Public Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors (7:00 PM, second Wednesday of each month): February 8; March 14; April 11.

Park and Recreation Board (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month): February 15; March 21; April 18.

Planning Commission (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month): February 21; March 20; April 17.

Sewer Authority (7:30 PM, first Wednesday of each month): February 1; March 7; April 4.

Zoning Hearing Board (7:00 PM, first Thursday after the second Wednesday each month, except where otherwise noted): February 9; March 15; April 12.

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.

Greening West Goshen

"Greening West Goshen" offers environmentally sound practices for homeowners, businesses, gardeners, and property managers. If you have a green tip you would like to share, forward it to Newsletter Editor Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org.

BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!



As the seasons begin to change and your family migrates indoors for the winter, a lot of energy can be wasted to keep your family and your home comfortable. Between 40 and 70% of all home energy is wasted, but we could save about half of that by buying efficient appliances and taking energy-saving measures.

The 10 Biggest Energy Users

- Water heaters
- Freezers
- Ranges
- Clothes dryers
- Portable heaters
- Refrigerators
- Air conditioners
- Clothes washers
- Dishwashers
- Lights

And here are some inexpensive solutions to consider:

Cover your air conditioner: If you can't remove your window unit, consider covering it both inside and out. Besides protecting your air-conditioning unit, these covers also help keep cold air from entering your home through the space around the air-conditioner and can be a great way to lower utility bills.

Caulk it: Small spaces and gaps around windows and pipes and wires entering the home create energy wasting drafts that can cut the efficiency of your heating system. Most caulking products cost under \$10; rope caulk, one of the easiest types to apply, sells for about \$4 for 40 or 50 feet.

Block drafts: Draft blockers are foam plates that fit behind light switches and electrical outlets to reduce drafts that enter through those spaces. You can get a packet of 10 for about \$3 and they're easy to install with just a screwdriver.

Install heat reflectors: These are thin sheets that fit behind radiators, to reflect heat away from the wall and into the room, thereby maximizing each radiator's energy efficiency.

Upgrade your thermostat: Changing your thermostat to a programmable one allows you to control the temperature in your home at different times of the day without you being home. Keep the heat off when you're out of the house and set it to turn back up before you get home. Some also have a second set of settings for weekends, when people usually spend more time at home. The thermostats range from \$90 to \$175, but can save 12% or more on your energy bill and pay for itself within three years.

Reflective Window Film: Place these thin, plastic sheets directly on the inside of window panes and glass doors. The film reflects inside heat back into your home, reducing the amount that is conducted outside through windows. The film costs about \$10 a window and is easy to put on—it adheres to the window directly, or with the help of water from a spray bottle.

Storm Window Kits: It can be expensive to have storm windows installed throughout your house, but there is a less-expensive way to weatherproof home windows. Storm window kits consist of plastic film or sheets to cover the window. Attaching the plastic is done with tape or tacks. Prices range from about \$3 to \$10 per window.

Weatherstripping: Create a tight seal around all your windows to reduce heated and cooled air from escaping outside. Weatherstrips are plastic, foam, felt or rubber strips that fit around window and door frames with a self-adhesive backing. Prices vary, but average about \$5 per window or door.

Need More Help? The Home Energy Saver allows you to enter information about your home and compute what specific changes would result in energy and environmental savings. www.homeenergysaver.lbl.gov

Who Are You Going to Call?

Citizens can use the hotline box below to help report violations or problems they notice in their local streams before they cause more damage and pollution. You may be the first to recognize "illicit", nonpermitted discharges—typically any flows other than rainwater—being directed into storm sewers or out of pipes into streams. "Dry weather flows", defined as flows from stormwater outfall pipes after a 48 hour period without rain, should also be reported for further investigation.

