

WEST GOSHEN



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Back to School!

Residents Learn More about their Government
from Neighborhood University

West Goshen Township has joined up with neighboring municipalities to form the Neighborhood University of Greater West Chester.

The Neighborhood University of Greater West Chester provides area citizens with the tools to become better advocates for their community by educating them on area history and local government structure, touring local public facilities, and increasing their awareness of available municipal services and resources.

The free twelve-week training program educates area residents on the inner workings of local government. Neighborhood University is open to any citizen 16 or older residing in one of the participating communities. Twelve two-hour sessions will be facilitated by local, county, and state government officials, area business professionals, and others. Classes focus on topics such as Pennsylvania local government structure; land use law and zoning; land development; wastewater treatment; public safety; traffic, transportation, and roadways; historic and open space preservation; public works, infrastructure and public utilities; and regional development. The program concludes with a graduation ceremony and dinner.

Thirty-two people participated in the first session of the Neighborhood University in the fall of 2002. Over one-third of these participants were residents of West Goshen Township!

Spring 2003 classes begin in February. Anyone interested in signing up for the Neighborhood University should contact Township Manager Sharon Lynn at 610-696-5266 or via email at slynn@westgoshen.org. Space is limited; registration is based on a first-come first-served basis. ■

Residents and businesses in the greater West Chester region can now turn to one source for all the latest updates about schools, government, and entertainment options.

In December 2002, the West Chester Regional Portal Corporation (WCRPC) officially introduced www.chestercountyconnect.net, a site dedicated to connecting area residents with the information that matters most to them.

The WCRPC is a non-profit corporation created by West Goshen Township in partnership with East Bradford Township, East Goshen Township, West Chester Borough, Westtown Township, West Whiteland Township, the Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce, Chester County InterLink, the West Chester Area School District, West Chester University, and the United Way of Chester County. The goal of the WCRPC is to create an E-Village linking citizens, businesses, government, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations using direct high speed internet access.

Visitors to www.chestercountyconnect.net can get up-to-the-minute weather reports, find maps for local parks, check listings for movie theaters and cable television, and access a community calendar of upcoming meetings and events. From www.chestercountyconnect.net, users can choose to receive monthly emails about upcoming events, set www.chestercountyconnect.net as their homepage, or visit other sites of interest such as www.westgoshen.org.

Through the introduction, expansion, and development of the site, the WCRPC hopes to facilitate a more interactive and responsive relationship between area residents and the businesses, non-profit organizations, schools, and local governments which exist to serve them.

NEIGHBORHOOD
UNIVERSITY

2003 Township Budget

WASTE & RECYCLING FUND BUDGET

Revenues

Interest Earnings	\$	18,000
Grants		89,715
Collection Fees		1,348,900
Miscellaneous Revenue		2,500
Fund Equity & Other		<u>1,384,081</u>
Total Revenues	\$	2,843,196

Expenditures

Administrative Expenses	\$	69,329
Professional Services		6,400
Contracted & Other Services		1,214,626
Reserved for FY 2004 Expenses		<u>1,552,841</u>
Total Expenditures	\$	2,843,196

SEWER FUND BUDGET

Revenues

Interest Earnings	\$	65,383
State Capital & Operating Grants		57,012
State Aid Employee Pension		233,230
Connection Fees		13,000
Sewer Rents		2,851,638
Miscellaneous Revenue & IWP		14,500
Fund Equity & Other		<u>3,734,227</u>
Total Revenues	\$	6,968,990

Expenditures

Administrative Expenses	\$	322,160
Rent to Authority		1,140,185
Collection		568,452
Treatment Plant		1,459,561
Transfers		15,344
Reserved for FY 2004 Expenses		<u>3,463,288</u>
Total Expenditures	\$	6,968,990

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Revenues

Taxes	\$	7,186,000
Licenses		217,440
Fines & Forfeits		175,500
Interest & Rents		95,900
Intergovernmental Revenue		439,305
Departmental Earnings		272,750
Miscellaneous Revenue		23,368
Fund Equity & Other		<u>3,109,790</u>
Total Revenues	\$	11,520,053

