

WEST GOSHEN



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Annual Organization Meeting

At West Goshen Township's Annual Organization Meeting on Monday, January 3, 2005, Edward G. Meakim, Jr. was named as chairman of the Board of Supervisors, with Patricia B. McIlvaine announced as the vice-chairman for the coming year.

Dr. Robert S. White will continue to serve as member of the Board of Supervisors.

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

Planning Commission	Robert B. Little (5th Term) James J. O'Brien (3rd Term)
Park and Recreation Board	Robert Cifone (3rd Term)
Zoning Hearing Board	Gillian M. Goodwin (2nd Term)
Sewer Authority	Paul D. Spiegel (3rd Term)
Vacancy Board	Raymond H. Halvorsen (3rd Term)
Pension Committee	Peter C. Anderson (10th Term) Gary S. Hess (10th Term) William Keenan (10th Term) Richard Weinstein (10th Term) Walker C. Tompkins, Jr. (Alternate, 1st Term)

The Board of Supervisors also announced at the meeting that the new park along Pottstown Pike near Greenhill Road will be named in honor of former Supervisor Robert E. Lambert. To learn more about the new park, visit www.westgoshen.org/WGTSummer04.pdf. ★

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN APPROVED

The West Goshen Board of Supervisors formally adopted a new Comprehensive Plan for West Goshen Township at their October 22, 2004 meeting. The Comprehensive Plan represents the finished product of 1½ years of planning by a committee of West Goshen residents, board and committee members, and staff. (See www.westgoshen.org/WGTSpring03.pdf for more information about the Comprehensive Planning Committee.)

This revised plan is established as a tool or guide to aid in the planning and development of the township over the next twenty years. As such it provides us with a vision of what West Goshen could become. Special consideration was given to preserving open space, improving transportation, and fostering a healthy atmosphere for businesses and residents in West Goshen Township.

Copies of the Comprehensive Plan are available to view at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. They can also be purchased for a price of \$5 each in CD or book format by contacting the Township offices at 610-696-5266. ★

*The 2005 Budget has
been approved without
an increase in taxes.
See page 3 for the
new budget.*

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

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Police 911 or 610.696.7400
Fax 610.696.3935
police@westgoshen.org
Michael J. Carroll, *Chief of Police*

SEWER TREATMENT PLANT

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

PARK & RECREATION BOARD

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Peter C. Anderson, *Chairman*
Joseph DeFelippes, *Vice-Chairman*
Gillian M. Goodwin
Grant K. Middlestead, *Alternate*

SEWER AUTHORITY

James F. McLear, *Chairman*
Walter E. Hoover, Jr., *Vice-Chairman*
Lewis H. Reid, *Secretary*
John L. Windle, *Treasurer*
Theresa A. Davis, *Member*
Paul D. Spiegel, *Member*
Michael T. Arnold, *Alternate*

THE FRIENDS OF WEST GOSHEN PARKS, INC.

*Non-profit group assisting the Park and
Recreation Board; meets quarterly*
Jan Mulligan, *President*
Kelly Cifone, *Vice-President*
Megan Zug, *Treasurer*

AUDITORS

James L. Mosteller
Louis J. Mayer
Jacob W. Bowman, Jr.

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

PLAY SMART

The placement of portable basketball hoops/poles in the Township right of way has become a common practice, however the use of a public road for other than vehicular traffic can prove a hazard.

Due to liability issues, property owners may be required to remove their hoop/pole when it is deemed to be a street obstruction. With the onset of winter weather, please be mindful to **remove all portable basketball hoop/poles from the street.**

Your cooperation in this matter will enable our Public Works Department to perform the arduous tasks of clearing our streets as efficiently as possible. ★

Subdivision and Land Development Report

The following plans have been recently approved for development:

- 30,850 square foot health club addition for Atlantic Coast Athletic Club (ACAC) located at 1130 McDermott Drive.
- 10 lot residential subdivision for Thompson Homes located at 618 Airport Road.
- 1664 square foot building expansion located at 1109 West Chester Pike (West Goshen Automotive).
- 2,200 square foot office/warehouse building located at 207 S. Bolmar St.

