

WEST GOSHEN



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Environmentally Friendly Spring Yardcare

With the weather getting warmer, the days getting longer, and vegetation springing back to life, many homeowners turn their attention to tending their lawn and gardens with a goal of having the perfect yard. In doing so, American homeowners will use more toxic chemicals on their lawns than industry and farmers combined. But there are healthier ways to care for that lawn.

What you spray or spread on your lawn affects the quality of local creeks' and streams' water even if you do not live near a creek. Rains commonly wash lawn care chemicals into streams and creeks and pollute them, particularly if these products are not properly used. Many synthetic pesticides (insect and weed killers) broadcast over lawns affect the soil as well. They harm the microorganisms that give soil life, creating nutrients for plants and texture to improve the soil's ability to absorb and retain water. Pesticides also may poison the food

chain, harming beneficial insects, such as ladybugs, and the birds which feed on them, as well as family pets and people.

Here are some tips for a thicker, healthier, more environmentally friendly lawn:

- Mow lawns high (at three inch height) to reduce the opportunity for weed seed germination.
- Healthy lawns need about four pounds of nitrogen per thousand square feet over the growing season—more than that creates excessive, unhealthy growth and unnecessary fertilizer runoff. By leaving mulched grass clippings on the lawn, you reduce the need for nitrogen by 25%. Check that you or your lawncare service is not exceeding this net requirement.
- Select a slow-acting (slow release) fertilizer with a high percentage of water insoluble nitrogen, and without any broadleaf weedkiller listed on the label. Since slow release

fertilizer breaks down gradually in soil, rather than quickly dissolving in stormwater, it is less likely to wash into creek waters. Hand pull or spot spray emerging weeds with products specific for that problem.

(Source: Penn State Cooperative Extension, <http://turfgrassmanagement.psu.edu>)

West Goshen Township is partnering to offer two workshops to help homeowners wean their yards off a dependence on unhealthy chemicals.

On Saturday, April 29, 2006 between 9:30 AM to 4 PM, the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association will host the **Healthy Yards, Healthy Creeks Fair** at J. Franklin Styers Nurseries at 914 Baltimore Pike, Concordville. Penn State Cooperative Extension will bring a "BugMobile" and have demonstrations of organic and alternative lawn care products, lawn, plant, and tree care, garden design,

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Celebrate Earth Day

This Earth Day, join a cleanup of the Goose Creek headwaters behind the West Goshen Shopping Center Kmart on Saturday, April 22, 2006 between 9:00 and 11:30 AM.

Come early for Starbucks coffee and bagels. Work gloves and other cleanup supplies will be provided. Township residents interested in helping with the Earth Day cleanup can contact Anne Murphy (crc@nni.com) of the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association (CRC) at 610-892-8731, or call volunteer coordinator Craig Marleton (cemarleton@aquaaamerica.com) at 484-356-9309.



This project is sponsored by CRC, Aqua Pennsylvania, Starbucks Coffee, Lyondell Chemical, and Scott Honda. Volunteer groups from Henderson High School's Biology Club, Westtown School, and West Goshen Center have already signed up to participate in the cleanup.

In addition to the Earth Day cleanup, West Goshen Township and CRC are cooperating with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to develop a long-term remediation plan for Goose Creek and the east branch of Chester Creek.

West Goshen Township is proud to be a participating municipality of the CRC. To learn more about the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association, visit www.crcwatersheds.org. ★

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The following plans have been approved for development:

- 2,943 square foot office/bank for Fulton Financial Bank to be located at the intersection of E. Strasburg Road and West Chester Pike.
- 1149 West Chester Pike – Pat's Pizzeria – commercial addition.

- J.R. Fugett Middle School – 2,147 square foot gym/courtyard entrance.

The following plans are currently in the review process:

- 44,800 square foot building expansion located at 1008 Greenhill Road.
- West Chester University Maintenance Garage – a portion of

the existing building located at 821 S. Matlack Street is proposed for conversion to a maintenance garage.

- 100 foot unmanned cell tower with equipment cabinets to be located at 603 Montgomery Avenue owned by Sheller Oil.
- A lot line change whereby a portion of property belonging to 18 E. Rhodes Avenue would be combined with property belonging to 931 Pritchard Lane.

township information

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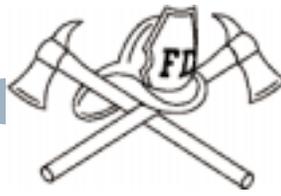
Barker Park
Falcon Lane by Westtown Way
Coopersmith Park
Spring Lane, off West Chester Pike
Hallowell Park
404 North Five Points Road
West Goshen Community Park
Fern Hill & North Five Points Roads

Recent Zoning Changes

On January 11, 2006, the Board of Supervisors approved a conditional use request to permit a Rite Aid Pharmacy at the northeast corner of Boot Road and Phoenixville Pike. Pharmacy/drug stores are permitted in the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District with such approval.

Conditional use approval was granted in regards to property located at 200 Spring Lane (formerly "Margarita's") to develop the 1.4 acre property with 12 townhomes. The property is located in the R-3A Zoning District which permits townhomes by conditional use approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Evidentiary hearing for a conditional use request in regard to Pulte Homes concluded on March 8, 2006. The applicant sought permission to develop 276.65 acres of a 446 acre tract of property located at the northwest corner of the Route 322 Bypass and Phoenixville Pike using the Flexible Design Option. The property is currently improved with a country house estate with residence mansion, which is commonly referred to as "Greystone Mansion," as well as three single family detached dwellings and various out-buildings. The West Goshen Board of Supervisors will continue discussion of this application at their May 10, 2006 meeting. ★



Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SMOKE DETECTORS



Protect yourself and your family today! In the event of a fire, properly installed and maintained smoke detectors will provide an early warning to your household. The early notice to escape could save your own life and the lives of your loved ones, making smoke detectors the single most important means of preventing house and apartment fire fatalities.