- **DEP 24-Hour Water Quality Hotline**
484-250-5900
Anytime, including evenings and weekends
- **DEP Water Quality Complaints – Weekdays**
484-250-5991
Weekdays 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
- **Off site discharge of sediment, erosion, & other improper controls during construction**
Delaware Co. Conservation District
810-892-9484, or
Chester County Conservation District
610-925-4920
Send photo, full address, and directions
- **Clogged or leaking sanitary sewer lines; sewage smell in creek**
West Goshen Sewer Authority
610-696-0900
After hours call 911
- **Fish Kills**
PA Fish and Boat Commission
717-626-0228
DEP 24 Hour Water Quality
Hotline: 484-250-5900
- **Illegal discharges (other than rainwater) into creeks or storm drains; dry weather flows from outfall pipes into streams**
West Goshen Township
610-696-5266
After hours call 911
- **Broken water mains**
Aqua Pennsylvania: 610-525-1402
24 hour

For updates, contact the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association (610-892-8731)

COMPOST **ANUP** **REUSE**

The first Chester County Household Hazardous Waste dropoff is scheduled for Saturday, April 14th at the CAT Pickering Campus, 1580 Charlestown Road in Phoenixville between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. For a list of acceptable and unacceptable products, visit www.westgothen.org/Departments/Trash_and_Recycling/Hazardous_Waste/hazardous_waste.html.

A complete list of the remaining 2012 Household Hazardous Waste dropoff dates and locations will be published in the Waste and Recycling Guide of the Spring 2012 issue of the West Goshen Township Newsletter.

West Goshen Township Announces 2012 Curbside Yard Waste Collection Dates

West Goshen Township has contracted with Allied Waste for residential curbside yard waste collection on the following Saturdays in 2012:

March 24th
April 14th
May 19th
June 9th
July 14th
August 11th
September 15th
October 13th

In addition, leaves will be collected on Saturday, November 17th, Saturday, December 8th, and Saturday, December 22nd.

Yard waste and leaves can be placed in biodegradable paper bags or trash cans. Yard waste will not be collected from plastic bags. Branches not exceeding four feet in length may be bundled together. There is no limit to the number of paper bags or bundles to be collected. Visit www.westgothen.org or check the West Goshen Township Newsletter Waste and Recycling Guide in the Spring 2012 issue for more information about yard waste collection.

Register to Become a Master Composter

The Chester County Board of Commissioners and the Chester County Solid Waste Authority are offering their popular annual Master Composter classes. These free classes meet one day per week from 7:00 through 9:00 PM over the course of three weeks, and provide the opportunity for county residents to learn how to make their own nutrient-rich compost from kitchen and garden waste. Participants who attend all three classes and perform six hours of volunteer service will receive a Master Composter Certification. For more information or to register, contact the Chester County Solid Waste Authority at 610-273-3771, ext. 228.

Mondays: Chester County Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA

March 5, 2012
March 12, 2012
March 19, 2012
Snow date: March 26, 2012

Tuesdays: Chester County Solid Waste Authority, 7224 Division Highway, Honey Brook, PA

March 6, 2012
March 13, 2012
March 20, 2012
Snow date: March 27, 2012



Free Native Plant Lecture at Penn State Brandywine

On Sunday, February 12, 2012, Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association (CRC) and Penn State Brandywine will host Mark Gormel, native plant horticulturist and consultant, as he presents "Native Plants, Birds, Bees, Butterflies, and Healthy Watersheds- What's the Connection?" Mark is the Horticultural Coordinator for Brandywine Conservancy and a well-known lecturer and nature photographer. His talk will illustrate the critical relationships between specific native plants and the wildlife and habitat zones they support. Learn strategies for creating environmentally sound gardens in which wildlife, birds and butterflies will thrive.

The program will take place from 2 pm to 3:30 pm in the Tomezsko Building Auditorium at the Penn State Brandywine campus located at 25 Yearsley Mill Road, Media (off of Route 352 in Middletown). West Goshen Township is a supporting member of the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association, and this workshop is free for all residents of West Goshen Township. Space is limited for this session. Please contact CRC at 610-892-8731 or crc@nni.com to preregister.

West Goshen Township and CRC Watersheds Association Recognize Earth Day Weekend with

7th ANNUAL CREEK CLEANUP

Earth Day will be celebrated on April 22nd this year. In preparation, West Goshen Township will partner again with the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association for the 7th Annual pre-Earth Day cleanup of the Goose Creek on Saturday, April 21st between 9:00 and 11:00 AM. Interested volunteers are encouraged to join the effort by contacting the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association at 610-892-8731 or via email at crc@nni.com. Cleanup will take place at two sites: behind the McDonald's at Gay Street and Montgomery Avenue, and at the industrial park below the West Chester University dormitories. Gloves, coffee, and bagels will be provided. Volunteers with boots and waders are encouraged to bring them.