The following plans are currently in the review process:

- Proposal for a 5,608 square foot building for vehicular storage on S. Matlack Street
- A Land Development plan for West Chester Veterinary Medical Clinic, 1141 West Chester Pike for a 5,200 square foot addition.
- Proposal for sixteen residential lots located on Old Westtown Road.
- A Land Development plan for a 2,000 square foot office addition located at the southeast corner of Westtown Road and East Market Street. ★

2005 Budget

The West Goshen Board of Supervisors approved the 2005 General Fund Budget, Sewer Fund Budget, and Waste and Recycling Fund Budget at their December 8, 2004 meeting. Taxes will not be increased in West Goshen Township for the fiscal year 2005.

A NEW WAY \$\$ TO PAY \$\$

Beginning in the Fall of 2005, West Goshen residents will be able to pay sewer and trash bills using automatic checking account debit payments. This service will not be available for tax payments. Look for more information about simplifying your sewer and trash payments in the Fall 2005 West Goshen Township Newsletter. ★

2005 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

REVENUES	
Taxes	\$ 8,436,000
Licenses	247,800
Fines & Forfeits	136,000
Interest & Rents	81,373
Intergovernmental Revenue	428,889
Departmental Earnings	277,486
Miscellaneous Revenue	25,540
Fund Equity & Other	4,296,494
Total Revenues	\$ 13,929,582
EXPENDITURES	
General Government	\$ 1,783,368
Public Safety	4,784,351
Highways	1,193,652
Parks & Recreation	948,156
Debt Service & Capital Projects	1,392,434
Misc.	5,000
Other Financing Uses	74,003
Reserved for Future Year's Expenses	3,748,618
Total Expenditures	\$ 13,929,582

2005 SEWER FUND BUDGET

REVENUES	
Interest Earnings	\$ 46,000
State Capital & Operating Grants	-
State Aid Employee Pension	68,310
Connection Fees	7,200
Sewer Rents	3,073,760
Misc. Revenue & IWP	28,200
Fund Equity & Other	3,828,169
Total Revenues	\$ 7,051,639
EXPENDITURES	
Administrative Expenses	\$ 378,977
Rent to Authority	1,160,152
Collection	661,060
Treatment Plant	1,554,605
Transfers	30,709
Reserved for Future Year's Expense	3,266,136
Total Expenditures	\$ 7,051,639

2005 WASTE AND RECYCLING BUDGET

REVENUES	
Interest Earnings	\$ 12,800
Grants	103,000
Waste & Recycling Income	1,356,510
Miscellaneous Revenue	3,000
Fund Equity & Other	1,525,859
Total Revenues	\$ 3,001,169
EXPENDITURES	
Administrative Expenses	\$76,838
Professional Services	7,480
Contracted & Other Services	1,356,657
Reserved for Future Year's Expenses	1,560,194
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,001,169

Public Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors (4:00 PM, second and fourth Wednesday of each month): February 9 and 23; March 9 and 23; April 13 and 27.

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

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

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

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

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.

Surviving the Snowy Roadways

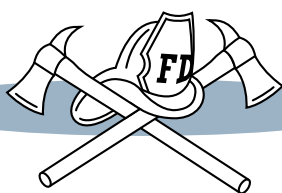
Our Streets Department maintains over 85 miles of roads and 103 cul-de-sacs. You can assist the snow clearing process this season by following these practices:

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 - 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.

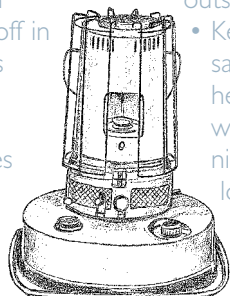


Winter Fire Safety Tips from Fire Marshal Andrea Testa

The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities have caused many Americans to search for alternate sources of home heating including space heaters, wood burning stoves, and fireplaces. All of these methods of heating may be acceptable. They are however, a major contributing factor in residential fires. Many of these fires can be prevented. The following fire safety tips can help you maintain a fire-safe home this winter.

