



West Goshen

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Annual Organizational Meeting

Establishing Your Government for the Year

Each year, second class township governments across Pennsylvania hold an Annual Organizational Meeting on the first Monday in January to establish the governments' operations for the year. This year, West Goshen Township, along with townships across the Commonwealth, met on Monday, January 5th. Among the business addressed at the meeting:

CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR CHOSEN:

Patricia B. McIlvaine was reappointed as Chair and Theodore J. Murphy, Esq. was chosen as Vice-Chair.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS:

The following West Goshen staff members and consultants were officially named to their appointed positions for 2015:

Township Manager/Township Secretary – Casey LaLonde

Finance Director/Treasurer – Jeanne M. Denham

Asst. Township Manager/Asst. Township Secretary –
Derek J. Davis

Assistant Finance Director/Human Resources
Director – Jennifer M. Latzer

Chief of Police – Joseph J. Gleason

Township Engineer – Richard J. Craig

Director of Public Works – Raymond H. Halvorsen

Streets Superintendent – J. David Woodward, Jr.

Parks Superintendent – Dorine McClune

Building/Code Official – John R. Beswick

Building/Code Official – Edward M. Hunger

Zoning Officer – William E. Webb

Deputy Zoning Officer – Richard J. Craig

Deputy Zoning Officer – Casey LaLonde

Deputy Zoning Officer – John R. Beswick

Deputy Tax Collector – Kimberly A. Greene

Township Solicitor – Buckley, Brion, McGuire,
and Morris, LLP

Fire Marshal/Emergency Management

Coordinator – Andrea R. Testa

Assistant Fire Marshal – Michael D. McCarthy

Consulting Engineers – Carroll Engineering Corporation

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Local Tax Return is Due April 15th

In addition to federal and state income taxes, 2014 local earned income tax returns are due on April 15th.

West Goshen residents can file their local taxes online by visiting www.KeystoneCollects.com. Keystone Collections Group's e-file is easy, fast and secure. People who live or work in West Goshen Township can file tax returns 24 hours a day. Filers will need a 2014 W-2, Social Security Number, and any other income documents that may apply (such as a PA-UE or a Schedule C).

Please note that the forms changed this year. Anyone working in Philadelphia or claiming an out-of-state tax credit may be eligible for a local earned income tax credit up to the amount owed to West Goshen Township. The worksheet on the back of the form will help calculate out-of-state tax credit

Questions regarding local tax filing can be addressed to Keystone's Taxpayer Helpline at 1-888-328-0565 or via email to "Taxpayer Support" at www.KeystoneCollects.com.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

West Goshen residents are encouraged to become involved in their local government. Anyone interested in serving on a Township board or committee is encouraged to contact Township Manager Casey LaLonde at 610-696-5266 or via email at clalonde@westgoshen.org for information.

Subdivision and Land Development Report

Bill Webb was recently hired by West Goshen as the Township's Zoning Officer. A graduate of West Chester University, Webb has served in municipal government since 2001. Property maintenance code, land development, or zoning related questions may be forwarded to him at 610-696-5266, ext. 4120 or via email at bwebb@westgoshen.org.

The following plans remain under review:

Traditions of West Goshen

Location: 1299 Boot Road

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

Three-Lot Subdivision

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

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

The Woodlands at Greystone

Location: Northwest corner of the Route 322 Bypass and Phoenixville Pike

The submitted plan proposes for the development of 598 dwelling units pursuant to the Flexible Design Conservation District regulations for a 446+ acre property located along

Pottstown Pike, Phoenixville Pike, and the Route 322 Bypass (commonly referred to as the Jerrehian tract).

Goshen Leisure Development II

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

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

415 Goshen Road Subdivision

Location: 415 Goshen Road

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

11 Wilson Avenue Land Development

Location: 11 Wilson Avenue

The proposed plan will demolish an existing dwelling and construct a new two-story office building.

