

# WEST GOSHEN



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## Assuring Your Emergency Services Will Be There When You Need Them



On October 26, 2005, the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township adopted an ordinance establishing an Emergency and Municipal Services Tax, pursuant to Pennsylvania Act 222 of 2004.

The Emergency and Municipal Services Tax was authorized in Pennsylvania by Act 222, which was signed into law by Governor Rendell on December 1, 2004. Revenue from the Emergency and Municipal Services Tax is restricted to support funding of police, fire and emergency services, road construction and/or maintenance, or the reduction of property taxes.

This \$52 annual tax will apply to residents and non-residents employed in West Goshen Township earning more than \$12,000 per year. The Emergency and Municipal Services Tax will be

deducted from employees' pay and collected by Berhkeimer and Associates, who also collect the Township's Municipal Earned Income Tax. Self-employed individuals working in West Goshen Township must pay the designated tax collection service by April 30th. Individuals holding multiple jobs in West Goshen may have the Emergency and Municipal Services Tax deducted from the payroll of their primary employers, with the primary employers providing evidence of deductions on a form that may be made available to other employers, so as to avoid the employee paying this tax multiple times.

Traditionally, West Goshen Township has paid for emergency services and road construction maintenance through allocations of its general fund. The Emergency and Municipal Services Tax will provide a steady, predictable source of revenue to support these vital services, including an additional two miles of road resurfacing in 2006. ★

## Park and Recreation Department Introduces Electronic Magazine

This fall, the West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department introduced a new electronic magazine called "The Rec Room." This brief monthly periodical includes updates about upcoming events, with links to registration forms and additional information on the Township website.



Because of the instantaneous nature of electronic communication, West Goshen residents who opt to receive "The Rec Room" can learn about workshops, bus trips, and public events as information becomes available. For those without email, The West Goshen Township Newsletter will continue to provide coverage of upcoming offerings by the Park and Recreation Department on a quarterly basis.

"The Rec Room" is emailed to people who have specifically requested to receive electronic updates from the Park and Recreation Department. Subscription to this service is free of charge. Anyone interested in receiving monthly issues of "The Rec Room" is encouraged to contact Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org). ★



# SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

## The following plans have been approved for development:

- Lincoln Independence Park, 831 Lincoln Avenue – 212,810 square foot office complex
- 16,800 square foot office/warehouse building for O'Rourke Steel located at 992 S. Bolmar Street

- Lot line change for 1001 N. New Street
- Total of 22,145 sq. ft. to be subdivided for Condo/office/warehouse use by the DeAntonio Group of Delaware, 1041 Andrew Drive
- 6,632 square foot office building located at 115 Westtown Road

## The following plans are currently under review:

- 136,575 square foot office/warehouse building located on the north side of Hagerty Boulevard
- 2,943 square foot office/bank for Fulton Financial Bank to be located at the intersection of E. Strasburg Road and Route #3
- 1149 West Chester Pike – Pat's Pizzeria – commercial addition
- Subdivision of lot to create additional lot for residential use at the intersection of Greenhill Road and Ashbridge Road
- Subdivision/Land Development of property located at 200 Spring Lane for residential use (town homes), utilizing the R-3A Overlay Zoning District

## township information

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

6 year elected term

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### WEST GOSHEN POLICE

1025 Paoli Pike, W.C., 19380  
Police 911 or 610.696.7400  
Fax 610.696.3935  
police@westgoshe.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*

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

### AUDITORS

William Gale  
Louis J. Mayer  
Hugh J. Purnell, 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*

## Recent Zoning Changes

On September 28, 2005, the West Goshen Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance, amending the West Goshen Code, Chapter 53, to declare as a nuisance the placement of any object, structure or property in a street or sidewalk which will obstruct, hinder or delay public travel thereon or create a traffic safety hazard.

The Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to the revised West Goshen Zoning Ordinance of 1990, specifically the West Goshen Township Zoning Map, by rezoning two adjoining parcels located along Paoli Pike from C-2 Commercial Shopping Center District to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District and to amend Section 84.18 G of the West Goshen Township Code to read "mini-warehouse".

A copy of any of the above ordinances can be obtained by contacting West Goshen Township. ★

# 2006 BUDGETS

The West Goshen Board of Supervisors approved the 2006 General Fund Budget, Sewer Fund Budget, and Waste and Recycling Fund Budget at their December 14, 2005 meeting.