? Where should I place smoke detectors?

Smoke detectors should be installed on every level of your home and in every sleeping room. Smoke detectors should be installed on the ceiling not less than four inches from the side-wall or on the sidewall between four and twelve inches from the ceiling. Always follow the manufacturer's installation instructions.

? How do I keep my smoke detector working?

Smoke detectors are very easy to take care of. There are two steps to remember:

- 1) Replace the batteries twice a year. If your smoke detector starts making a "chirping" noise, replace the batteries and retest it. Test your smoke detector monthly.
- 2) Keep your smoke detectors clean. Dust and debris can interfere with their operation, so vacuum over and around your smoke detector regularly.

? How long will my smoke detectors last?

Smoke detectors will last about 8-10 years, after which time they should be replaced. You may want to write the purchase date with a marker on the inside of your unit. That way, you'll know when to replace it.

? What if my alarm goes off while I'm cooking?

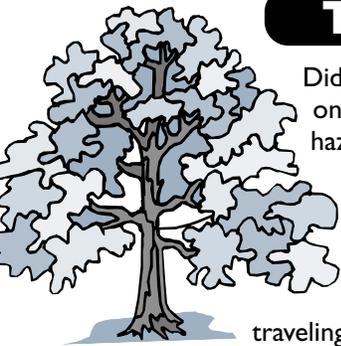
Then it's doing its job. Do not disable your smoke detector if it's due to cooking. You may not remember to put the batteries back in. Instead, clear the air around the alarm. In some instances, the smoke detector may need to be moved.

? What if my smoke detector does not have a battery?

Some smoke detectors are considered to be "hard wired." This means they are connected to the household electrical system and may or may not have a battery backup. It is still important to test these smoke detectors once a month. If any work needs to be done to a "hard wired" smoke detector a qualified electrician should be called.

For questions about smoke detectors, or for any other fire safety information, contact Fire Marshal Andrea Testa at 610-696-5266. ★

Trim that Tree



Did you know that trees overhanging onto roadways create serious traffic hazards? Larger vehicles such as fire engines, school buses, delivery vehicles, and some sport utility vehicles may be forced to travel closer to the center of the roadway, creating an unnecessary hazard to everyone traveling our Township roads.

Property owners are responsible for maintaining their trees and shrubs that may impede with roads. Trees and bushes must be trimmed back from the edge of the roadway or curb to a minimum of three feet, and at least fifteen feet above the roadway surface to allow for safe passage of vehicles and to improve visibility for passing traffic.

Township employees will survey roadways during the spring and summer. Notices will be sent to property owners whose trees or bushes project onto the roadway. ★

Public Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors (4:00 PM, second and fourth Wednesday of each month): May 10 and 24; June 14 and 28; July 12 and 26.

Park and Recreation Board (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month): May 17; June 21; July 19.

Planning Commission (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month, with the exception of May 2006): June 20; July 18. Please visit www.westgoshen.org for the date of the May 2006 meeting.

Sewer Authority (7:30 PM, second Wednesday of each month): May 10; June 14; July 12.

Zoning Hearing Board (7:00 PM, Thursday after first Board of Supervisors' Meeting each month, unless otherwise advertised): May 11; June 15; July 13.

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.

Residential Trash Service

This waste and recycling guide contains information about West Goshen Township's residential trash and recycling pickup. Residential establishments with four or more units and commercial, municipal, and institutional establishments shall contract at their sole cost and expense for the collection of waste and recyclables. Such establishments may select any collector/hauler licensed by West Goshen Township.

Trash (Mondays/Thursdays): Maximum of four 32 gallon cans per pick-up or its equivalent in trash bags. Place at curbside before 6:00 AM or the night before.

Recyclables (Mondays): There is no maximum limit. Paper products must be tied or bundled in paper bags. Corrugated cardboard must be cut into pieces no larger than one foot by one foot, and bundled together in stacks no thicker than one foot. Other items must be placed in a West Goshen Township plastic recycling bucket or a trash can with a Township recycling sticker affixed to it. Recycling stickers are free and may be obtained from the Township. If you have moved into new construction, you may obtain a recycling bucket at no cost at the Township Administration Building. Twenty gallon recycling buckets are available for purchase (\$7 each) at the Township Administration Building. Mark each bucket with

your street and house number. Place at curbside before 6:00 AM or the night before.

For a detailed list of recycling requirements for commercial, municipal, and institutional establishments or for multi-unit or single-unit residences, please see the article on page 4.

Bulk Trash (Thursdays): A bulk item is an object which two people can lift. Households are limited to one bulk item per month. Refrigerators, air conditioners, and other freon containing items must be tagged that freon has been removed. No building materials, railroad ties, automotive parts, or tires will be picked up. If unsure whether or not your bulk trash item will be collected, call the trash hauler, Allied Waste Services, at 610-869-2222.

Leaf Pick-up: Leaves should be placed in biodegradable bags or trash cans. If using plastic bags, provide a container in which the bags may be left. Trash hauler will not rip open untied bags. Therefore, they could be used again. There is no limit to the number of bags.

Leaves may not be burned, raked into streets, or deposited onto stream beds.

Yard Waste Pick-up (Saturday, April 22, 2006):

Sticks, branches, and twigs must be tied in bundles with sticks no more than 4' in length and 4" in diameter. Other yard waste may be placed in trash cans or biodegradable bags. If using plastic bags, provide a container in which the bags may be left. There is no limit to the number of bundles or bags that will be collected.