Kerosene Heaters

- Be sure your heater is in good working condition. Inspect exhaust parts for carbon build-up. Be sure the heater has an emergency shut-off in case the heater is tipped over.
- Never use fuel-burning appliances without proper room venting. Burning fuel



(kerosene, coal or propane, for example) produces potentially deadly fumes.

- Use ONLY the fuel recommended by the heater manufacturer. NEVER introduce a fuel into a unit not designed for that type fuel.
- Keep kerosene, or other flammable liquids stored in approved metal containers, in well-ventilated storage areas, outside of the house.
- NEVER fill the heater while it is operating or hot. When refueling an oil or kerosene unit, avoid overfilling. Use caution with cold fuel for it may expand in the tank as it warms up.
- Refueling should be done outside of the home.
- Keep young children safely away from space heaters — especially when they are wearing nightgowns or other loose clothing that can be easily ignited.

Wood Stoves and Fireplaces

- Be sure the stove or fireplace is installed properly. Wood stoves should have adequate clearance (36") from combustible surfaces, and proper floor support and protection.
- Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned if necessary, especially if it has not been used for some time.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate any fire.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening, to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out, unwanted material from going in, and help prevent the possibility of burns to occupants.
- Don't use excessive amounts of paper to build roaring fires in fireplaces. It is possible to ignite creosote in the chimney by overbuilding the fire.



- Keep flammable materials away from your mantel. A spark from the fireplace could easily ignite these materials.
- Before you go to sleep, be sure your fireplace fire is out. NEVER close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace. A closed damper will help the fire to heat up again and will force toxic carbon monoxide into the house.
- If synthetic logs are used, follow the directions on the package. Never break a synthetic log apart to quicken the fire or use more than one log at a time. They often burn unevenly, releasing higher levels of carbon monoxide. ★



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 Director of Public Works who is in contact with the West Goshen Police Department. All trucks are sent out to their assigned areas with the instructions to first salt hills, intersections, and curve areas, then all other areas. Salt needs the movement of traffic to make it effective. West Goshen Township now pre-wets the application of salt to the roadway which helps to speed up the melting process and increase the salt's overall effectiveness.

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 the weight of snow being pushed from a plow. Take time to relocate your mailbox.

PennDOT clears the following streets: Boot Road, Fern Hill Road, S. High Street (Business Rt. 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. Applegate Drive, Berwick Drive, Cork Circle, Cork Drive, Ember Drive, Empress Road, Stillwood Lane, Tarbert Drive, Topaz Drive, and Weatherhill Drive are cleared by the developer.

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. ★

Each issue, we will bring you safety tips from West Goshen Township's own Officer Friendly, Corporal Robert Holland.

Safety Tips from Officer Friendly

■ Scooters Revisited

In November 2004, the Governor's Office of General Counsel sent notice to the Pennsylvania State Police reiterating the dangers and illegality of operating gasoline and electric powered motor scooters on public highways, roadways, and sidewalks. (See www.westgoshe.org/WGTSummer03.pdf.) Only vehicles bearing certification labels indicating compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards may be driven on roadways. These vehicles will have a seventeen digit vehicle identification number (VIN) affixed by the manufacturer, and must be transferred to a purchaser using either a manufacturer's certificate of origin or a title. Such vehicles must be properly registered, inspected, and insured to be driven on roadways by licensed drivers.

■ Premise Alert Request Form

Some individuals who are identified as having special needs are at a high risk for coming in contact with police or first responders. They may wander away from home, or have medical, emotional, or psychological issues that necessitate calling for help more frequently. The West Goshen Police Department's "Premise Alert Request Form" has been

created to reduce the occurrence of unfortunate incidents and supply the police with critical information specific to the family member with special needs or concerns.