## 2006 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

### REVENUES

Taxes	\$9,636,000
Licenses	260,432
Fines & Forfeits	154,000
Interest & Rents	103,532
Intergovernmental Revenue	534,605
Departmental Earnings	262,611
Miscellaneous Revenue	20,500
Fund Equity & Other	5,032,352

Total Revenues \$16,004,032

### EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$1,789,577
Public Safety	4,780,010
Highways	2,304,027
Parks & Recreation	997,752
Debt Service & Capital Projects	1,435,091
Misc.	5,000
Other Financing Uses	76,223
Reserved for Future Year's Expenses	4,616,352

Total Expenditures \$16,004,032

## 2006 WASTE AND RECYCLING BUDGET

### REVENUES

Interest Earnings	\$53,634
Grants	103,000
Waste & Recycling Income	1,364,905
Miscellaneous Revenue	3,000
Fund Equity & Other	1,743,003

Total Revenues \$3,267,542

### EXPENDITURES

Administrative Expenses	\$79,994
Professional Services	5,596
Contracted & Other Services	1,514,743
Reserved for Future Year's Expenses	1,667,209

Total Expenditures \$3,267,542

## 2006 SEWER FUND BUDGET

### REVENUES

Interest Earnings	\$74,000
State Aid Employee Pension	60,191
Connection Fees	6,000
Sewer Rents	3,090,143
Misc. Revenue & IWP	24,650
Fund Equity & Other	3,518,981

Total Revenues \$6,773,965

### EXPENDITURES

Administrative Expenses	\$369,763
Rent to Authority	1,160,102
Collection	712,558
Treatment Plant	1,676,323
Transfers	31,627
Reserved for Future Year's Expense	2,823,592

Total Expenditures \$6,773,965

## Public Township Meetings

**Board of Supervisors** (4:00 PM, second and fourth Wednesday of each month, except where otherwise noted): January 11 and 25; February 8 and 22; March 8 and 22; April 19.

**Park and Recreation Board** (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month): January 18; February 15; March 15; April 19.

**Planning Commission** (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month): January 17; February 21; March 21; April 18.

**Sewer Authority** (7:30 PM, second Wednesday of each month): January 11; February 8; March 8; April 12.

**Zoning Hearing Board** (7:00 PM, Thursday after first Board of Supervisors' Meeting each month, except where otherwise noted): January 19; February 9; March 9; April 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.westgoshe.org](http://www.westgoshe.org) for updates.

# 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. This issue deals with Section 3345, regarding meeting or overtaking a school bus.

The driver of a vehicle meeting or overtaking a school bus with red signals flashing must stop at least ten feet before reaching the school bus. The driver shall not proceed until the flashing red signals are no longer activated. In no event shall a driver of a vehicle resume motion of the vehicle until the school children exiting the school bus have reached a place of safety from the roadway. The driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection at which a school bus is stopped shall stop his/her vehicle at that intersection until

the flashing red signal lights are no longer actuated.

Violators may be pulled over and ticketed. However, school bus drivers may report any violations to the local police department within 48 hours, and citations may be subsequently issued even if violators are not immediately pulled over.

Amber signals flash 150 to 300 before a school bus stops. Drivers may pass school buses while amber signals are flashing, but must be prepared to stop when the school bus stops.

Besides the use of amber and red signals for transporting school students, school buses may also activate these lights when transporting disabled persons. Drivers of vehicles approaching school buses carrying disabled persons have the same duties regard-



ing stopping, passing, and overtaking as they do with respect to school buses carrying school children.

The driver of a vehicle upon a highway or trafficway with separate roadways need not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus with actuated red signal lights which is on a different roadway. In West Goshen Township, the only roadway meeting this criterion is the section of West Chester Pike containing a median.

Violators who fail to stop for a school bus with flashing red lights commit a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$250. In addition, five points will be deducted from the driver's license, and the driver will face a 60 day suspension of his/her license. ★

## Attention Dog Owners

Pennsylvania law requires all dogs older than three months old to be licensed. Annual dog licenses expired on December 31, 2005. 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](http://dsf.chesco.org/chesco/lib/chesco/pdf/dog_license.pdf). ★



ADLEB 14-18  
License # \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Licensure \_\_\_\_\_

**DOG LICENSE APPLICATION**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Age \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Color of Dog: Spotted  White  Black  Brown  Other - Indicate \_\_\_\_\_

REGULAR FEE				PERSON WITH DISABILITY OR SENIOR CITIZEN FEE			
Neutered Male \$8.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Male \$6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Female \$8.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Spayed Female \$6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Male \$6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Neutered Male \$4.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Female \$6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Spayed Female \$4.00 <input type="checkbox"/>

If the license is issued by an agent of the COUNTY TREASURER, an additional \$.50 will be charged.