The following plans have been approved for construction:

Fern Hill Elementary School

Location: 915 Lincoln Avenue

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

Pica's Pizza

Location: 1231 and 1233 West Chester Pike

This plan has been approved for an 8,896 square foot building with 4,380 square feet of restaurant, 900 square feet of outdoor dining, and 3,616 square feet of food preparation/catering space for Frank Pica of Upper Darby.

WAWA/CVS/Bank

Location: 1010 West Chester Pike

The plan has been approved to demolish the existing building (Thomas Chevrolet) and construct a 5,102 square foot

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

6 year elected term

Patricia B. McIlvaine, *Chairman*
Theodore J. Murphy, Esq., *Vice-Chairman*
Philip J. Corvo, *Member*
Raymond H. Halvorsen, *Member*
Edward G. Meakim, Jr., *Member*

ADMINISTRATION

Casey LaLonde, *Township Manager*
Derek J. Davis, *Asst. Township Manager*
Jeanne M. Denham, *Finance Director*
Raymond H. Halvorsen, *Director of Public Works*
Richard J. Craig, *Township Engineer*
J. David Woodward, *Streets Superintendent*
Dorine A. McClune, *Parks Superintendent*

WEST GOSHEN POLICE

1025 Paoli Pike, W.C., 19380
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

Edward T. Smith, *Chairman*
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Sara J. Franco
Dorine A. McClune
Kenneth W. Lehr
Nancy Pine
Joseph Waters
Mary Lou Enoches, *Alternate*
Michael McKinley, *Alternate*

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Jeffrey Laudenslager, *Vice-Chairman*
Vito Genua
Robert Holland
Jeffrey S. Lieberman
Carrie Martin
Will Morrison
Julie Potts
John T. Wildrick

ZONING HEARING BOARD

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Shannon Royer, *Member*
Salvatore Triolo, *Alternate*
William Webb, *Secretary*

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David R. Johnson, *Vice-Chairman*
Philip J. Corvo, *Member*
Ron Rothrock, *Treasurer*
Frank J. Biasi, *Alternate Member*
Tina Charron, *Secretary*

PENSION COMMITTEE

Raymond H. Halvorsen
Robert Holland
Bill Keenan
Tom Teneza
Walker Tompkins

THE FRIENDS OF WEST GOSHEN PARKS, INC.

Non-profit group assisting the Park and Recreation Board; meets bimonthly
John Herley, *President*
Larue Morgan, *Vice-President*
(Vacant), *Secretary*
Marilyn Reich, *Treasurer*
Gerald L. Napiecek, *Member*
Peggy Niemeyer, *Member*

AUDITORS

Hugh J. Purnell, Jr., *Chairman*
William Gale, *Secretary*
Sara J. Franco, *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*

convenience store, a 14,600 square foot pharmacy, and a 3,650 square foot bank.

Glenn M. White Subdivision

Location: 1320 Pottstown Pike

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

TEVA Pharmaceuticals

Location: 145 Brandywine Parkway

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

Philip Neff, Jr.

Location: 829 West Chester Pike

The approved plan will move a lot line.

Fame Fire Company Expansion

Location: 200 Rosedale Avenue

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

Additional zoning updates:

Tallman Enterprises

Location: 220 Garfield Avenue

A decision regarding relief to expand the existing building is expected in January.

Wawa/CVS

Location: 1010 West Chester Pike

A decision regarding sign relief is expected in February.

Manuel and Maria Constantino

Location: 131 Chatwood Avenue

Applicants are appealing the decision of the Zoning Officer and applying for a variance by Estoppel, Vested Rights and Equitable Estoppel. The January hearing was continued until February.

West Chester University

Location: 30 W. Rosedale Avenue

The applicant is seeking nine variances related to the construction of a three story administrative building. The January hearing was continued until March.