No Trash Service: If a collection day for regular trash, recycling, or bulk pickup falls on a holiday, collection will occur on **the very next day**. If the holiday falls on a Monday, the second pickup that week will also be postponed to the following Friday. Midweek holidays may affect the regularly scheduled Thursday trash collection. Township trash holidays for 2006 are:

- *Memorial Day*—Pickup dates: Tuesday, May 30th and Friday, June 2nd
- *Independence Day*—Thursday trash pickup will take place on Friday, July 7th
- *Labor Day*—Pickup dates: Tuesday, September 5th and Friday, September 8th
- *Thanksgiving*—Pickup: Friday, November 24th
- *Christmas*—Pickup: Tuesday, December 26th and Friday, December 29th

Residential Household Hazardous Waste Materials: Commercial and industrial entities are excluded from this program. The following materials may be taken to Household Hazardous Waste dropoff sites:

PAINT PRODUCTS

Oil-Based Paints
Turpentine/Thinners
Stain/Varnish/Shellac
Strippers/Removers
Adhesives/Solvents

HOUSEHOLD

Drain Openers
Rug/Wood/Metal Cleaners
Mothballs/Flakes
Spot Remover
Household Batteries
Kerosene
Smoke Alarms
Toilet Bowl Cleaners
Adhesives/Solvents

OUTDOOR

Pool Chemicals
Weed Killers
Septic Tank Degreasers
Asphalt Sealers
Caulking Compounds
Joint Compounds
Roof Cements

OTHER

Acids/Caustics/Solvents
Flammables/Oxidizers
Lead/Mercury
Pesticides
Organic Peroxide
Reactive Metals
Gas Cylinders max. 20#s

AUTOMOTIVE

Grease/Rust Solvents
Fuel Additives
Carburetor Cleaners
Transmission/Brake Fluid
Antifreeze
Gasoline



UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Infectious/Medical Waste
Explosives/Ammunition
Dioxin
Latex/Water Based Paints
Pressurized CFAs & HCFs
Commercial/Industrial Waste
Radioactive Waste
Unidentified Waste
Appliances
*Tires
*Car Batteries
*Used Motor Oil

*Call 610-344-6692 for recycling locations for automotive related materials.

2006 Schedule for Hazardous Waste Collection

April 22	Tredyffrin Township's Wilson Farm Park 500 Lee Road, Wayne
May 13	Owen J. Roberts High School 981 Ridge Road, Pottstown
Sept. 9	New Garden Township Building 8934 Gap Newport Road, Landensburg
Oct. 7	Chester County Gov't Services Building 610 Westtown Road, West Chester

Computer components will also be accepted for recycling at the April 22nd and October 7th Household Hazardous Waste Collections.

Spring and Summer at a Glance



April 22 Earth Day Cleanup
 April 26 Information meetings for Summer Recreation Program and Summer Teen Program
 April 29 Healthy Yards, Healthy Creeks Fair
 April 30 "Get Your Garden off Drugs" workshop with Mike McGrath

May 2 Arthritis Aquatic Exercise Program begins
 May 6 Registration for Summer Recreation Program and Summer Teen Program
 May 6 Battle of the Bands
 May 13 Registration for Summer Recreation Program and Summer Teen Program
 May 13 Bus trip to New York City
 May 27 Bus Trip to Yankee Stadium

June 10 Bus Trip to RFK Stadium
 June 11 Summer Concert: Children's music by **John Flynn**
 June 22 Arthritis Aquatic Exercise Program ends
 June 25 Summer Concert: U.S. Navy Band jazz ensemble **The Commodores**
 June 26 Summer Recreation Program and Summer Teen Program begin

July 4 Decorated Bike Parade (Raindate: July 8)
 July 9 Summer Concert: Irish rockers **Blackthorn**
 July 23 Summer Concert: Folk musician **Jeffrey Gaines**
 July 29 Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company presents Shakespeare in the Park:
 "Much Ado about Nothing" (Raindate: July 30)

August 6 Summer Concert: Motown fun of **Special Blendz**
 August 18 Summer Recreation Program and Summer Teen Program end
 August 20 Summer Concert: Tour of Latin American music with **Synthesis**

September 10 West Goshen Community Day (Raindate: September 17)

Look for information about the Fall Movie Series, Harvest Festival, Holiday Events, and Fall Bus Trips in future issues of **The West Goshen Township Newsletter**.

The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department is committed to providing high-quality free or low-cost recreational events to residents of West Goshen Township. Guests to these events are encouraged to bring a dry good item (e.g., soap, toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo, etc.) for Chester County Cares,

a local non-profit organization assisting low-income families in the county.

To find out if an event is moved to an alternate location or changed to a rain-date, visit www.westgoshe.org or call 610-696-5266 within the two hours preceding the event. ★

Don't Let Arthritis Interfere with Your Active Lifestyle



West Goshen Township is teaming up with the ACAC Fitness and Wellness Center and the Arthritis Foundation to offer Township residents an arthritis exercise program designed to help relieve the pain and stiffness of arthritis in a fun, educational, and social atmosphere.

The eight-week program will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:45 PM through 2:30 PM, beginning on May 2nd and ending on June 22nd. Participants will partake in a series of gentle exercises designed to increase range of motion and strengthen muscles. The program will also offer relaxation exercises and health education.

Through special arrangement with ACAC, Township residents who sign up through the West Goshen Park and Recreation Office would pay \$100 for the eight week session, a \$19 savings off the regular non-member price. Interested Township residents can contact the Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266, or may print information and a registration form at www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Arthritis/arthritis.html. ★

Robert E. Lambert Park Due to Open in Summer 2006

Robert E. Lambert Park is due to open this summer. The 3.3 acre park along Pottstown Pike will feature a skatepark, tennis courts, and an enclosed area for dogs to recreate off-leash with their owners. At this time, the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is still seeking applicants for the position of skatepark attendant. Interested applicants can contact the Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266, or print out an Application for Employment at www.westgoshen.org/Employment_Application.pdf. Look for more information about the park's opening in the Summer 2006 issue of The West Goshen Township Newsletter. ★

The Park will feature a skatepark, tennis courts, and an enclosed off-leash area for dogs.