Expenditures

General Government	\$	1,577,868
Public Safety		4,099,470
Highways		895,735
Parks & Recreation		892,713
Insurance & Miscellaneous		5,000
Debt Service & Capital Projects		1,239,673
Other Financing Uses		28,502
Reserved for FY 2004 Expenses		<u>2,781,092</u>
Total Expenditures	\$	11,520,053

Annual Organization Meeting

Each municipality in Pennsylvania holds an annual Organization Meeting on the first Monday in January. Elected officials are sworn into office at this meeting. Volunteers who serve on Township Committees and Boards and whose terms have expired are reappointed, and new members are appointed to fill any vacancies. Board and Committee members also designate the upcoming year's officers at this meeting.

This year, West Goshen Township held its annual Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 6th. The Supervisors announced that during the year 2003, Edward G. Meakim, Jr. will chair the Board, Patricia B. McIlvaine will serve as Vice-Chairman, and Dr. Robert S. White will serve as Member.

The Board of Supervisors announced the following appointments at the meeting:

Planning Commission

Dean K. Diehl, Jr. (5th Term)
Jeffrey Laudenslager (4th Term)

Park and Recreation Board

Leslie K. Bair (2nd Term)
Mary Lou Enoches (Alternate, 1st Term)
Gerald L. Napiecek (2nd Term)

Zoning Hearing Board

Joseph DeFelippes (12th Term)
Gillian M. Goodwin (2nd Term)

Sewer Authority

James F. McLearn, Jr. (5th Term)
Paul D. Spiegel (1st Term)

BOCA Appeals Board

Louis Calvarese (2nd Term)
David W. Graf (5th Term)
Grant K. Middlestead (2nd Term)
James Jay McIntyre (15th Term)
A. Donald Sampson (7th Term)

Pension Committee

Peter C. Anderson (7th Term)
Jacob W. Bowman, Jr. (3rd Term)
Gary S. Hess (7th Term)
William Keenan (7th Term)
Richard Weinstein (7th Term)

Public Township Meetings

	Board of Supervisors	Park and Recreation	Planning Commission	Sewer Authority	Zoning Hearing
	4:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
February	12 & 26	19	18	12	13
March	12 & 26	19	18	12	13
April	9 & 23	16	15	9	10

All meetings are held in the Township Administration Building except the Sewer Authority, which is conducted at the Sewer Treatment Plant at 848 South Concord Road. There is a public comment period at each meeting.

township information

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

6 year elected term
Edward G. Meakim, Jr., *Chairman*
Patricia B. McIlvaine, *Vice-Chairman*
Dr. Robert S. White, *Member*

ADMINISTRATION

Sharon Lynn, *Township Manager*
Jeanne M. Denham, *Finance Director*
Richard J. Craig, *Township Engineer*

WEST GOSHEN POLICE

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

SEWER TREATMENT PLANT

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

BUILDING OFFICIALS CODE

ADMINISTRATORS

APPEALS BOARD

Louis Calvarese
David W. Graf
James J. McIntyre
Grant K. Middlestead
A. Donald Sampson

PARK & RECREATION BOARD

Robert M. Cifone, *Chairman*
Gerald L. Napiecek, *Vice-Chairman*
Edward T. Smith, *Secretary*
Leslie K. Bair
Daniel Dixon
Jennifer Grey-Rice
Michael A. Pillagalli
Mary Lou Enoches, *Alternate*

PLANNING COMMISSION

Paul D. Spiegel, *Chairman*
James J. O'Brien, *Vice-Chairman*
Nancy B. Higgins, *Secretary*
Michael P. Bannan
Dean K. Diehl, Jr.
Jeffrey Laudenslager
Daniel S. Rafter
Robert B. Little, *Alternate*

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Peter C. Anderson
Joseph DeFelippes
Gillian M. Goodwin

SEWER AUTHORITY

James F. McLear, *Chairman*
Walter E. Hoover, Jr., *Vice-Chairman*
Lewis H. Reid, *Secretary*
John L. Windle, *Treasurer*
Paul D. Spiegel, *Member*

THE FRIENDS OF WEST GOSHEN PARKS, INC.