Lawrence Park

Location: 1101 N. New Street

The hearing for an application for relief to install a geothermal well within the front yard is scheduled for February 5, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

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

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REAPPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS:

The following West Goshen residents whose terms on Township boards and commissions were expiring were reappointed:

Planning Commission – Jeffrey

Laudenslager, Jeffrey S.

Lieberman, and Will Morrison

Park and Recreation Board – Robert

Cifone and Michael Pillagalli

Zoning Hearing Board – Scott

Cullinan and Joseph DeFellipes

Sewer Authority – Ronald E.

Rothrock

Vacancy Board – William Keenan

Pension Committee – Raymond H.

Halvorsen, Robert Holland,

William Keenan, Thomas A.

Teneza, and Walter Tompkins

DEPOSITORIES NAMED:

The Board of Supervisors designated the following depositories to hold Township funds in 2015: TD Bank; Susquehanna Bank; Wachovia Bank; DNB First; Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT); Citizen's Bank; Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF); Citadel Federal Credit Union; National Penn Bank; and First Resource Bank.

MEETING DATES FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SCHEDULED:

The Board of Supervisors set their meetings for January 14th, February 11th, March 11th, April 8th, May 13th, June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, September 9th, October 14th, November 11th, and December 9th.

TOWNSHIP HOLIDAYS SET:

The Board of Supervisors announced Township offices would be closed on the following weekday holiday observations: New Year's Day (January 1st); Martin Luther, King, Jr. Day (January 19th); Presidents' Day (February 16th); Memorial Day (May 25th); Independence Day (July 3rd); Labor Day (September 7th); Veterans' Day (November 11th); Thanksgiving (November 26th); Thanksgiving Friday (November 27th); and Christmas (December 25th).

EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDERS DESIGNATED:

Ambulance service will be provided by Good Fellowship and Goshen Fire Company. Fire protection and rescue service will be provided by Goshen Fire Company and West Chester Fire Department. Police service will be provided by the West Goshen Township Police Department.

Public Township Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Residents and Businesses Have More Choices with **West Goshen Connect**

West Goshen Township is making some changes to its Connect-CTY service to better serve the needs of residents. With the new West Goshen Connect, residents and businesses will be able to choose specific information lists to have their contact info added to. Want to know the latest Park and Rec activities or if an event is cancelled due to weather? Would you like to receive a reminder of alternate trash collection dates during holidays? Or would you like to limit yourself to receive information about just police notifications and road closures? Now, West Goshen residents and businesses are given more control than ever about the information they choose to receive.

Residents and businesses who have already signed up via Connect CTY will still be on the main information list, but may choose to receive additional updates. Anyone may visit the new link to add communication devices (including email, text message, and cell phone as well as home or business phone) and to sign up for additional update lists.



Look for this new link at www.westgoshen.org or visit <https://westgoshentownship.bbcportal.com/> to register or to update your information.

2015 Budgets

The West Goshen Board of Supervisors approved the 2015 General Fund Budget, Sewer Fund Budget, and Waste and Recycling Fund Budget at their December 10, 2014 meeting. Detailed budget information is available for review at http://www.westgoshen.org/PDFs/Finance/2015_final_budget.pdf.

2015 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

REVENUES

Taxes	\$12,760,422
Licenses	528,700
Fines & Forfeits	186,000
Interest & Rents	59,193
Intergovernmental Revenue	625,780
Departmental Earnings	663,765
Miscellaneous Revenue	227,080
Fund Equity & Other	9,370,828

Total Revenues \$24,421,768

EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$2,473,842
Public Safety	6,747,947
Highways	3,439,043
Parks & Recreation	1,451,823
Libraries	15,000
Debt Service & Capital Projects	566,151
Misc. - Other Financing Uses	139,103
Reserved for Future Year's Expenses	9,588,859

Total Expenditures \$24,421,768

2015 SEWER FUND BUDGET

REVENUES

Interest Earnings	\$5,000
State Aid Employee Pension	86,175
Connection Fees	2,000
Sewer Rents	4,290,336
Misc. Revenue & IWP	45,000
Fund Equity & Other	3,881,120