West Goshen Park and Recreation Announces Spring Bus Trips

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department announced spring bus trips to New York City, Yankee Stadium, and Washington, DC's RFK Stadium.

On Saturday, May 13th, join the Park and Recreation Department for a "New York on Your Own" trip. Avoid the hassle of driving and ride a motorcoach to Times Square, and spend the afternoon in Manhattan before returning home. \$25 per person includes round-trip transportation and driver tip.



Yankee Stadium continues to be one of West Goshen's most popular trip destinations. On Saturday, May 27th, see the Yankees take on the Kansas City Royals in the home of more World Series championships than any other ballpark. \$45 per person includes round-trip transportation, a ticket to the game, and driver tip.

Take a road trip to see the Phillies take on the Washington Nationals at RFK Stadium on Saturday, June 10th. Did you know that RFK is tied with Dodger Stadium as the National League's second-oldest ballpark (next to Wrigley Field), yet has only hosted National League games for just over one year? Contrast the vast, open outfield with the tight confines of Philadelphia's Citizens' Bank Park. \$45 per person includes round-trip transportation, a ticket to the game, and driver tip.

Information and registration forms for all of these trips are available at www.westgoshen.org, or by calling the West Goshen Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266. ★



Sign up now for bus trips to **New York City, Yankee Stadium, and Washington, DC's RFK Stadium.**

Your Guide to West Goshen's Summer Recreation Programs

Get the Kids Out of the House and Into the Parks this Summer!

The West Goshen Summer Recreation Program will begin on Monday, June 26th, and continue each weekday (except Tuesday, July 4th) through Friday, August 18th. Children five (by September 1, 2006) through twelve years old are eligible to participate in the program. Parents have the option of signing their children up for West Goshen Community Park, Barker Park, or Coopersmith Park. The Summer Recreation Program begins at 9:00 each morning, and runs until noon.

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department offers a variety of recreation opportunities to Summer Recreation Program participants. Children can join in sports, games, crafts, and a variety of special activities. Each week, the Summer Recreation Program will include a field trip. Four of the eight field trips are included with the registration fee. The other four field trips typically have a fee of \$5 to \$10. Field trips include ice skating, roller skating, bowling, movies, and water slides.

West Goshen residents with one child pay \$130 for the eight week program. West Goshen families with two children pay \$250, and families with three

children pay \$360. The registration fee for each additional child in a family household is \$110. The registration fee for non-residents of West Goshen Township is \$250 per child.

West Goshen residents interested in registering for the Summer Recreation Program may come to the Township Administration Building (Paoli Pike and N. Five Points Road) on Saturday, May 6, 2006 from 8:00 AM through 11:00 AM, or on Saturday, May 13, 2006, from 9:00 AM through 11:00 AM. Space is limited for each of the three Summer Recreation locations, and registrations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis. Anyone interested in signing up for the Summer Recreation Program who does not live in West Goshen Township may place his or her name on a waiting list during this time, and may register beginning on Monday, May 15th. Please note that all non-resident registrations are based on remaining space available. Beginning Monday, May 15, 2006, registrations will be taken at the West Goshen Township Administration Building during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM through 4:30 PM) as space permits. **Parents must bring**

their children's birth certificates at registration.

Anyone interested in learning more about the West Goshen Summer Recreation Program may attend a Parents' Information Session at the West Goshen Township Administration Building on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at 7:00 PM.

Have Your Children Learn a New Sport

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department also offers Summer Sports Clinics for children five through twelve years old. Each of these clinics meets once per week, and is intended to introduce the beginner to a new sport. Clinics begin the week of July 3rd and run through the week of August 14th. Tuesday sessions will begin on Wednesday, July 5th, and will continue on Tuesdays for subsequent weeks.

The following sports are scheduled for Summer 2006:

NEW! **Field Hockey**
6-10 years old, on Mondays

NEW! **Volleyball**
11-12 years old, on Mondays

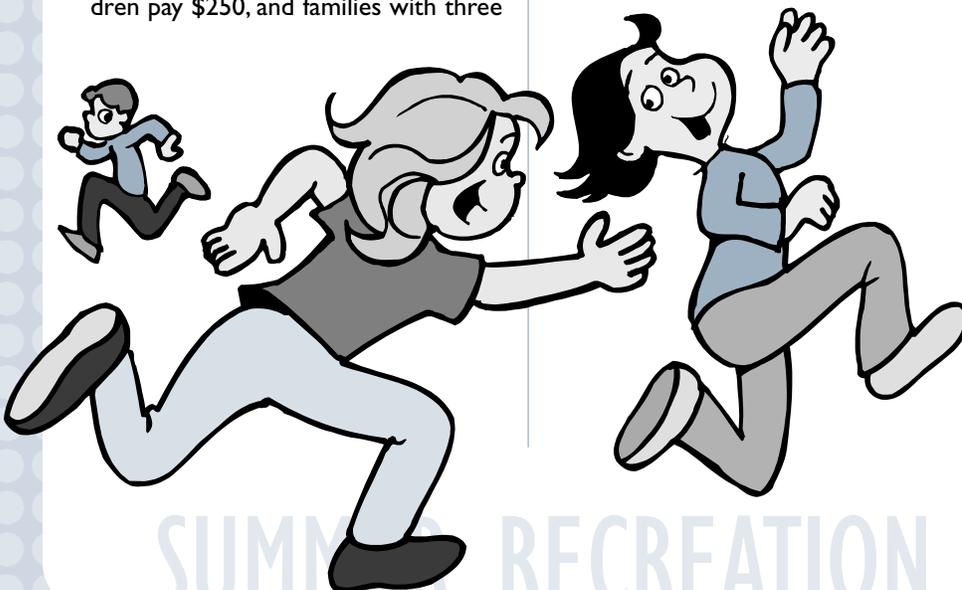
Tennis
9-10 years old, on Mondays
11-12 years old, on Tuesdays

Soccer
5-8 years old, on Tuesdays

Basketball
8-11 years old, on Tuesdays

Tee-Ball
5-8 years old, on Thursdays

Lacrosse
6-10 years old, on Thursdays



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SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

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Whenever possible, cancellations due to inclement weather will be made up at a later date.