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

AUDITORS

James L. Mosteller, *Chairman*
Louis J. Mayer, *Secretary*
Hugh J. Purnell, Jr., *Member*

TAX COLLECTOR

William R. Keenan

TOWNSHIP PARKS

Barker Park
Falcon Lane by Westtown Way
Coopersmith Park
Spring Lane, off West Chester Pike
Hallowell Park
404 North Five Points Road
West Goshen Community Park
Fern Hill & North Five Points Roads

The A-B-C's of Right-of-Ways

? **What is a (Public) Right-of-Way:** The road in front of your house is a public roadway, laid out by a formal process involving the Township Board of Supervisors. Most likely the Township does not own the land under the highway; probably you

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own the land to the middle of the road*. What the Township owns is an easement, that easement is a public right-of-way, which may range in width from 33' to 100' (or even higher especially with cul-de-sacs and boulevards) of which anywhere from 18' to 100' is paved.

Therefore, depending upon where you reside, there is an area beyond the cartway (paved portion) that the Township has the right to use for roadway purposes. These purposes include the power

to cut down trees and other growing things, smooth out curves, expand the traveled portion, and add gravel or pave the roadbed, all without having to ask your permission as long as the work is done within the limits of the easement. The Township may also permit others, e.g. power, telephone, water, and cable companies, to use the right-of-way, or the Township may use the easement itself for sewer lines.

If a street was planned but never built or a roadbed abandoned, the right-of-way still remains. The right-of-way is cancelled after 21 years of inactivity or when the Township formally gives up the right-of-way by a legal process, whichever is the first to occur. At that time the land reverts back to the dominion of the adjacent properties.

? **How Does this Impact Me:** Residents should be aware that any landscaping within a public right-of-way is installed at the owner's risk, i.e., it can be removed or cut down without notification. With the exception

of a mailbox, neither a fence, shed, or any other man-made structure nor large decorative rocks or wooden pile-ons or any other obstruction is permitted in the right-of-way.

? **How Far Onto My Property is the Right-of-Way:** Depending upon the zoning district, the year a street was built, and other factors, the width of a right-of-way can vary from one side of the street to another, from block to block, and even parcel to parcel. To determine the width of a right-of-way in front of a property, contact Ray Halvorsen, Director of Public Works, at 610.696.5266, ext. 4304. A land surveyor would determine the exact point at which the land moves from the property owner's dominion to the public right-of-way. ■

*The midpoint of a public right-of-way is not always the same as the centerline stripe of a road. If when planning a road and the edge of a right-of-way slopes, the cartway may be laid down far from the sloping side. In the case of a roadway on which development has occurred during different time periods, the right-of-way on one road side can be 18' from the middle and on the other road side 25' from the middle of the road. The result being a cartway that is not centered in the public right-of-way.

Get on the Bus and Leave the Driving to Us!

Join the West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department on a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on Monday, March 3, 2003.

Take a motorcoach from the West Goshen Municipal Complex at 9:00 in the morning. Enjoy the largest flower show on the East Coast! Have lunch at the Flower Show or at one of the dozens of nearby eateries. Depart from the Flower Show at 4:00 PM, and arrive back in West Goshen in time for dinner.

The registration fee of \$39 per person includes round-trip transportation and a ticket to the Flower Show. Registration is on a first-come first-served basis. For more information visit www.westgoshe.org or contact the Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266.