Total Revenues \$8,309,631

EXPENDITURES

Administrative Expenses	\$684,863
Rent to Authority	459,560
Collection	802,893
Treatment Plant	2,595,891
Transfers	49,147
Reserved for Future Year's Expenses	3,717,277

Total Expenditures \$8,309,631

2015 WASTE AND RECYCLING BUDGET

REVENUES

Interest Earnings	\$1,250
Grants	75,000
Waste & Recycling Income	2,163,350
Miscellaneous Revenue	12,000
Fund Equity & Other	1,511,501

Total Revenues \$3,763,101

EXPENDITURES

Administrative Expenses	\$125,988
Professional Services	15,841
Contracted & Other Services	1,810,717
Reserved for Future Year's Expenses	1,810,555

Total Expenditures \$3,763,101

Run 2 Remember R1chie

In memory of Sgt. Richard Geiger who died of glioblastoma multiforme in July 2014 after serving in the West Goshen Police Department for 26 years, a 5K run and 1 mile walk will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 2:00 PM to raise funds for the Geiger Children Scholarship Fund and the Brad Kaminsky Foundation, which raises awareness and funds for childhood and adult brain tumor and cancer research. Registration is \$35 through March 1st, or \$40 after that date. All runners who register by March 1st will be guaranteed a Tech-T Race Shirt. All participants will receive post-race refreshments at the VFW Lodge. Awards will be presented to age group winners as well as top male and female finishers. To register online, visit www.runccrs.com.



Free Fun for Kids with the West Goshen Police Department

The annual Skate-A-Rama with the West Goshen Township Police Department will take place at Ice Line on Sunday, March 15th. Children can sign up to skate for free, meet West Goshen Police Officers, and get a free snack and a drink between 12:30 and 2:00 PM or between 2:30 and 4:00 PM. Parents are welcome to skate with their children. Registration forms are available at www.westgoshen.org and will be made available at schools.

This event is sponsored by the West Goshen Police Department, Ice Line, and several local businesses.

ROAD RULES

Winter driving presents a number of challenges to you and your car. Cold weather tests the limits of your car's mechanical abilities and treacherous conditions test your abilities as a driver. Here are a few safety tips to keep in mind.

Before it snows: Don't wait to take care of regular automotive maintenance. Check your battery, charging system, belts, cooling system, windshield wipers, and rear-window defroster before it snows. Keep your gas tank close to full. Make sure you have some basic supplies in your car in case you do get stuck including a shovel, salt, sand, or kitty litter, and an emergency blanket.

Once the snow arrives: Make sure to remove ALL snow from your car before driving. Slow down in snow and icy conditions, make turns slowly, and make all starts slow and smooth. Remember that bridges and overpasses may freeze before the regular travel lanes of a roadway. Watch out for black ice, areas of the roadway that appear black and shiny and where your vehicle can suddenly lose traction. Slow down in these areas and keep your foot off the brakes.

Make sure you are aware of the proper handling procedures for a skidding vehicle so you can react quickly and safely in the event of an unplanned skid.

TRAFFIC UPDATES

Repairs to the Fern Hill Road bridge over Route 202 have been completed. No further construction is currently planned for this overpass, and no further closures are anticipated.

West Goshen Township received a federal Congestion Management and

Air Quality (CMAQ) grant to install a new adaptive traffic signal control at the intersections of Boot Road and Route 202 and Boot Road and Fern Hill Road. The technology uses detectors such as cameras to monitor traffic flow to each approach to the intersections and adjust the signal for improved efficiency of traffic flow. The adaptive traffic signal control can

also digitally track traffic patterns over time and adjust signals according to greatest need. The new technology is scheduled to be installed via fiber optic lines over the next three to four months.

This will be the first use of adaptive traffic signal control technology in the West Chester area.