Summer Sports Clinic registration fees are \$50 per sport (for each seven week session) for West Goshen residents, and \$60 per sport for residents of other municipalities. Anyone interested in signing up for any of the Summer Sports Clinics may do so during the registration period for the Summer Recreation Program: Saturday, May 6th, 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM; Saturday, May 13th, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM; Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM beginning May 15th.

The Cure for Early Teen Boredom

By popular request, the West Goshen Summer Teen Program has expanded to eight weeks beginning June 26, 2006. This program for 13-15 year olds takes place at West Goshen Community Park. Members of the Summer Teen Program will enjoy sports, games, and special activities at the park, join in community service projects, and participate in weekly field trips. This year's field trips will include:

- Bowling
- ACAC Health and Wellness Center
- Hershey Park
- Dorney Park
- Brandywine Picnic Park
- Waterworld
- Whitewater rafting

The Summer Teen Program runs from 9:00 AM through noon most days. However, some field trips will run until later in the day.

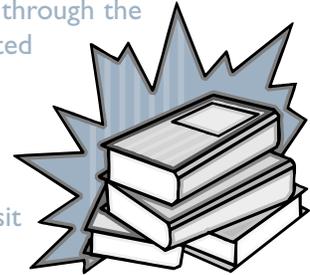
As with the Summer Recreation Program for 5-12 year olds, West Goshen residents interested in the

Don't Forget About These Programs from the West Chester Library

Summer Reading Club, June 17th through August 12th: Join the club and explore the world of paws, claws, and jaws! Have fun at the Reading Club summer kick-off celebration on Saturday, June 17th.

Science in the Summer, June 26th through 29th: Who knew that chemistry could be so much fun? Learn hands-on with a certified teacher. Register at the library through the month of May. Participants will be selected through a lottery.

For more information about these programs or other offerings by the West Chester Library, call 610-696-1721 or visit <http://www.ccls.org/libs/wchester.htm>. ★



Summer Teen Program pay \$130 for one child, \$250 for two children, \$360 for three children, and \$110 per additional child. Non-residents pay \$250 per child. Families with children in both programs receive the discounted price for multiple children. There is an additional charge for each field trip, typically in the \$5 to \$30 range.

Registration procedures follow the same guidelines as the Summer Recreation Program. Residents of West Goshen Township may sign up on a first-come first-served basis on Saturday, May 6, 2006 from 8:00 AM through 11:00 AM or on Saturday, May 13, 2006 from 9:00 AM through 11:00 AM. Non-residents may sign up on a waiting list during this time, and may register beginning on Monday, May 15th. Again, all non-resident registrations are based on remaining space available in the Summer Teen Program. Beginning Monday, May 15, 2006, registrations will be taken at the West

Goshen Township Administration Building during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM through 4:30 PM) as space permits. **Parents are reminded that they must bring their children's birth certificates at registration.**

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Office will hold a Parents' Information Session for the Summer Teen Program on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at 7:30 PM (immediately following the Summer Recreation Program Parents' Information Session).

Anyone interested in additional information about the Summer Recreation Program, Summer Sports Clinics, or Summer Teen Program may contact the West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266, ext. 4104 or via email at klehr@westgoshen.org.★

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

PUTTING ON THE HITS

This year, the West Goshen Summer Concert Series will feature some of the area's top performers. As always, **all concerts are free of charge.**



Local music legend **John Flynn** begins the Series with a children's concert on Sunday, June 11th. Have your children sing along to favorites and original songs including "A Manatee Sneezed on Me," "Love Takes a Whole Box of Crayons," and "My Brother Ricky's for Sale."

What's the best way to prepare for the upcoming July 4th holiday? How about attending a concert by The U.S. Navy Band's jazz ensemble, "**The Commodores.**" Enjoy the unique American jazz sound from top musicians, and hear patriotic favorites on Sunday, June 25th.

To many in the region, the word "**Blackthorn**" means top quality Irish-based rock music. To all who have seen this group, the word means good times and great music. To those who haven't seen Blackthorn live, now's your chance to come to Community Park on Sunday, July 9th, and see what everyone else is raving about.

Jeffrey Gaines is a local performer with a large national following stemming from hits such as "Hero in Me" and his cover of Peter Gabriel's "In Your Eyes." This folk singer has been described by *The Philadelphia Inquirer* as "...an ethereal soul... insistent, impassioned, full of self-knowledge" and by *The Boston Globe* as "...an artist who deserves far more attention than some of his more hyped, yet less



talented peers." He brings his talents to Community Park on Sunday, July 23rd.

Everyone will be dancing to the Motown sound of **Special Blendz** when this always-popular group returns to Community Park on Sunday, August 6th.

The Summer Concert Series concludes with **Synthesis** and their music inspired by Bossa Nova, Latin Jazz, Merengue, Salsa, Cumbia, Mambo, Latin-Rock, Soca, and Lambada. It's a Synthesis of the happiest music in the world, from all over the world, and it's yours on Sunday, August 20th.

Concerts begin at 6:00 PM at the J. Leon Hagerty Amphitheater at West Goshen Community Park (N. Five Points and Fern Hill Roads). In case of rain, concerts will be moved to the Pierce Middle School Auditorium on Burke Road. Visit www.westgoshen.org for directions and rain determination. ★

Fifth Annual Battle of the Bands

See Local Groups, Hear the Music, Register to Perform Before a Live Audience

Armed with guitars, drums, and keyboards, local bands are invited to battle it out to determine the winner of West Goshen's Fifth Annual Battle of the Bands at West Goshen Community Park on Saturday, May 6, 2006 between 4:00 and 7:00 PM. At stake is a \$300 prize and the opportunity to perform at the dedication of the new Robert E. Lambert Park this summer.