Flower Show

SUMMER RECREATION COUNSELORS SOUGHT

- Qualifications** High school graduate or GED by start of employment and a minimum of 3 months experience working with elementary school age children
- Hours** 8:45 AM – 12:30 PM (Monday – Friday) and 1:15 PM – 3:15 PM (1 afternoon per week [Monday-Thursday])
- Dates** June 16 – August 8; afternoon hours begin June 23; must commit for entire 8 week period and be able to attend a Saturday orientation.
- Location** One of (3) Township parks: Coopersmith, Barker, or Community Park
- Duties** Works under the close supervision of a Summer Recreation Program Head Counselor; supervises 5 – 12 year olds; introduces program activities, equipment, and materials to program participants; conducts and participates in group arts, crafts, and sports activities; informs participants of rules concerning conduct or equipment use.
- Application Procedure** Submit application form by February 28; interviews in March and early April; notification of final decision by April 14.
- Applications** May be picked up at the Township Building between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM or by calling 610.696.5266, ext. 4104. Applications may also be printed from the Township website at www.westgoshen.org/Forms/Employment_Application.pdf
- Questions** Al Roth, Summer Recreation Program Director; at 610.696.5266. ■



Local Artists Featured at Galleries at West Goshen Township

Check out exhibits by the Chester County Camera Club in January and by Bishop Shanahan High School in February at the Galleries at the West Goshen Township Administration Building.

Works can be viewed Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM. Evening hours vary; call receptionist for times. A public reception is held at the beginning

of each month with artists on hand and refreshments; see our web site www.westgoshen.org or call 610.696.5266, ext. 4104, for date and time.

Are you a member of an art group looking to display your artwork in a public setting? If so, then look no further than your own West Goshen Township Administration Building.

The Galleries at West Goshen Township showcase the works of Chester County art groups, clubs, and schools. Exhibits change on a monthly basis.

To schedule an exhibit for your art club, contact Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at 610-696-5266 or via email at klehr@westgoshen.org. ■

Snow Removal Practices

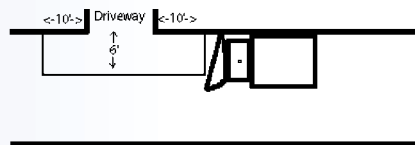
Our Streets Department maintains over 85 miles of roads and 103 cul-de-sacs. You can assist the snow clearing process this season by following these practices:

Vehicle Parking - When snow begins to fall, your vehicle should be placed in your driveway. In the case of steep driveways, park at the mouth of the drive, but off the road. Cul-de-sacs should also be vehicle free. If a car is parked on a 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.

Shoveling Out of Driveways -

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

2) If you must shovel out your drive, clear a six foot area of the road that is directly in front of the mouth of your drive. In addition clear an area ten feet before and after the mouth of your drive, so that when the plow comes through, it will unload snow that it is



pushing in the cleared area and not in the mouth of your drive.

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

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

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

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

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

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

PENNDOT CLEARS THE FOLLOWING STREETS:

- Boot Road
- Fern Hill Road
- South High Street (Business Rt. 322)
- E. Marshall Street
- Montgomery Avenue
- Paoli Pike
- Phoenixville Pike
- Pottstown Pike (Rt. 100)
- Strasburg Road
- West Chester Pike (Rt. 3)
- Westtown Road
- Rts. 202 and 322

Cork Circle, Cork Drive, Applegate Drive, Ember Drive, Empress Road, and Topaz Drive are cleared by the developer.



Township Utilizes New Method of Deicing Streets

This winter the Township will begin utilizing a “prewetting” technique for deicing its roadways. This method consists of spraying sodium chloride (rock salt) with a liquid chemical (in this case calcium chloride) at the time it is released from the truck onto the roadway. Introducing calcium chloride, improves salt’s melting ability and decreases the amount of salt required.

Sodium chloride also known as rock salt or table salt was first used as a deicer in the 1940s. It works best as a deicer when temperatures are near 32° F and loses its effectiveness when temperatures drop below 25° F. It becomes increasing less effective when air temperatures are very cold and the humidity is low, because moisture needed to form a brine is not readily available from the atmosphere in these conditions.