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.

Protect Your Local Watershed

The eastern portion of West Goshen Township is in the Chester Creek Watershed, with much of the western side of the Township draining into the Brandywine Creek Watershed. This means surface water flows into Chester and Brandywine Creeks, with both tributaries ultimately emptying into the Delaware River. You can do your part to make sure these vital natural waterways stay clean by following advice found in each issue of the West Goshen Township Newsletter on limiting stormwater pollutants or volunteering to help with the Earth Day cleanup of the Goose Creek. Additional resources to help prevent stormwater pollution from reaching our watersheds are available at www.westgoshen.org/Stormwater.cfm.

SHRED-IT SATURDAY

West Goshen Township will host its second annual "Shred-It Saturday" at the Municipal Complex on Saturday, March 21, 2015 between 9:00 AM and noon. Residents can bring personal documents to be securely shredded and recycled, watch their items being destroyed on the shredding truck's closed-circuit monitor, and rest assured that their documents will ultimately be recycled and not added to landfill space.

This event is for residents of West Goshen Township only. Items from businesses will not be accepted. Each resident may bring up to four file boxes (9" x 12" x 18") containing paper documents. Discs, credit cards, or other non-paper items will not be accepted.

Celebrate Earth Day by Helping Clean a Valuable Local Waterway

This year's annual cleanup of the Goose Creek in West Goshen Township will take place on Earth Day, **Saturday, April 25th, between 9:00 AM and noon**. The cleanup is coordinated by the Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association with assistance from the West Goshen Public Works Department. Volunteers are needed to help with the effort. Interested individuals or groups interested in volunteering to help with the effort can contact the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association at 610-359-1440 or via email at crc@nni.com. Gloves, coffee, and bagels will be provided. Volunteers with boots and waders are encouraged to bring them.

Master Composter Classes Return

The Chester County Solid Waste Authority will again offer Master Composter Classes to county residents at the Chester County Library in Exton. These free classes meet one evening per week over three weeks and provide the opportunity for county residents to learn how to make their own nutrient-rich compost from kitchen and garden waste. **Classes will meet between 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM on Monday, March 2nd, Monday, March 9th, and Monday, March 16th, with a snow date of March 23rd if needed.** 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.

Your 2015 Yard Waste Collection Dates

West Goshen homeowners may place their biodegradable yard waste for curbside collection on the following Saturdays in 2015:

March 21st	July 11th
April 11th	August 15th
May 16th	September 12th
June 13th	October 10th

In addition, leaves will be collected on Saturday, November 14th, Saturday, December 5th, and Saturday, December 19th.

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.westgoshen.org or check the West Goshen Township Newsletter Waste and Recycling Guide in the Spring 2015 issue for more information about yard waste collection.

County No Longer Accepting Electronic Waste

Chester County will not be able to accept electronic waste at their Household Hazardous Waste Disposals this year. For Household Hazardous Wastes only, residents may go to one of the following disposals in April:

Saturday, April 11, 2015

at CAT Pickering, 15809 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville, PA, 19460; and

Saturday, April 25, 2015

at Octorara High School, 226 Highland Road, Atglen, PA 19310.

Proof of residency may be required. Household Hazardous Waste events start at 9:00 AM and end promptly at 3:00 PM. Confirm dates, locations, and acceptable items with the Chester County Solid Waste Authority by visiting www.chestercountyswa.org/index.aspx?nid=117 or by calling 610-273-3771. Information about

future Household Hazardous Waste disposals will be listed in the Waste and Recycling Guide in the Spring 2015 issue of The West Goshen Township Newsletter.

West Goshen residents wishing to dispose of electronic items may do so at the West Goshen Municipal Complex on Saturday, April 4th between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Plug-in and electronic devices including laptops, computer and peripherals, electric typewriters, telephones, microwave ovens, cameras, cellular phones, calculators, dehumidifiers, small appliances, fax machines, keyboards and mice, printers, and air conditioners will be accepted. Smoke detectors, large appliances and projection televisions will not be accepted. A \$20 fee will be required for any glass (tube) televisions or



computer monitors. All data media will be destroyed or wiped. Items will be broken down for their components and recycled by eForce Compliance.