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A LICENSE THAT REQUIRES THE DOG OWNER TO BE A SENIOR CITIZEN, AGE 65 OR OLDER, OR A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY, YOU MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF AGE OR DISABILITY TO THE COUNTY TREASURER OR AGENT.

OWNER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ OWNER'S BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_  
MO. DAY YR.

STREET OR R.D. NO. \_\_\_\_\_ TOWNSHIP/BOROUGH \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE PA ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY VERIFY THAT I AM THE OWNER OF THE DOG THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS DOG LICENSE APPLICATION. I MAKE THIS STATEMENT SUBJECT TO THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES OF 18 PA. C.S. § SECTION 4904 PENALTIES RELATING TO UNSWORN FALSIFICATION TO AUTHORITIES.

MAIL TO: CHESTER COUNTY TREASURER  
P.O. BOX 2748  
WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-0991

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Dog Owner/Applicant

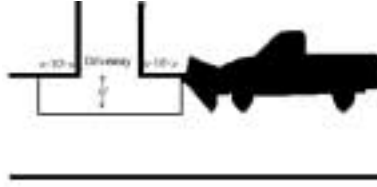
# Keeping Township Roadways Clear of Snow

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. Make sure to clear snow from all walkways, stairs, and paths to mailboxes.



**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 curves, 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

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. Berwick Drive, Cork Circle, Cork Drive, Edgewater Drive, Perry Drive, Tarbert Drive, and Weatherhill Drive are cleared by the developer.

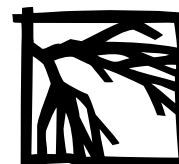
has been working extensive hours plowing and salting, this phase of the snow clearance may not begin until the next day so that the road crew may be sent home to rest.

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. ★

## HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

The first county hazardous waste collection of 2006 will take place at the Tredyffrin Township's Wilson Farm Park (500 Lee Road, Wayne) on Saturday, April 22nd between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Computer equipment will also be collected at this dropoff. Please note that the dropoff location has changed from past years, and household hazardous waste will not be collected at the Tredyffrin Township Building. More information about household hazardous waste disposal is available on the internet at [www.westgoshe.org/Departments/Trash\\_and\\_Recycling/Hazardous\\_Waste/hazardous\\_waste.html](http://www.westgoshe.org/Departments/Trash_and_Recycling/Hazardous_Waste/hazardous_waste.html) and at <http://dsf.chesco.org/health/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=604334>. Look for more information about hazardous waste collections in the "Waste and Recycling Guide" in the Spring 2006 Township Newsletter. ★

## Spring Yard Waste Pick-up



Yard waste will be picked up on Saturday, April 8, 2006 and Saturday, April 22, 2006.

Yard waste can be placed in biodegradable paper bags or trash cans. If using plastic bags, provide a container in which the 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. ★

# WINTER TIPS

## Creek Friendly Yard Care

Even though it is winter, there are still some things that can be done to your yard which will help reduce the need for pesticides next growing season.

- **Spray dormant oil** on bark surfaces of disease and pest prone ornamental trees and shrubs. Dormant oil is non-toxic and works to kill overwintering insect eggs and fungal spores. Spray this heavy oil before leaves or buds appear and when temperatures are above 40 degrees. Check product label for a list of plants that are sensitive, such as azaleas. Also, do not spray on blue needled conifers such as blue spruce.

- **Spray a leaf protectant**, such as Wilt-pruf®, to hollies, rhododendrons, and other broadleaf evergreen plants to protect against winter moisture loss. Spray early in the winter season when temperature is above freezing.

- **Late winter (i.e. March) overseeding of lawns** and seeding of bare spots is a good time to begin to increase turf density before weed seeds have time to germinate.