Band registration forms are available at www.westgoshen.org, or may be obtained by contacting Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at 610-696-5266 or via email at

klehr@westgoshen.org. Registration is free.

THE RULES:

- Participating bands must have at least one member who is a West Goshen resident.
- Each band member must be between 12 and 21 years of age.
- Each band is responsible for its own instruments (including guitar amps). Sound system will be provided by West Goshen Township.
- Bands will have five minutes to set up and five minutes to break down.
- Each band will have up to 15 minutes to perform three songs.

- Bands must complete and return a registration form by 4:00 PM on May 1, 2006. Remember, space is limited—only the first ten registrants are guaranteed to perform.
- The winning band will receive \$150 within two weeks after the performance, and \$150 upon performance at the dedication of Robert E. Lambert Park this summer.
- A panel of judges selected by the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department will decide the winning band and honorable mentions at the end of the show. All decisions by the panel of judges are final and irreversible. ★

Fast Facts About West Goshen Community Day

Event: Eleventh Annual West Goshen Community Day

Location: West Goshen Community Park (N. Five Points and Fern Hill Roads)

Date: Sunday, September 10, 2006

Time: Noon – 5:00 PM

Raindate: Sunday, Sept. 17, 2006

Cost: FREE! Guests are encouraged to bring dry good donations (toilet paper, shampoo, soap, laundry detergent, diapers, etc.) for Chester County Cares

Sponsored by: The West Goshen Park and Recreation Board and The Friends of West Goshen Parks

Additional Information:

www.westgoshen.org or 610-696-5266

Free Activities:

- Pony rides
- Home run contest
- Children's arts and crafts, spin art, and face-painting
- Caricatures
- Moonbounce, giant slide, funhouse, and obstacle course
- Giant rock-climbing wall
- Puppet show
- 4:00 performance by **The Chatterband**

Other things of interest to see:

- Antique military vehicles
- Emergency vehicles
- Turks Head Jugglers
- Clowns

You might want to bring some money for the following:

- Food and beverages
- Handcrafted items at Artisans' Row
- The Friends of West Goshen Parks Raffle of Prize Baskets donated by local businesses

Look for more information about Community Day in the Summer 2006 West Goshen Township Newsletter!

Volunteers Needed for Community Day!

You can help with the following activities on Community Day:

- Home Run Contest
- Children's crafts
- Soda sales

If you or your service group would like to lend a hand, please call The Friends of West Goshen Parks at 610-692-2550.

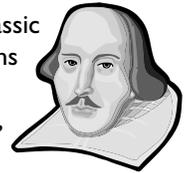
Fourth of July Celebration

The annual decorated Bicycle Parade for all ages!

Be prepared to parade on bike, tricycle, training wheels, big wheels, or by stroller, wagon, or wheel chair at 10:00 AM through West Goshen Community Park on the Fourth of July (raindate Saturday, July 8). Come and participate or come to watch the parade of outfits, historical figures, and fanciful cyclists, which will take place on a segment of the walking path and end in the amphitheater. It is a fun way to begin your 4th of July celebration. ★

Shakespeare Comes to West Goshen

The Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company returns to West Goshen Community Park on Saturday, July 29th at 6:30 PM



with a free production of William Shakespeare's comedy "Much Ado About Nothing." This comic masterpiece has everything you could want in a love story: love at first sight; thwarted love; sparring lovers; passionate embraces; impassioned declarations of love; mistaken identities; treachery; reconciliation; forgiveness; a good old-fashioned battle of the sexes; and 2 1/2 weddings and a funeral. The show will be free of charge. Check out the Summer 2006 West Goshen Township Newsletter or visit www.westgoshen.org this summer for more information about this performance. ★

Bringing Swings to Community Park

The Friends of West Goshen Parks is planning on Bringing Swings to Community Park this spring!

West Goshen Community Park currently has one toddler swing, one handicapped-accessible swing, and two regular swings. The Friends of West Goshen Parks is embarking on a drive to raise \$2,000 to add two more swings to the playground.

Anyone interested in contributing to the Bringing Swings campaign may make contributions to: The Friends of West Goshen Parks, Inc., P.O. Box 441, West Chester, PA 19381.

The Friends of West Goshen Parks also welcomes suggestions for future projects, and welcomes anyone interested in volunteering to join The Friends of West Goshen Parks for strategic planning or on an event-by-event basis. For more information about volunteering, call The Friends of West Goshen Parks at 610-692-2550. ★

Recycling Made Easy

Who must recycle?

- Students/staff of both public and private primary, secondary, and post-secondary schools
- Residents of hospitals, dormitories, and nursing homes
- Employees of institutions, public agencies, commercial entities, and industry
- Owners of restaurants, shopping centers, stores, office buildings, and factories
- Persons living in single family homes, condominiums, townhouses, or apartments

Who must have a Recycling Program?

- Commercial properties: stores, markets, office buildings, restaurants, and shopping centers
- Industrial properties: factories, foundries, processing plants, and warehouses
- Institutions: hospitals, nursing homes, private and public schools and universities
- Public agencies: government agencies, authorities, and councils
- Multi-unit residences: apartment buildings with four or more units and condominium associations

Each owner, operator, or administrator of one of the above mentioned categories is required to provide to each occupant, employee, patron, or resident written material describing its recycling program. Written instructions should clearly describe what materials are to be recycled, how the materials are to be prepared, and how the collection system works. The owner, operator, or administrator must provide for collection of the recyclable materials at least once per month.