Filling out the Premise Alert Request Form is strictly voluntary. No one is required to complete this form. The information from the form will be kept confidential and will only be used in the event that a family requires intervention.

The premise alert would be attached to your home address in the 911 command center so that pertinent information would be available to the responding officer if the family member is lost, shows aggressive or dangerous behavior, has a medical emergency that requires an ambulance to be dispatched, or needs other emergency attention.

Not all families will feel the need to complete a Premise Alert Request Form. Families who need to call the West Goshen Police Department for support or intervention may find that having this form on file will provide an extra level of safety for the special needs family member by providing the police with helpful information.

The Premise Alert Form is available on the "Forms" page of www.westgoshe.org. ★

Have You Seen this Rabbit?

Height: 6'4"

Hare color: White

Wanted for:

✓ 2,000 counts of leaving plastic eggs filled with toys and candy throughout Coopersmith Park (Spring Lane behind Margarita's Restaurant)

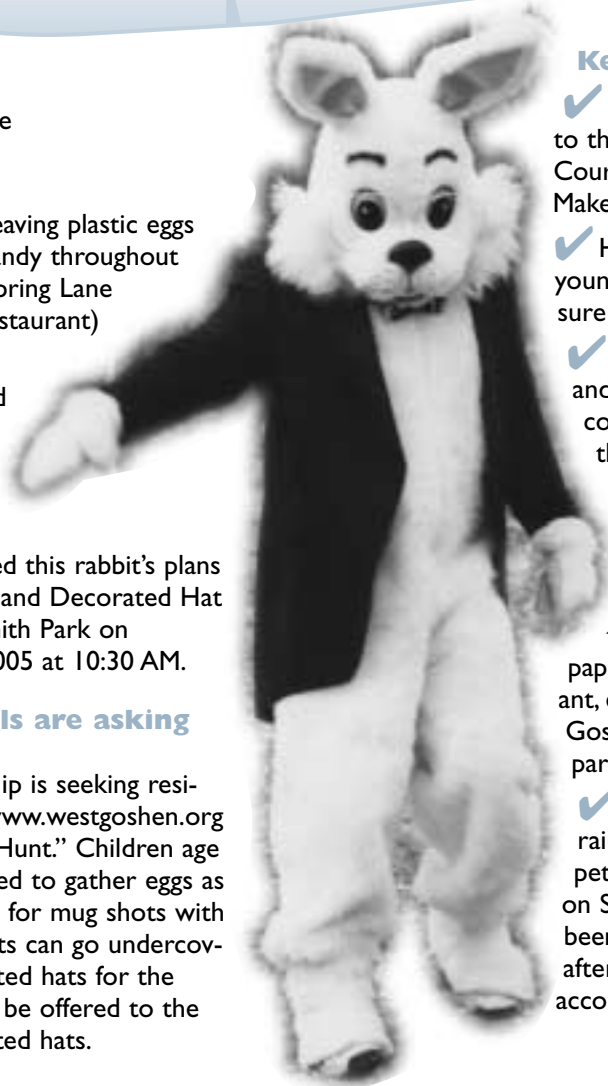
✓ One count of leading the Decorated Hat Parade

Next known strike:

Police have intercepted this rabbit's plans to host an "Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade" at Coopersmith Park on Saturday, March 19, 2005 at 10:30 AM.

Township officials are asking for your help:

West Goshen Township is seeking residents to register at www.westgoshen.org to infiltrate this "Egg Hunt." Children age 2 through 9 are needed to gather eggs as evidence, and to pose for mug shots with the rabbit. Participants can go undercover by wearing decorated hats for the parade. Rewards will be offered to the most creative decorated hats.



Keep yourself and your family safe:

✓ Make sure to allow time for parking and walking to the park. If you park along Spring Lane or Spring Court, do not block driveways or fire hydrants. Make sure cars can safely pass by your vehicle.