### Source:

**Penn State Cooperative Extension**  
<http://turfgrassmanagement.psu.edu>

**Learn more: Creek Friendly Yard Care, Thursday, February 23, 2006, 7:30 PM, Marple Township Library** (corner of Springfield and Sproul Rd.) Free workshop/panel discussion for homeowners. Sponsored by CRC Watersheds Association, Marple and Springfield Environmental Advisory Committees, Marple Library and CRC MS4 Partnership Municipalities. ★

## WINTER DEICING TIPS FOR RESIDENTS

Excess salt and other deicing chemicals can harm aquatic life in our streams and impact drinking water supplies. This winter, you can help by following these environmentally friendly snow removal practices:



- Shovel snow before it turns to ice to limit the need for deicing chemicals like rock salt
- Shovel snow onto permeable surfaces including gently sloping and level landscape and grassy areas so as the snow melts it will soak into the ground rather than flow directly into a nearby storm drain or stream.

### If you must use deicing chemicals, follow these suggestions...

- Control application of chemical deicers and avoid over application.
- Limit chemical applications near environmentally sensitive areas including springs, streams, ponds, wetlands, and water supply areas and sensitive landscape and vegetation
- Sand and sawdust can be used as an environmentally friendly alternative to commonly used salt products.
- Use salt substitutes that are less harmful including Calcium Chloride (CaCl<sub>2</sub>) and Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA).
- For larger areas, apply salt as a brine solution to prevent drift off of paved surfaces.
- After snowmelt, sweep up residues, including sand, to prevent it from washing into storm drains and streams

### Why should I limit my use of salt and other chemical deicing products?

Deicing products contain chemical constituents that can be harmful to the environment including water resources and drinking water supplies. For example, sodium can break down soil structure and decrease soil permeability, which adversely impacts vegetation and soil microbes. Chloride mobilizes heavy metals and impacts fresh water supplies including ground and surface waters. Heavy metal components can adversely impact water quality, plant and aquatic life. ★



# We All Live Downstream

## A Guide to Urban Stormwater Issues and Solutions

### Stormwater, Pollution and You

#### The Connection

In natural areas, stormwater is not a problem. Nature has managed stormwater through the Hydrologic Cycle. Stormwater has been recycled since the dawn of time.

In developed areas, both urbanization and agriculture have altered the Hydrologic Cycle and the natural management of stormwater. People have tried to control stormwater runoff, but in many cases have created greater problems, increasing flooding, erosion and pollution.

Recent legislation has been passed that will require municipalities and developers to install best management practices that will help manage stormwater following the principles of the Hydrologic Cycle. Practices will also be implemented that will decrease non-point source pollution.

Non-point source pollution is all the stuff stormwater picks up as it runs over land to the sewer and eventually the stream. Non-point source pollution includes oil, sediment, nutrients and bacteria from pet waste, chemicals and nutrients from gardens and lawn chemicals, litter, etc. You can help decrease stormwater runoff and prevent non-point source pollution by following these tips.

### Urban Stormwater Runoff Issues and Solutions

#### Use a Rain Barrel

Rain Barrels capture and store rain, making it available for watering gardens, washing cars, and other activities that you would use your hose for. The collected rainwater is used in place of your utility or well water, therefore reducing costs. The stored rainwater will not contribute to stormwater runoff, which causes flooding and carries pollutant to our streams.

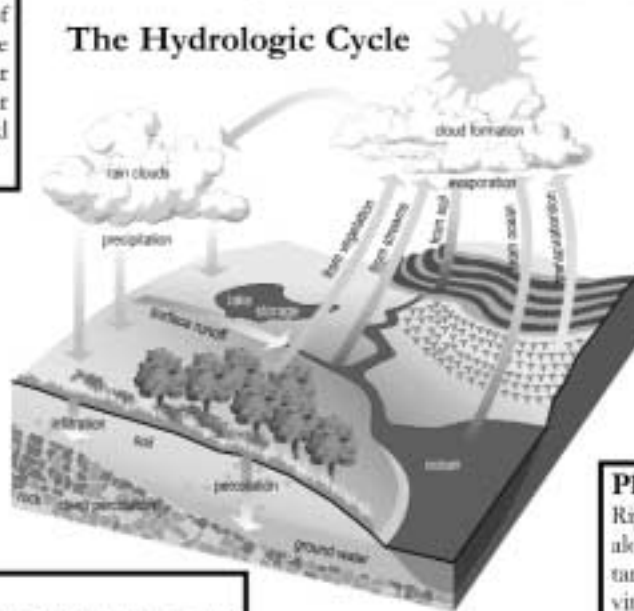
#### Minimize Lawn Chemicals

Stormwater can carry pesticides and herbicides into the stream. Try natural lawn care methods instead of chemicals. If using chemicals, make sure to follow directions, and do not apply when the forecast is calling for rain.