“Part of Our Community” highlights local businesses, organizations, and people who make a difference in the community. To submit ideas for future columns, please email Newsletter Editor Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org.



Part of Our Community

On January 3, 1994, Edward G. Meakim, Jr. was sworn in as a West Goshen Township Supervisor. He would continue to serve the Township in that post for the next eighteen years until January 3, 2012.

Ed Meakim had moved into West Goshen Township with his wife Helen in September 1965. They found the Township an ideal setting to raise their four children. An executive with the Philadelphia Electric Company from 1961 through 1991, Ed would also spend many of his autumn weekends refereeing college and select high school football games. In the early 1990's, Ed decided he wanted to give back to his community by getting involved in politics.

“Ed and I met in the West Goshen Township parking lot during his campaign bid for Supervisor,” recalled current West Goshen Supervisor Raymond H. Halvorsen, who also served on the Board of Supervisors from 1987 until 2001. “We struck up a conversation and instantly became friends.”

According to Halvorsen, Ed Meakim has three qualities that made him a successful Supervisor:

“Ed for the most part was a quiet

leader. One of his strongest attributes is he is an unselfish person who is willing to make tough decisions for the majority of people, even when people are upset.

“You can just tell his love of this Township and the employees who serve the residents.

“He’s always available to anybody. He’ll always call you back.”

Raymond Halvorsen emphasizes Ed Meakim’s interpersonal skills when dealing with the public. “He’s very much a people person.”

Dr. Robert S. White, who joined the West Goshen Board of Supervisors in 1996, also expressed admiration at Ed Meakim’s genuine affection for dealing with the public. “Ed has feelings for everybody. He does not have bad feelings for anyone.”

Both Raymond Halvorsen and Dr. Robert White point to Ed Meakim’s love of West Goshen Township as the driving force in his political career.

“He loves West Goshen Township,” said Halvorsen. “He wanted to do everything he could to make it a great Township.”

During Ed Meakim’s tenure on the Board of Supervisors, West Goshen Township was rated by *Money Magazine* as one of the 25 best places to live in the magazine’s last three rankings. According to Dr. White, “Ed ensured the fact that we were rated so high.”

Raymond Halvorsen lists the completion of Community Park and the



Edward G. Meakim, Jr. (center) being presented with a plaque commemorating his eighteen years of service as a West Goshen Township Supervisor by fellow Supervisors Patricia McIlvaine and Dr. Robert S. White.

renovation of the West Goshen Municipal Complex as two of Ed Meakim’s greatest achievements as Supervisor. Ed’s daughter Helen Forrest also points out another source of pride: “One of his greatest accomplishments was to not have any tax increases in sixteen of his eighteen years.”

“Everything we’ve accomplished in the last eighteen years, he’s been a major part of,” said Dr. White.

“He’s going to be sorely missed as a friend and a public servant,” added Raymond Halvorsen.

According to Halvorsen, Ed Meakim will continue working for Prudential Fox and Roach Realty and enjoy spending more time with his eleven grandchildren. ★

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because the referendum passed to expand the Board to five,” explains Halvorsen. “I felt I could be a helpful addition to a five-man Board of Supervisors, and I could help with the restructuring with my experience here as both an employee, a resident, and a past board member.”

Halvorsen discussed his return to the Board of Supervisors: “The main thing is to contribute in a positive way to the new leadership of West Goshen Township, and to sustain the standards that we work real hard to establish.”

Raymond Halvorsen will serve as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors in 2012.

Theodore J. Murphy, Esq., has lived in the West Chester area for the past 25 years and has called West Goshen Township home since 2000. An army veteran and immigration lawyer who earned his JD and Master’s of International Law Degree from Temple University, Murphy spent nearly eleven years as a prosecutor for the U.S. Department of Justice and Homeland Security before starting his own law firm in 2008.