✓ Having older children competing for eggs with younger children can be hazardous, so please make sure children join their appropriate age groupings.

✓ The rabbit likes to hide eggs with small toys and candy. Parents are advised to check the contents of eggs before small children put anything in their mouths.

Additional info:

✓ The giant bunny left a note at the West Goshen Park and Recreation Office asking participants to bring a dry good item (soap, toilet paper, diapers, shampoo, laundry detergent, deodorant, etc.) for Chester County Cares. The West Goshen Park and Recreation Office encourages participants to cooperate with the rabbit's request.

✓ The rabbit does not tend to come out in the rain. If it rains on March 19th, he is likely to perpetrate his "Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade" on Saturday, March 26, 2005 at 10:30 AM. He has been known to hack into www.westgoshen.org after 9:00 AM on the date of the event to notify his accomplices if his plans are postponed due to rain. ★

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 and Recreation programs during the year 2004:

Summer Concert Series

Platinum Level Sponsors: Commerce Bank, Goshen Manor/Goshen Terrace, Park Valley Associates, and QVC.

Gold Level Sponsor: Faulkner Auto of West Chester.

Silver Level Sponsor: Krapf's Coaches.

Community Day

Major Sponsors: Citizens' Bank and Commerce Bank.

Additional support provided by: AAA Mid-Atlantic, Acme of West Chester, Aloha Café and Bakery, The Athlete's Closet, Barker's Barber, Baxter's, Bike Line, Boarderline Skate Park, Chester County Opticians, Colonial Village Meat Market, Curb-King Creations, D-K Diner, East Goshen Township Public Works, Englund's Apparel of West Chester, Fairman's, First National Bank of Chester County, Frank's Nursery, Goshen Beverage, Goshen Manor and Goshen Terrace, Gramm's Kitchen, The

Greenery, Ground Zero Gaming, Headmasters, Hobbytown, U.S.A., Holiday Inn Express, The Ice Cream Company, Ice Line, Incredibly Edible Delights, Irajean's Hair Fashions, Jane Chalfont, K & G Pizza, Kildare's, La Difference Salon and Day Spa, Microtel Inn and Suites, M.S. Yearsley and Sons True Value, New York Sandwiches and Eatery, Parkway Hardware, Penwick, Pep Boys, The Pepper Mill, Peter's Salon and European Spa, Piatto Pizza, Radio Shack, Signs Now, Summit Sports Training, Thompson's Meat Market, Wawa, and Wiggins Unpainted Furniture. ★

Your Cure for the Summertime Blues

Tired of working all summer to earn some money for college expenses? Have some fun while saving for the school year by joining the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department's team of Summer Counselors and Junior Counselors.

Counselors

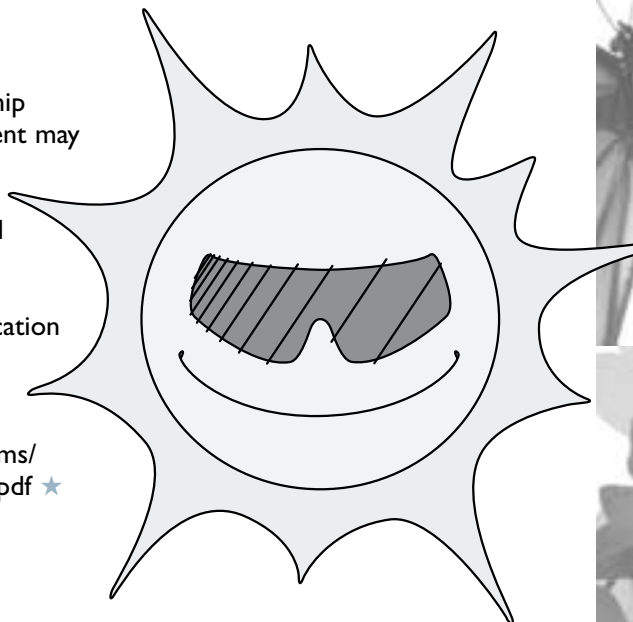
- Summer Counselors work directly with 5-12 year old children in the Summer Recreation Program. Counselors introduce group activities, involving children in arts, crafts, sports, and other recreational opportunities.
- Counselors must be at least 18 years old by June 1, 2005, and have a high school diploma.
- Applications for the position of Summer Recreation Counselor must be completed and returned to the Park and Recreation office by Monday, March 14, 2005, with interviews to follow in March. Counselors will be notified of hiring by Friday, April 15, 2005.