#### Properly Dispose of Hazardous Waste

Do not dump anything down storm drains – they drain directly to the creek! Check with your township for the location of a hazardous waste pickup site or visit your township website for details.

#### The Hydrologic Cycle



#### Only Rain in the Drain

Never put anything into storm sewers, including oil, paint, soap, debris, leaves, etc. Storm sewers do not go to the sewer plant but discharge directly into our streams. You might be pouring oil into your own drinking water!



#### Plant Native Trees and Shrubs

Riparian buffers are the vegetated areas alongside streams. They are an important part of the natural ecosystem and vital to the health of streams and their organisms including plants, fish and other aquatic organisms.

#### Pick Up After Your Dog

Pet waste can contribute nutrients and bacteria to our streams. In drinking water areas bacteria can form algae, which is costly to treat. These costs can be passed on to you!

**Do your part for your neighborhood. Help prevent stormwater pollution and Keep Our Streams Clean!**

Additional Stormwater Runoff and Pollution Prevention Tips are available at:

[www.delcodd.org](http://www.delcodd.org)  
[www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us)  
[www.epa.gov/nps/toolbox/beta](http://www.epa.gov/nps/toolbox/beta)



Financial and other support for this project is provided by the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. through a grant with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Section 319 Program.

Get involved – join a watershed group...

Darby Creek Valley Association  
[www.dcvva.org](http://www.dcvva.org)  
 Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association  
[www.crcwatersheds.org](http://www.crcwatersheds.org)  
 Green Valleys Association  
[www.greenvalleys.org](http://www.greenvalleys.org)

# Seasonal Employment Opportunities with the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department

Even though temperatures are cold and there may be snow on the ground, it is not too early to start thinking about employment for this summer and beyond.

## 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. In addition, the Park and Recreation Department will hire five counselors for the West Goshen Summer Teen Program, which services participants 13-15 years old.

All counselors must be at least 18 years old by June 1, 2006, and have a high school diploma.

“I like working with kids, and building relationships with them during the course of the summer. This job is a great opportunity to meet people your own age and make some friends. It helps develop relationship skills. The counselor position is worth checking out if you want a job that’s fun, active, hands-on, and involved, with the freedom to present new ideas in an expressive and creative environment.”

—Kevin Finan, Summer Recreation Program Counselor, 2000-2005

Applications for the position of Summer Recreation Counselor must be completed and returned to the Park and Recreation office by Friday, March 3, 2006, with interviews to follow in March. Counselors will be notified of hiring by Friday, April 28, 2006.

## 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 Friday, May 12, 2006. Junior Counselor applicants must also provide West Goshen Township with appropriate working papers.

## Skatepark Attendant

West Goshen Township will open a skatepark at the new Robert Lambert Park on Pottstown Pike (below Greenhill Road) in the fall of 2006. The Park and Recreation Department is seeking a part-time Skatepark Attendant to check that participants

have registered with the Township, ensure that users are wearing proper safety equipment, and oversee that the skatepark and equipment is being used in a safe manner. This position will entail part-time hours during the school year to accommodate weekend and after-school usage, and full-time hours during the summer. The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department prefers applicants with experience in skateboarding/inline skating safety and first aid certification. (West Goshen Park and Recreation will provide training for first aid certification if needed.)

## 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](http://www.westgoshen.org/Forms/Employment_Application.pdf) ★

## FUN AND FITNESS FOR SENIORS

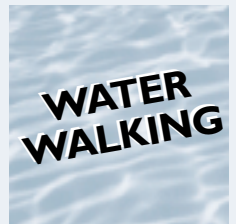
The Park and Recreation Department is teaming up with ACAC Fitness and Wellness Center to offer an exciting new program exclusively for seniors in West Goshen Township.

Beginning this February, West Goshen residents age 55 and older can take part in a water walking program at ACAC (McDermott Drive off of Greenhill Road). Water walking is one of the hottest new exercise programs, offering a chance to work out the entire body with the natural resistance of water. Sessions will be held twice per week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 1:00 and 1:45 PM. Participants can sign up for eight sessions (four weeks) in February, March, or

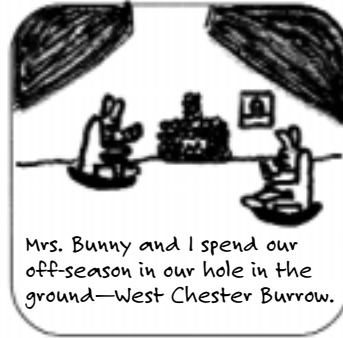
May. The cost is \$25 per month.