Murphy has been active in local community affairs, volunteering for several years with the Boy Scouts and serving with the West Goshen South 1 election board. He explains that he has maintained an

interest in municipal government but, as a federal employee, was prohibited from running for local office under the Hatch Act. Now that he is no longer employed by the federal government, he looks forward to serving his home community.

“My goals are to maintain West Goshen as one of the best places to live in the country,” says Murphy.

Corvo, Halvorsen, and Murphy are joined on the Board of Supervisors by Dr. Robert S. White, who has held the elected office since 1996, and Vice-Chairman Patricia B. McIlvaine, a Supervisor since 2002. ★

Annual Meeting

The West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors made the following appointments for Township boards, authorities, committees and commissions at the January 3rd Annual Organizational Meeting:



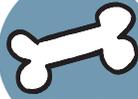
Planning Commission	Monica Drewniany (2nd term)
Park and Recreation Board	Nancy Pine (2nd term) Michael McKinley (1st term) Megan Zug (3rd term)
Zoning Hearing Board	Joseph DeFelippes (15th term) Scott T. Cullinan (4th term)
Pension Committee	Robert Holland (5th term) William Keenan (17th term) Thomas A. Teneza (5th term) John Trevisani (4th term) J. David Woodward, Jr. (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.

2012 Budgets

The West Goshen Board of Supervisors approved the 2012 General Fund Budget, Sewer Fund Budget, and Waste and Recycling Fund Budget at their December 14, 2011 meeting.

2012 GENERAL FUND BUDGET		2012 SEWER FUND BUDGET		2012 WASTE AND RECYCLING BUDGET	
<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>REVENUES</u>	
Taxes	\$ 11,297,000	Interest Earnings	\$ 6,000	Interest Earnings	\$ 1,020
Licenses	413,850	State Aid Employee Pension	81,558	Grants	46,507
Fines & Forfeits	167,000	Connection Fees	4,800	Waste & Recycling Income	2,182,380
Interest & Rents	67,364	Sewer Rents	4,098,345	Miscellaneous Revenue	15,000
Intergovernmental Revenue	555,644	Misc. Revenue & IWP	39,340	Fund Equity & Other	921,738
Departmental Earnings	487,196	Fund Equity & Other	2,567,140		
Miscellaneous Revenue	19,080			Total Revenues	\$ 3,166,645
Transfers	100,000	Total Revenues	\$ 6,797,183		
Fund Equity & Other	7,905,351				
Total Revenues	\$ 21,012,485	EXPENDITURES		EXPENDITURES	
EXPENDITURES		Administrative Expenses	\$ 518,923	Administrative Expenses	\$ 89,698
General Government	\$ 2,199,037	Rent to Authority	400,000	Professional Services	6,375
Public Safety	6,445,879	Collection	785,039	Contracted & Other Services	2,107,460
Highways	3,251,277	Treatment Plant	2,223,353	Transfers	100,000
Parks & Recreation	1,474,040	Transfers	44,977	Reserved for Future Year's Expenses	863,112
Libraries	2,500	Reserved for Future Year's Expense	2,824,891		
Debt Service & Capital Projects	1,592,813	Total Expenditures	\$ 6,797,183	Total Expenditures	\$ 3,166,645
Misc.	-				
Other Financing Uses	127,299				
Reserved for Future Year's Expenses	5,919,640				
Total Expenditures	\$ 21,012,485				



ROONIE SAYS...

Top Mistakes made by Pet Owners

Even the best-intentioned pet owner can make mistakes in the care of his or her dog or cat. WebMD lists the top 25 risky mistakes well-meaning pet owners often make. In each issue of "Roonie says..." over the course of this year, we'll share with you some of these mistakes and recommendations of ways to overcome them.

Letting Your Dog Walk You: A poorly trained dog can pull you over while you're out for a stroll. According to the CDC, tens of thousands of people end up in the ER every year because of pet-related falls. Many of these falls occur during walk—either when a person trips over a dog or is pulled or pushed by one. Experts say obedience training is the best way to make sure your pooch doesn't take you down during the morning walk.