Junior Counselors

- Township residents 16 and 17 years old may apply for the position of Junior Counselor. Junior Counselors assist Counselors in summer recreation activities.
- Candidates for Junior Counselor must submit a completed West Goshen Township Application for Employment by Monday, May 16, 2005. Junior Counselor applicants must also provide West Goshen Township with appropriate working papers.

Applications

The West Goshen Township Application for Employment may be picked up at the West Goshen Administration Building between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, or may be obtained by calling 610-696-5266. The Application for Employment is also available on the West Goshen website at www.westgoshen.org/Forms/Employment_Application.pdf ★



Think Spring!

Philadelphia Flower Show

Get away from the wintry weather and join the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department on a trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on Monday, March 7, 2005.

The Philadelphia Flower Show has become one of the region's most anticipated annual events and one of West Goshen's most popular bus trips. The theme for this year's show is "America the Beautiful." The original White House gates will welcome visitors to ten acres of cherry trees, blue delphiniums, crimson roses, garden displays, and thousands of plants and floral designs.

Depart the West Goshen Municipal Complex at 9 AM and head for the Pennsylvania Convention Center and the largest flower show on the East Coast. Lunch will be available at the show or at one of the dozens of nearby eateries. The motor-coach will leave the show at 4 PM and arrive back in West Goshen by dinnertime.

The cost of this trip is only \$40 and includes a ticket to the Flower Show in addition to round-trip transportation. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. To find out more, visit www.westgoshen.org or contact the Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266. ★

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Permit #79

Township offices will be closed on Monday, February 21st and Friday, March 25th. Trash and recyclables will be picked up as scheduled on Monday, February 21st.

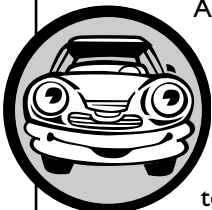
The first county hazardous waste collection of 2005

will take place at the Tredyffrin Township Building (1100 DuPortail Road, Berwyn) on Saturday, April 23rd between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. More information is available on the internet at www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Trash_and_Recycling/Hazardous_Waste/hazardous_waste.html. Look for more information about hazardous waste collections in the "Waste and Recycling Guide" in the Spring 2005 Township Newsletter. ★

SPRING Yard Waste Pick-up

Yard waste will be picked up on **Saturday, April 9, 2005** and **Saturday April 23, 2005**. Yard waste can be placed in biodegradable paper bags or trash cans. If using plastic bags, provide a container in which bags may be left so they can be used again. Branches not exceeding four feet in length may be bundled together. There is no limit to the number of bags or bundles to be collected. ★

Vehicular Sales on Private Property



Although much information has been published on this topic, the Township continues to get inquiries regarding the sale or storage of vehicles on private property. Please be advised that while West Goshen Township does allow for an individual property owner to sell a vehicle from his/her private property, the sale or storage of a vehicle that is not licensed to the property owner is not permitted and such vehicle may be subject to towing by the Township following notification. ★

Renew Your Dog License

Pennsylvania law requires all dogs older than three months old to be licensed. Annual dog licenses expired on December 31, 2004. Dog owners with expired licenses must apply for a new license from the Chester County Treasurer's Office. Dog license application forms are available at the West Goshen Township Administration Building, at the Chester County Office Building on Westtown Road, or online at http://dsf.chesco.org/chesco/lib/chesco/pdf/dog_license.pdf. ★