Space is limited to six participants per month. Because of the registration limitations, participants may sign up for only one month of the sessions. Return participants may sign up for May sessions beginning April 3, 2006 if space permits.

Information and registration forms for the water walking program are available at [www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Water\\_Walking/water\\_walking.html](http://www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Water_Walking/water_walking.html) or by contacting the Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266 or via email at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org). ★





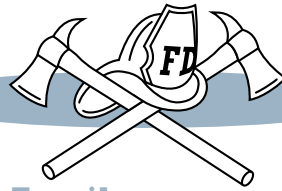


I'll spread thousands of eggs filled with candy, toys, and coins for West Goshen girls and boys to find.

But my favorite part of the Egg Hunt is leading the Decorated Hat Parade! The kids always come with the most beautiful, creative hats.

I hope to see you at Coopersmith Park on Saturday, April 8th at 10:30 A.M. Don't forget to preregister at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org)

Raindate: April 15, 2006. Call 610-696-5266 for information or rain determination. Guests are encouraged to bring a dry good donation (soap, laundry detergent, diapers, etc.) for Chester County Cares.



## Fire Marshal Report: Review Fire Safety with Your Family

You're never too old or young to focus on fire safety in your house. Here's a puzzle you can complete with the kids. Answers can be found vertically, horizontally, or diagonally in the word search.

Fire Marshal Reports are presented by West Goshen Township Fire Marshal Andrea Testa.

Q	E	B	R	G	A	R	T	H	W	H	X	P
T	I	U	D	J	S	C	U	T	G	O	S	S
K	A	R	D	W	H	Y	O	F	I	N	M	Y
U	J	N	D	A	I	S	I	O	G	O	B	K
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M	A	T	C	H	E	S	B	E	J	I	L	D
E	B	N	Q	F	H	O	P	K	L	L	N	X
R	F	H	E	L	G	Y	C	A	B	I	I	G
G	O	K	F	Y	T	T	I	N	G	K	R	B
E	S	C	A	P	E	R	B	D	C	A	S	I
N	O	F	T	T	R	S	P	W	A	R	E	R
C	B	O	E	B	T	I	O	N	G	O	O	T
I	F	O	R	H	T	C	A	N	D	L	E	S
E	C	K	J	O	O	K	Y	U	P	L	D	G
S	A	E	A	A	B	D	M	N	T	R	S	P
B	V	H	D	A	L	M	A	T	I	O	N	A

- Everyone should have an \_\_\_\_\_ plan
- Fire is sometimes caused by careless \_\_\_\_\_ in the kitchen
- Children should not play with \_\_\_\_\_ or lighters
- Stop, Drop and \_\_\_\_\_
- Never \_\_\_\_\_ when there is a fire
- Change your \_\_\_\_\_ detector batteries twice a year
- Call 911 for \_\_\_\_\_
- Never leave burning \_\_\_\_\_ unattended
- Fire is dangerous and can \_\_\_\_\_ you
- The \_\_\_\_\_ is the fire fighter's dog
- Fireman put out fire with \_\_\_\_\_
- Practice fire \_\_\_\_\_ rules every day

Answer Key  
1. Escape, 2. Cooking, 3. Matches, 4. Roll, 5. Hide, 6. Smoke, 7. Emergencies, 8. Candles, 9. Burn, 10. Dalmation, 11. Water, 12. Safety

# Teen Night at ACAC

Saturday, March 4th • 6:00 - 9:00 PM



**A**re you or someone you know a West Goshen resident in 7th, 8th, or 9th grade suffering from wintertime cabin fever?

Teens looking for a chance to get out of the house and do something fun can come to ACAC Fitness and Wellness Center (McDermott Drive off of Greenhill Road) on Saturday, March 4th between 6:00 and 9:30 PM for an evening of sports, food, and entertainment. The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department, in conjunction with the East Goshen Park and Recreation Department and the West

Chester Recreation Department, will host an evening featuring the following activities:

- **Volleyball**
- **Basketball**
- **Use of ACAC's indoor pool**
- **DJ and dance floor**
- **Pizza party**

The event will be staffed by ACAC and by members of the participating park and recreation departments.