Overlooking Ticks: After a walk in the woods, you check yourself for ticks, right? Don't forget about your dog. Tick bites put your dog at risk for Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and a handful of other diseases. They can also cause serious illnesses in cats. If your pet has infected ticks, this puts the rest of the family at risk. If you find a tick, remove it carefully with tweezers. And ask the vet about anti-tick medicine.

Ignoring Ringworm: If your pet has a round bald patch, ringworm could be to blame. Leave this fungus untreated, and you're putting your family at risk. People can get ringworm from dogs or cats by touching their skin or fur. Ringworm causes a reddish, ring-shaped rash on the skin or bald spots if it infects the scalp. If you suspect your pet has ringworm, see your vet promptly.

Not Bothering to Deworm: Roundworms are common parasites in both dogs and cats. They cause diarrhea and vomiting and may lead to serious illness. But many people don't realize these worms are a threat to humans, too. An infected pet can contaminate soil or sand with tiny eggs. Kids may ingest the eggs by putting dirty fingers in their mouths. When the worms hatch inside people, they can cause blindness and other tissue damage. Ask your vet about regular deworming.

Skiping Flea Medicine: Skip your pets' flea medicine, and they aren't the only ones who will pay the price. Fleas will



quickly set up shop on untreated pets, particularly in summer and fall. A little snuggle time can transfer the pests to you. Some people wind up covered in itchy sores. Fleas can also transmit serious diseases to people including bubonic plague. Ask your vet about once-a-month flea medication and put a monthly reminder on your calendar.

Not Spaying or Neutering Your Pet: Millions of cats and dogs live on the street or end up euthanized because of unwanted litters. Still, many people are reluctant to spay or neuter their pets. The fact is, spaying and neutering is a healthy choice for your pet. It reduces the risk of breast cancer in females and testicular cancer in males. Neutered males are also less likely to run away from home, mark their territory, or exhibit aggressive behaviors.

Look for more of WebMD's risky mistakes pet owners make in the Spring 2012 issue of the West Goshen Township Newsletter.

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What to Know When It Snows

West Goshen's Streets Department oversees the clearing of 93 miles of roads in the Township.

Township roads 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.

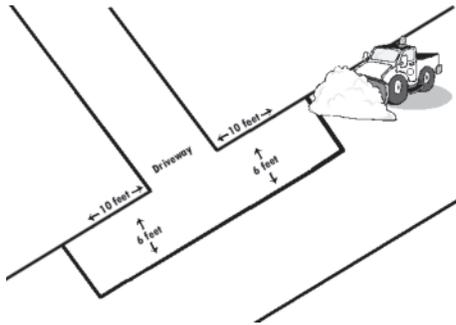
Drivers begin one pass in each direction on streets and one pass into and out of cul-de-sacs. Once an initial clearance is made on each roadway, drivers commence with the process of pushing snow back to the road's edge and cleaning out cul-de-sacs.

Cul-de-sacs and roads need to be kept free of parked cars from the time snow starts until the roads are cleared. In the case of steep driveways, park at the mouth of the drive, but off the road. 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.

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. 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. (See illustration.) Make sure to clear snow from all walkways, stairs, and paths to mailboxes. For confirmed cases of mailboxes being damaged by plowing operations, West Goshen Township will provide a new black or white mailbox and a wooden post.

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.

Problems may be reported to West Goshen Township at 610-696-5266 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. ★



Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa

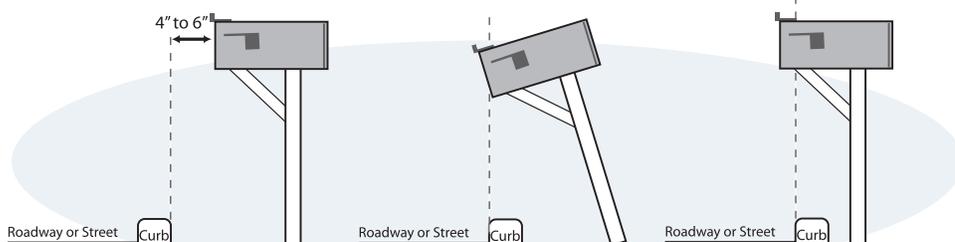
Do Not Hang Up When Calling 9-1-1 if You Receive a Recording

Occasionally, usually during severe storms with wide-spread power outages, more 9-1-1 calls are made than can be answered. During these times, after a few rings the caller will receive a recorded message letting the caller know that they have dialed 9-1-1 and all telecommunicators are busy. The recording will instruct the caller to stay on the line, except if they are calling to report a power outage. If this is the case, the caller will be instructed to call their electric provider.