This service will be restricted to West Goshen residents or to Township businesses with fewer than fifty employees.

West Goshen residents are reminded that electronic devices may not be disposed of with regular trash pickup in accordance with Pennsylvania's Covered Device Recycling Act of 2010.

Park and Recreation Department Thanks Local Businesses

The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department thanks the following businesses for supporting the 2014 Summer Concert Series: Faulkner Auto of West Chester; Park Valley Associate; TD Bank; Buckley, Brion McGuire, and Morris, LLP; ACAC Fitness and Wellness Center; and West Goshen Automotive and Fleet Services. In addition, Ice Line, McDonald's of Parkway Center, and The Palace Bowling and Entertainment Center provided prizes for the 2014 Harvest Festival.

If your business would like to help support the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department's free public events, contact Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshe.org.

West Goshen businesses are encouraged to join

① ACAC Fitness and Wellness Center (represented by Beth and Mike Carotenuto); ② Buckley, Brion, McGuire, and Morris, LLP (represented by Kristin Camp); ③ TD Bank (represented by Andrea LaRosa); and ④ West Goshen Automotive and Fleet Services (represented by David Brimble) as sponsors of the West Goshen Summer Concert Series.





Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa

You can make a difference in an emergency. Chester County residents are invited to join the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) by attending a FREE training. CERT Basic training is designed to prepare citizens to help in the event of a catastrophic disaster. Because needs for emergency services may exceed emergency service personnel in the case of a large scale disaster, individual residents can make a difference by using CERT training to save lives and protect property. Participants must attend all days and participate in all modules to receive their CERT certificates.

Sessions will take place on the following dates at the Chester County Public Safety Training Course on Modena Road in Coatesville:

- Thursday, April 9, 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM**
- Saturday, April 11, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM**
- Saturday, April 25, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM**
- Saturday, May 9, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

Residents of Chester County may register online at <http://destraining.chesco.org/ema/CERTSpr2015> by March 31, 2015. For more information, contact Heather Morgan at 610-344-5540 or via email at hmorgan@chesco.org.



Roonie Says...

Dogs are only permitted in West Goshen's parks when on a leash, or may run free only in the enclosed area of Roonie's Canine Corner at Lambert Park.

During the winter and early spring months, you may see wooden cutouts of dogs placed on athletic fields in West Goshen Community Park. These do not indicate areas where dogs may run free. Instead, the canine cutouts have served as effective deterrents to Canada geese. Visitors may not remove the dog silhouettes nor have their dogs run off-leash in such areas.



Part of Our Community

On January 7, 2015, Sgt. Anthony Storti celebrated his 35th anniversary with the West Goshen Police Department.



Sgt. Storti, West Goshen's longest currently tenured police officer, had graduated from West Chester University the previous May with a degree in criminal justice. During the first week of January in 1980, he received job offers from three municipalities: West Goshen, Springfield (Delaware County), and his hometown of Bridgeport in Montgomery County. Because West Goshen was the first to contact him, he accepted a position with the growing Chester County community.

"I have had no regrets since," says Storti.

Officer Storti became West Goshen's first formally trained Field Training Officer. Typically, new officers would spend four to twelve weeks of orientation with him depending on their previous experience while acclimating themselves to the West Goshen Police Department. Storti also became a trained baton instructor.

In March 1989, Storti was promoted to the rank of sergeant. As a patrol sergeant, Storti oversees platoon shifts. He has also worked with the detectives unit in 2004 and 2005. In 1996 Sgt. Storti was accepted into the prominent FBI National Academy, and completed his course of elite training there in September through December of that year.