The recycling containers must be easily accessible and suitable for the type of

material that is being collected. Educational facilities must provide for separation and collection of recyclable materials in classrooms, administrative offices, cafeterias, and dormitories.

What materials must be recycled?

Commercial, municipal, and institutional establishments must provide, at a minimum, for the separation and recycling of the following materials:

- Computer paper and white bond/copier/letterhead paper
- Corrugated paper
- Aluminum, steel, and bimetallic cans

Multi-unit residences (apartment buildings and condominiums) must provide for the separation of and recycling of at least four of the following materials:

- Clear and colored glass
- Aluminum, steel, and bimetallic cans
- #1 and #2 plastics
- Mixed paper including newspaper, junk mail, telephone books, catalogs, white paper, magazines, flattened boxes which do not come in direct contact with food, and non-corrugated cardboard.

Check with your apartment complex or condominium association to determine which materials to recycle.

Single unit residences must recycle, at a minimum:

- Green, brown, and clear glass
- Aluminum, steel, and bimetallic cans
- #1 and #2 plastics
- Mixed paper including newspaper, junk mail, telephone books, catalogs, white paper, magazines, flattened boxes which do not come in direct contact with food, and non-corrugated cardboard

For more information on the recycling requirements, contact 610.696.5266, ext. 4304 or twp@westgoshen.org ★

Seniors: Apply Now for Property Tax/Rent Rebate

Now is the time for Township seniors to apply for a property tax or rent rebate from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Seniors qualifying for the state rebate may also be eligible for a Township Trash Rebate.

Seniors qualifying for the Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate program must meet the following requirements:

- Year 2005 total household income (including 50% of Social Security) must equal \$15,000 or less.
- Applicants must be one of the following:
 - (a) 65 years of age or older;
 - (b) widow or widower 50 years of age or over; or
 - (c) permanently disabled 18 years of age or older and who meets the Social Security disability requirements; and
- **Applicants must file a Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate application by June 30, 2006;**

Applications for the Pennsylvania Tax/Rent Rebate Program may be obtained from the Chester County Department of Aging Services, 601 Westtown Road, Suite 320 (610-344-6350) or from West Goshen Township (610-696-5266, ext. 4107). ★

West Goshen Township Senior Citizen Trash Rebate

To qualify for the West Goshen Township Senior Citizen Trash Rebate Program, seniors must meet the following requirements:

- Qualified applicants must be 65 or older as of December 31, 2005.
- Applicants need to receive a Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate check for the year 2005. *When you receive the Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate, please make a copy of that check and retain it for your records, as you will need to attach it to your West Goshen Township Trash Rebate Program Application.*
- Applicants must submit a completed Trash Rebate Program application to West Goshen Township by **October 31, 2006.**

Applications for the Township Trash Rebate Program may be obtained by calling the Township at 610-696-5266, ext. 4107. ★

"Part of Our Community" highlights local businesses, organizations, and people who make a difference in the community. "Serving with Honor" profiles military personnel from West Goshen Township serving at home or overseas. To submit ideas for these columns, please email Newsletter Editor Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org.



Part of Our Community

In June 2006, one of West Goshen's most well known police officers will retire.

Corporal Robert Holland joined the West Goshen Police Department in 1980. For most of his tenure, he has been better known throughout the community as "Officer Friendly."

West Goshen Township created the Officer Friendly program in 1982, and revamped it in 1990. "I wanted to have a program more intense in the school system than the D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) program," explains West Goshen Police Chief Michael J. Carroll. "Bob Holland was the one to do it."

Corporal Holland was the first member of the West Goshen Police Department assigned the title of Juvenile/Community Relations Officer. Through the Officer Friendly Program, Corporal Holland committed himself to service of local schools throughout the year beyond the brief schedule of typical D.A.R.E. programs, assuring students a more familiar and comfortable involvement with local police. His work at the schools and in the community has brought drug education, law enforcement awareness, and safety instruction to thousands of local children from preschool to high school and beyond.

Corporal Holland started numerous annual events for students of all grades. His mock crashes, complete with student actors, shows high school students the dangers of reckless driving. The "Say No



to Drugs" Bowl-a-rama, begun in 1990, was replaced in 1996 with the "Say No to Drugs" Skate-a-rama. This event draws 600-800 students each spring to take the ice with their local police officers. Since 1989, Corporal Holland has also arranged for Santa to visit each year, usually by helicopter, with nearly 300 children attending. On Community Day, he could be seen fingerprinting children and encouraging them and their eager parents to check out the Police Department's customized souped-up Mustang Cruiser. And each year since 1984, Officer Friendly has been a specially invited guest chaperone at the West Chester East High School Senior Prom.

"Officer Friendly" also developed senior safety programs and a "stranger danger" education program for young children.

Corporal Holland's involvement with the Officer Friendly program brought him to the Pennsylvania Juvenile Officers Association, where he served as president in 2000-2001, and executive director from 2001 through 2004. He also has served on the state and West Chester Area School District Safe Schools Committees.

As the Officer Friendly program grew, becoming a model emulated throughout the County and beyond, Corporal Holland's expertise also grew in demand. He has helped local businesses implement drug and alcohol awareness programs, conducted robbery and security seminars at banks, taught at West Chester University, and been guest speaker at numerous D.A.R.E. graduations.

West Goshen Township Manager Sharon Lynn, who worked with Officer Holland during her tenure in the West Goshen Police Department, credits him for developing a strong, professional, credible program.

"Bob is the exemplary employee as well as a dependable, trustworthy coworker," she said. "He's the kind of guy who's always there when you need him and always eager to help out."

Corporal Holland credits his wife Eileen for giving him strength, and being supportive of his endeavors during his long hours of community-based police work.

"If it wasn't for her being my backbone, I would not have been able to

this work for so many years," he said in a recent interview.