Even during these busy times, callers should not hang up once they have dialed 9-1-1. Even with a hang up, we still receive your phone information, and have to call back and verify that you do not need assistance; **this COULD DELAY HELP FOR SOMEONE ELSE WHO NEEDS IT.**

If you dial 9-1-1 by error, simply let the call-taker know when he or she answers the call. The call-taker may ask some questions to verify that the call was dialed in error and that you truly do not need help.

If you have questions about calling 9-1-1, you may contact the Chester County Department of Emergency Services at 610-344-5000 and ask to speak with someone in the 9-1-1 Operations Division or Public Information Officer.



Thanks!

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Board and The Friends of West Goshen Parks thank the following businesses who supported the 2011 West Goshen Summer Concert Series:

Platinum level sponsors: Fred Beans Ford Lincoln of West Chester; Park Valley Associates; TD Bank.

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Silver level sponsors: Glen White Builders; Jefferson Pointe Apartments of West Chester; 1N Bank; West Goshen Automotive and Fleet Services.

Supporting sponsor: PECO Energy.

Fred Beans Ford Lincoln of West Chester sponsored the West Goshen Fall Movie Series.

Prizes for the West Goshen Harvest Festival were provided by the following businesses: The Bowling Palace; Ice Line; McDonald's of Parkway Shopping Center; Pat's Pizzeria; and Tommy's Original Pizza.



Jeffrey Friel of Fred Beans Ford Lincoln of West Chester receives certificates of Appreciation at the December 14, 2011 Board of Supervisors Meeting for Fred Beans' sponsorship of the Summer Concert Series and Fall Movie Series. Presenting Mr. Friel with the certificates are John Herley, President of The Friends of West Goshen Parks, and Nancy Pine, Chairman of the West Goshen Park and Recreation Board.

The Friends of West Goshen Parks Need Your Help



The Friends of West Goshen Parks is a nonprofit organization that helps provide volunteers and fundraising to make Township events and park improvements possible for the benefit of West Goshen's 21,000 residents.

Currently, the Board of Directors of The Friends of West Goshen Parks is looking to increase the organization's membership base to better represent the overall West Goshen community. In addition to seeking more members, the six-person Board of Directors is actively looking to expand its board membership by two.

Anyone is eligible to join The Friends of West Goshen Parks by completing the registration form below and returning it with a \$10 annual membership fee or greater contribution. Your membership shows that you value West Goshen's parks and recreation activities, allows you to keep current on the latest updates from The Friends of West Goshen Parks, and provides the opportunity to get involved in your community and meet other civic-minded residents. Involvement in the Board of Directors is open to anyone, and would require a commitment to attend six meetings per year and lend assistance at events.

For more information about The Friends of West Goshen Parks, leave a message at 610-692-2550 or contact West Goshen Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at 610-696-5266.

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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Joining the Board of Directors as an Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering at events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> 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

March on Over to the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade

Due to an early Easter, this year's Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade is scheduled for Saturday, March 31st at 10:30 AM in West Goshen Community Park. In the event of rain, the Egg Hunt and Hat Parade would take place on Saturday, April 7th at 10:30 AM. Children two through nine years old who live in West Goshen Township are eligible to participate in this FREE event.

The Egg Hunt begins promptly at 10:30 AM, so make sure to arrive early to allow time for parking. Eggs contain candy and, for the older children, coins and small toys. The child who finds the golden egg will receive an egg filled with ten dollar coins. After the Egg Hunt, children wearing decorated hats can join in the parade with the Easter Bunny! Prizes will be awarded for the most original hats. Every child in the Decorated Hat Parade will receive a commemorative medal.