The biggest change Sgt. Storti has seen since he arrived in West Goshen has been the growth of the Township, from a population of around 16,000 then to nearly 22,000 people today. This growth

is evident by the increase in housing, industry, and traffic since 1980.

"Sgt. Storti has always been dependable, confident in the work he does, and displays a level of leadership that's unquestionable," says West Goshen Police Chief Joseph Gleason. "He's very knowledgeable, always in control, and intelligent. Officers look up to him for advice and guidance."

When asked about any moments or events that stood out from his 35 years of service, Sgt. Storti instead pointed to the totality of his work in West Goshen.

"There have been a lot of smaller things that filled my career with lasting impressions."

"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.

“Working as a counselor in the Summer Teen Program has been an extremely valuable and fun experience. It has strengthened my interest in the field of education and has enabled me to become a better teacher.”

— BRIAN KRAEER, SUMMER TEEN PROGRAM HEAD COUNSELOR

Now Hiring: **Summer Counselors**

Even though the temperatures may be cold and everyone in West Goshen Township is still bracing for potential snowstorms, the Park and Recreation Department is preparing for another great summer of children’s programs. Every summer we proudly provide safe and fun children’s programs at our Township parks, thanks in large part to our committed staff of counselors and junior counselors.

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is currently seeking enthusiastic and experienced individuals to plan, facilitate, and supervise safe and enjoyable outdoor activities for participants of West Goshen’s Summer Recreation Program, Summer Teen Program, and Afternoon Sports Clinics. Being a summer counselor is a rewarding part-time position which is ideal for high school and college students or anyone seeking hands-on experience working with children outdoors. Counselors are assigned to one of four park locations in West Goshen Township for the duration of the eight-week programs working weekday mornings between June 22nd and August 14th. The Park

and Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for the various counselor positions described below.

Summer Recreation Program: Summer Counselor (Age 18 +)

Summer counselors are required to plan, lead, and actively supervise a variety of age-appropriate recreational activities such as sports, games, crafts, special events, and field trips for children between the ages of five and twelve.

Counselors are responsible for the direct supervision and well being of the participants while communicating and enforcing program rules and expectations outdoors in a team environment. In addition to working weekday mornings, summer counselors are assigned to one afternoon sports clinic per week instructing activities such as tennis, lacrosse, soccer, tee-ball, and skateboarding. Summer counselor applicants are required to be eighteen years of age and have a high school diploma by June 22, 2015. **Applications must be submitted by Friday, March 27, 2015 to be scheduled for an interview.**

Summer Recreation Program: Junior Counselor (Ages 16 & 17)

The junior counselor position provides support to the summer counselors while gaining introductory experience working with children in a recreational group setting. Junior counselors are required to perform outdoor tasks such as activity set up and clean up as part of a variety of daily responsibilities as directed by the summer counselors and Summer Program Coordinator. Applicants must be sixteen years of age by June 22, 2015, be willing and able to work maturely in a group environment, and submit a completed Application for Employment **by Friday, April 24, 2015.**



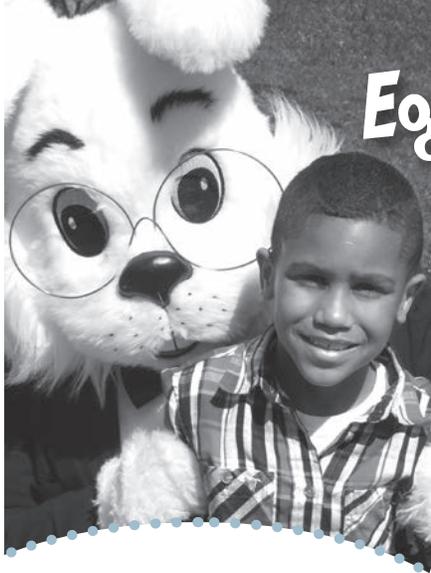
Summer Teen Program: Summer Teen Counselor (Age 18 +)