Anyone interested in attending must live in a municipality serviced by the

West Chester Area School District, and **MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE**. The cost for the evening, including food and entertainment, is \$5.00 per person. West Goshen residents can register by contacting the Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266 or via email at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org). Information and registration forms are also available at [www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Teen\\_Night/teen\\_night.html](http://www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Teen_Night/teen_night.html). Completed registration forms and payments must be returned to the Park and Recreation Office by Monday, February 27, 2006. ★

## Pay a Visit to “Mother Nature”

Join in a Philadelphia tradition and see the largest flower show on the East Coast with the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department on Monday, March 6th. And best of all, you won't partake in two of Philadelphia's other time-honored traditions: negotiating traffic and looking for parking.

This year's Philadelphia Flower Show celebrates “Enchanted Spring...A Tribute to Mother Nature.” Highlights of the show include displays of water, wind, and fire, featuring landscapes with fanciful fountains and colorful flowers in motion, and the largest plant sculpture in the world, created by the renowned European design team Life3.

The bus will depart the West Goshen Municipal Complex at 9 AM and drop participants off at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Lunch will be available on your own at the show or at one of the dozens of nearby eateries. The motorcoach will depart from 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, round-trip transportation, and bus driver tip. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. To find out more, visit [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) or contact the Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266. ★

Philadelphia  
Flower Show  
Bus Trip –  
March 6th

*“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](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org).*



## Part of Our Community

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the country’s largest shopping channel and third highest revenue generating network. And since 1997, this network has called West Goshen Township home.

QVC’s Studio Park, located on Wilson Drive, has become one of the most recognizable landmarks and tourist destinations in West Goshen Township.

With 1,900 staff members in the

Studio Park location, QVC is the largest employer in the Township. Because of QVC’s significant corporate and staff ties to the area, QVC has become an active player in supporting the local community.

"QVC is a strong supporter of the local community," said Eliza Bernardini, Manger of Community Affairs at QVC. "We enjoy partnering with non-profit agencies who share the same goal—to make the community a better place to work and live."

QVC has a Community Affairs Committee in each of its locations, including its world headquarters in East and West Goshen Townships, to determine ways to help the local

community.

“Our community support usually focuses on food, clothing, health, shelter, and literacy,” stated Bernardini.

QVC supports numerous Chester County nonprofits, including ARC of Chester County, Chester County Cares, Chester County Youth and Family Services, Chatham and Pocopson Nursing Homes, Community Volunteers in Medicine, Habitat for Humanity, and the United Way of Chester County.

QVC also has contributed directly to Goshen Fire Company, West Goshen and Westtown/East Goshen Police Departments, and to the West Goshen Summer Concert Series. In addition, QVC has donated trees for West Goshen Community Park and the welcome sign on West Chester Pike near Ellis Lane. ★



*Hollace Ann Rutkowski, Vice-President of Information Services at QVC, accepts a Certificate of Appreciation from Jan Mulligan, President of The Friends of West Goshen Parks, for QVC’s support of the West Goshen Summer Concert Series.*



## Serving with Honor

West Goshen Township wishes a happy and safe New Year to all our service men and women throughout the world. To submit military personnel to be profiled in the West Goshen Township Newsletter, please email Newsletter Editor Ken Lehr at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org). ★

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Township offices will be closed on Monday, February 20th and Friday, April 14th. Trash and recyclables will be picked up as scheduled on Monday, February 20th.

## Supervisors Appoint West Goshen Residents at Annual Meeting

West Goshen Township held its Annual Organization Meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2006. Dr. Robert S. White was named as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, with Patricia B. McIlvaine announced as the vice-chairman for the coming year. Edward G. Meakim will serve as a member of the Board of Supervisors.

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

Planning Commission	Michael P. McKie (2nd term) Paul D. Spiegel (4th term) Philip E. Yocum (2nd term) Salvatore Triolo ( <i>Alternate</i> , 1st term)
Park and Recreation Board	Michael Pillagalli (6th term)
Zoning Hearing Board	Joseph DeFelippes (13th term) Scott T. Cullinan ( <i>Alternate</i> , 2nd term)
Sewer Authority	Lewis H. Reid (11th term)
Vacancy Board	Raymond H. Halvorsen (4th term)
Pension Committee	Peter C. Anderson (11th Term) Gary S. Hess (11th Term) William Keenan (11th Term) Richard Weinstein (11th Term) Walker C. Tompkins, Jr. ( <i>Alternate</i> , 2nd Term)