Guests are encouraged to bring a dry good donation (soap, toilet paper, diapers, shampoo, deodorant, laundry detergent, etc.) to go to the West Chester Food Cupboard, or gifts of new socks, t-shirts, and men's underwear for the Coatesville Veterans' Administration Hospital.

In the event of postponement due to rain, notification will be posted at www.westgoshen.org. The Park and Recreation message on the West Goshen Township voicemail at 610-696-5266 will also be changed in the event of postponement.

Register for the West Goshen Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade online at www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Egg_Hunt/egg_hunt.html. ★



Experience the Beauty of Nature and Art in Washington, DC and New York City

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department offers its annual trip to Washington, DC for the Cherry Blossom Festival on Saturday, March 24th. See the cherry blossoms in view, and visit the museums and monuments on the National Mall (many of them free). \$35 per person includes round-trip transportation and bus driver tip.

On Saturday, April 21st, the Park and Recreation Department travels to the Cloisters and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. See the Metropolitan Museum's Medieval collection at the Cloisters, a museum like no other, built with architectural elements from five different medieval cloisters! Then go to the Metropolitan Museum's main building at Central Park, take a guided tour of museum highlights, have lunch, and explore on your own. This trip costs \$80 per adult, \$70 per senior 65 or older or student with valid college or school identification and includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, admission to the museums, a guided tour at each location, a lunch voucher for a sandwich and beverage at the Metropolitan Museum of Art cafeteria, and bus driver tip.

For more information about these trips, visit www.westgoshen.org, or call the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266.

Summer, Smiles and You!

Summer Employment with the Park and Recreation Department

Have a super summer with West Goshen Township's 2012 Summer Recreation Program and Summer Teen Program supervising activities for children and teens! You could be an active and integral part in creating and leading a super friendly, fun, healthy, and memorable summer for the participants of our programs. Supervise children in a group environment while facilitating safe and enjoyable activities during our eight-week programs. Applications for the positions of counselor and junior counselor for the 2012 programs are currently being accepted by the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department. As a summer counselor or junior counselor, you can make friends and memories while serving your community!

Summer Recreation Program: Summer Counselor and Junior Counselor Positions

Counselors are responsible for the active supervision and participation in a variety of summertime activities including sports, games, crafts, special events, weekly field trips, and more. Summer Recreation

Program counselors are assigned to one of three park locations supervising children between the ages of five and twelve on weekday mornings. Summer counselors are also assigned to one afternoon sports clinic per week. Summer counselor applicants are required to be at least eighteen years old and have a high school diploma by June 18, 2012. Applications for the position of summer counselor must be submitted by Thursday, March 29, 2012 to schedule for an interview. The Park and Recreation Department will also be hiring for the position of junior counselor which provides support to the summer counselors. Junior counselors are required to perform physical activity outdoors as directed by the counselors/program directors and must be sixteen years old by June 18, 2012. The application deadline to apply for the junior counselor position is Thursday, April 26, 2012.

Summer Teen Program: Summer Teen Counselors

The Park and Recreation Department offers our popular Summer Teen Program for participants between the ages of thirteen and fifteen. In addition to planning,

running, and supervising sports, activities and special events at Community Park, summer teen counselors attend weekly field trips and participate in community service projects. Summer counselor applicants are required to be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma by June 18, 2012. Applications for the position of summer teen counselor must be submitted by Thursday, March 29, 2012 to schedule an interview.

Interested candidates can complete an Application for Employment which is available at the West Goshen Township Administrative Building or can be downloaded online at www.westgoshen.org/News/Employment_Application.pdf. If offered a position, summer counselors must to commit to the entire eight-week program and are to provide background clearances. For more information contact Summer Program Coordinator Tom Steines at 610-696-5266 ext. 4103 or at tsteines@westgoshen.org. West Goshen Township is an Equal Opportunity Employer. ★

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RED CROSS NEEDS YOU TO GIVE BLOOD

West Goshen Township is teaming up with the Red Cross again for a blood drive at the West Goshen Township Administration Building on Tuesday, February 7th between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

To schedule a donation appointment, contact Kate Meinhart at 610-696-5266, or visit www.membersforlife.org/pennj/schedule/login.php?sponsorcode=8510.

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