The Park and Recreation Department is accepting applications for candidates interested in working with our popular Summer Teen Program located at Lambert Park. Summer Teen Program counselors are responsible for planning, facilitating, and supervising sports, games, and special events for participants between the ages of thirteen and fifteen. Summer Teen Program counselors also attend weekly field trips and participate in community service projects. Applicants are required to be eighteen years of age and have a high school diploma by June 22, 2015. **Applications for the position of summer teen counselor are due by Friday, March 27, 2015.**

Applications for Employment are available at the West Goshen Township Administration Building or may be downloaded from www.westgoshen.org/PDFs/Forms/Employment_Application.pdf. For more information on position requirements, responsibilities and expectations 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.



Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade



Arrive early to allow time for parking and to see the Bunny's arrival by fire engine.



Eggs contain candy and, for the older children, coins and small toys.

Saturday, March 28th
(Raindate: Saturday, April 4th)

10:30 AM

West Goshen
Community Park



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 participating in the Decorated Hat Parade will receive a commemorative medal.

The Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade is FREE OF CHARGE for residents of West Goshen Township, ages 2 through 9 years old. 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.



Register for the West Goshen
Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade online
at www.westgoshen.org.

Enjoy West Goshen's Parks and Get Involved in Your Local Community



After another busy year of concerts, movies, theatrical performance, and community festivals and events in West Goshen Parks as well as Summer Recreation programs, bus trips, art exhibits, and other activities throughout the year, the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is busy planning for another fun-filled year in 2015.

You can help foster a sense of community and support the Township parks as places for the West Goshen community to gather, enjoy, and grow together by joining The Friends of West Goshen Parks.

In naming West Goshen Township as the tenth best place to live in the United States (www.westgoshen.org/PDFs/Newsletters/WGfall13.pdf) Money

Magazine proclaimed "West Goshen has a lush, suburban feel, with quiet, tree-shaded residential areas, lovely parks, and a full slate of community activities. Your membership in The Friends of West Goshen Parks would show that you agree that West Goshen's parks and recreation activities help make West Goshen Township a great place to live in, allows you to keep current on the latest updates from The Friends of West Goshen Parks, gives you a say in voting for The Board of Directors of The Friends of West Goshen Parks, and provides the opportunity to get involved in your community and meet other civic-minded residents.

Volunteers can help at events, attend planning meetings, or join the Board of Directors of The Friends of West Goshen

Parks. 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.

If you would like to support the mission of The Friends of West Goshen but are unable to devote the time to volunteer, you can still show your support by joining The Friends of West Goshen Parks as an active member by completing the registration form below and returning it with a \$10 annual membership fee or greater contribution.

For more information about The Friends of West Goshen Parks contact West Goshen Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at 610-696-5266 or via email at klehr@westgoshen.org.

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

Choose from Two Dates for The Cherry Blossom Festival

Go early, or go late—It's your choice as the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is offering two opportunities to see the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, DC this spring.

This year, choose to attend the opening day of the Cherry Blossom Festival on **Saturday, March 21st**, or decide to visit on the closing date of **Sunday, April 12th**. See the blossoms in bloom or visit the monuments and

museums around the National Mall. \$45 per person includes round-trip motorcoach transportation and driver tip.

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is also working on additional spring trips, including trips to baseball games, New York City, and Broadway shows. To receive the latest updates sent directly to your email inbox, visit the Park and Recreation page of the West Goshen Township

website at www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Park_Rec/Park_Rec.cfm and sign up for your free monthly subscription to "The Rec Room." You'll receive advance notification of bus trips, special events, programs, and activities throughout the year. For more information, contact Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at 610-696-5266, ext. 4104 or via email at klehr@westgoshen.org.



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TOWNSHIP HOLIDAYS: Township offices will be closed on Monday, February 16th in honor of Presidents' Day. Trash and recycling will be collected as usual on Monday, February 16th and Thursday, February 19th.