In retirement, Robert Holland plans to help his wife with her burgeoning basket business. Other than that, he is resisting the temptation to take on additional projects, giving himself some time off after 26 years on the police force. Still, his legacy will continue on through the countless children, many of them now adults, who first learned from Officer Friendly how to make some of the right choices in life.

"Bob's been an excellent officer," stresses Chief Carroll. "We're going to miss him."

Adds Township Manager Sharon Lynn, "His absence will be felt throughout the Township for many years in the future." ★



Serving with Honor



Mark Turbedsky's parents moved to West Goshen Township when Mark was just 11 months old. He grew up here and, upon graduating Henderson High School in 1984, left to pursue his passion and joined the Army.

Turbedsky's Army experience has included serving as a jump master, overseeing a team of twenty paratroopers out of his home base of Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Through his military service, he met his wife Debra, an army trauma nurse. He has seen duty in Germany and South Korea. He has also seen combat in Iraq...twice. In 1991, Turbedsky served in Operation Desert Storm. In September 2005, Sgt. 1st class Turbedsky returned to Iraq, serving in Kirkuk, north of Baghdad. His current tour of duty there is scheduled for 12-14 months.

Jerry and Judy Turbedsky, parents of Sgt. 1st class Mark Turbedsky, still live in West Goshen Township after 39 years. ★

ROAD RULES

In each issue of the Township Newsletter, the West Goshen Police Traffic Safety Unit will provide information on sections of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code that may inform readers on the requirements of these sections and the penalties for violating these sections.

Section 3365 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code prescribes special speed limitations for bridges and elevated structures, school zones, hazardous grades, and active work zones.

Bridges and elevated structures may have lower maximum structural speeds than adjacent roadways, so make sure to check for any changes to the speed limit when crossing a bridge.

School zones have set speed limits of 15 miles per hour. The following school speed zones are posted in West Goshen Township during school days:

- West Chester East High School and Fugett Middle School: Ellis Lane, 7:00-7:30 AM and 2:45-3:30 PM.
- Henderson High School: Montgomery Avenue, 7:10-8:10 AM and 2:10-3:10 PM.

- Pierce Middle School: Burke Road, 7:30-8:15 AM and 2:30-3:15 PM.
- Spellman Administration Building: 900 block of Paoli Pike, 9:15-9:45 AM and 2:30-2:50 PM.

Fern Hill and Glen Acres Elementary Schools have permanent speed limits of 15 miles per hour.



The fine for driving ten miles per hour over the speed limit in a school zone is \$500...

On hazardous grade roadways, vehicles in excess of determined safe weight limits may be required to proceed at a reduced speed, or to stop before proceeding downhill.

Active work zone speed limits supercede other existing speed limits on a roadway. When passing through an active work zone, no person may drive a vehicle at a speed greater than the posted work zone speed limit.

Violations to any of these speed limitations may result in fines and points assessed against the offender's driver's license. Excessive speeding in a school zone carries a minimum three point assessment against the offender's driver's license. The fine for driving ten miles per hour over the speed limit in a school zone is \$500, with increased fines for higher speeds. ★

Bob Thompson Remembered

State Senator Robert J. Thompson died on Saturday, January 28, 2006 at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.



Thompson represented the 19th senatorial district in the Pennsylvania State Senate, where he served as chairman of the appropriations committee. Prior to that, he had served as chairman of the Chester County Board of Commissioners. He served on the West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors from February 1970 through December 1975, and continued to live in West Goshen through the time of his passing.

Senator Thompson stayed active with numerous civic organizations in the West Goshen community. He helped the Township procure state funding to support the new Robert E. Lambert Park on Pottstown Pike, due to open this summer.

Senator Thompson's many years of public service will continue to leave a legacy here in West Goshen Township and throughout Pennsylvania. His friendly passion to serve and contribute to the West Goshen community will be greatly missed.

Environmentally Friendly Spring Yardcare *Continued from page 1*

and invasive species management. Speak with master gardeners and integrated pest management entomologist Amber Gray. This event is free of charge, and is sponsored by the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association, Styer Nurseries, and participating municipalities, including West Goshen Township. For more information, contact CRC Watersheds Association at 610-892-8731.

On Sunday, April 30, 2006, learn how

to Get Your Lawn and Garden off Drugs with organic gardening guru Mike McGrath, host of the nationally syndicated



Public Radio program "You Bet Your Garden." Become an instant expert in safe, natural gardening and landscape care, and dramatically cut the time you spend dealing with garden problems. Whether your biggest foes are weeds,

deer, bugs, or disease, Mike will explain how to defeat them quickly, easily, and without toxins. This workshop is sponsored by the West Goshen, East Goshen, and Willistown Park and Recreation Departments, and will take place at 7:00 PM in the East Goshen Township Building at 1580 Paoli Pike. Admission is \$5.00 per person. Additional information and registration forms are available online at www.westgoshe.org. ★

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Holiday Trash Pickup Dates

Township offices will be closed on Monday, May 29th and on Tuesday, July 4th. The Township holiday trash pickup schedule will be in effect the week of May 29th with trash picked up on Tuesday, May 30th and Friday, June 2nd. Note that trash will be picked up on Friday, July 7th instead of Thursday, July 6th.

West Goshen Township Newsletter Named Best in State

West Goshen Township has received first place honors for its entry in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors' 38th Annual Township Citizen Communication Contest. The annual contest recognizes townships that have successfully communicated programs and activities to citizens.

West Goshen Township tied for first place with East Norriton Township (Montgomery County) for its population class (10,001 or more residents).

Entries were based on the usefulness of information presented and how well the information was presented to Township residents. Publications were

also judged on overall attractiveness and readability.

The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors represents the state's 1,456 townships of the second class and is committed to preserving and strengthening township government and securing greater visibility and involvement for townships in the state and federal political arenas. ★



FAMILY *fun* GUIDE

Spring and Summer Park and Recreation Activity Guide Inside!