Calcium chloride has a greater capacity to attract moisture directly from its surroundings and to retain it, which enables it to dissolve faster and start the melting process sooner. It maintains its effectiveness at melting ice at temperatures as cold as -25° F. It will comprise approximately 5% - 10% of the

deicing compound applied to Township streets.

Calcium chloride’s corrosive impact on iron and steel is no different than that of sodium chloride. Ordinarily, if the surface paint, chrome, or undercoating is not damaged or broken, corrosion will not occur. With regard to concrete, calcium chloride causes the least amount of damage of all the deicing salts. And its impact on vegetation will be no different from than typically seen with rock salt.

Snow and ice control is a very complex issue because there are many factors as well as variables within each factor that combine to make each storm, road, or block of street unique. Therefore, the challenge is to develop a strategy for these changing conditions. Elements that are considered are pavement temperature, ambient temperature, pavement type, solar radiation, traffic volume, traffic speed, wind direction and velocity, type of precipitation, topography, forecaster’s predictions, and more. Road maintenance departments that have added the prewetting of rock salt with calcium chloride as part of their deicing techniques have reported success with this method. ■

Hop on Over to Coopersmith Park

The Easter bunny will make his annual visit to Coopersmith Park (Spring Lane, behind Margarita’s Restaurant) on Saturday, April 12 at 10:30 AM. Children 2 through 9 years old can hunt for eggs filled with candy and prizes. Then the morning’s activities get topped off with the decorated hat and bonnet parade.

West Goshen residents may preregister for the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade at the Township Administration Building or online at www.westgothen.org.

Guests are encouraged to bring a dry good donation (i.e., soap, toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant, laundry detergent, etc.) for the Community Service Council of Chester County.

In the event of rain, the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade will be celebrated on Saturday, April 19 at 10:30 AM. Check the Township website after 9:00 AM on April 12 for rain determination.



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**Township offices will
be closed on Monday,
February 17 and
Friday, April 18.**

**Recycle and trash
pickup will occur on
President's Day,
February 17, 2003.**

Thanks!

The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board and The Friends of West Goshen Parks, Inc., would like to publicly recognize the following individuals, businesses, and organizations for their support of our park programs during the year 2002:

AAA Mid-Atlantic
Acme of West Goshen
The Apartment Blue Book
Arianna's Gourmet Cafe
The Barrel Store of Parkway Center
Blockbuster Video of West Goshen
James Chalfont
Chester County Opticians
Chip's Bait and Tackle
Citizen's Bank
Mrs. Ethel Y. Closson
Colonial Village Meat Market
Comcast Advertising Sales
Commerce Bank
DK Diner
Eckerd
Fairman's

Faulkner Auto of West Chester
First National Bank of Chester County
First Union Bank
Frank's Nursery and Crafts
Good Fellowship Ambulance Company
Goshen Beverage Center
Goshen Fire Company
Goshen Manor/Goshen Terrace
The Greenery
Heartland Creations
The Ice Cream Company
Ice Line
Iron Hill Brewery and Restaurant
K & G Pizza
Kelly's Sporting Goods
Korman Suites
La Petite Bakery
Susan Lapin
Lincoln Coffee Shop
McDonald's
Michner and Stratton
New Haven Style Pizza
New York Sandwiches and Eatery
Nussex Farms and Bakery
Park Valley Associates
Parkway Cleaners
Parkway Deli
Parkway Hardware
PECO Energy
Penwick

Pepper Mill Restaurant
Peter's Salon and Spa
Piatto Pizza
QVC
Richard Thompson Automotive
Rubinstein's
Ryan's Pub
Shop-Rite of West Goshen
Signs Now
Sovereign Bank
Spaz Beverage Company
The Stadium Grille
Staples
Stuart Jewelers
Taylor's Music Store and Studios
Tony's Meat Market
Visual Expansion Gallery
Webb's of West Chester
West Chester Area School District
West Goshen Automotive and
Fleet Services
West Goshen Beverage
Wright Jewelry
M.S. Yearsley and Sons

It is through their support that the Township is able to offer free events such as the Summer Concert Series and Community Day. ■