

WEST GOSHEN



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Township Manager Sharon Lynn Leaves West Goshen



West Goshen Township Manager Sharon Lynn has left after serving the Township for more than 31 1/2 years.

Ms. Lynn joined the West Goshen Police Department as a dispatcher and administrative assistant in 1975. She became the Township's first female officer in 1983, and West Goshen's first female detective in 1992.

According to West Goshen Police Chief Michael J. Carroll, Sharon Lynn helped convict numerous offenders, including the murderer of Mrs. Margaret Anne Woodward in 1990 and the driver responsible for a triple fatal accident at Route 322 and Phoenixville Pike in 1988.

While serving on the force, Ms. Lynn earned her Master's Degree in Public Administration from Saint Joseph's University.

In July 1996, the West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors appointed Sharon Lynn Assistant Township Manager. In January 1997, she ascended to Township Manager, the top executive officer for the Township.

Immediately, Sharon Lynn helped oversee the completion of West Goshen Community Park, and then turned her attentions to the development and construction of the West Goshen Municipal Complex, including new Administration

and Police buildings and the renovation and expansion of the Public Works Building.

"She is the one responsible for the Municipal Complex and the modernization of West Goshen Township," said Dr. Robert S. White, Chairman of the West Goshen Board of Supervisors. "In modernizing Township operations, she improved the efficiency of the Township."

As Township Manager, Ms. Lynn assured that the Township would take advantage of the latest technologies, developing the West Goshen website and making the Township a leader in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). According to Raymond Halvorsen, West Goshen Public Works Director and former Supervisor, Sharon Lynn helped make the West Goshen Township Administration Building one of the most publicly accessible and utilized public buildings in Chester County by installing an electronic lock system that permitted community groups access to public rooms after hours.

Ms. Lynn also took pride in appointing staff members devoted to the service of the Township's residents. Under Ms. Lynn, the Township has seen growth in the police department, public works department, building inspectors and zoning officials. A full-time Park and Recreation Department was added under Ms. Lynn's watch.

"The Township is better served than it was in 1996 when she first arrived," said Dr. White about the services available to West Goshen residents.

Last year, Sharon Lynn oversaw the opening of the Township's newest park, Robert E. Lambert Park. One of the features of the park, Roonie's Canine Corner, is named after Sharon's longtime companion Abigail "Roonie", one of her West Highland terriers.

She would spend her summer vacations in Provincetown, Massachusetts. When the home of her vacation house had an opening for Town Manager earlier this year, she applied, and was offered a chance to oversee the town where she planned to one day retire.

"She was a pleasure to work with," said Dr. White. "She blended in well with the attitudes and personalities of the Board of Supervisors."

"She was an extremely intelligent and perceptive person."

The Board of Supervisors appointed Casey LaLonde, formerly of East Coventry Township, as interim Township Manager while conducting a search for a permanent Township Manager. ★

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The following plans have been approved for development:

- Transfer of 1.18 acres of property between two adjoining parcels located on the east side of Westtown Road and the west side of Concord Road.
- 4,046 square foot garage/storage building to be located at 815 Lincoln Avenue.
- Land development plan for a 1,785 square foot addition to the existing service area for Fred Beans Ford of West Chester.

- Transfer of .309 acres of property between an adjoining lot and 202 Sunset Hollow Road.
- Henderson Sports Complex, located at Garfield & Lincoln Avenue intersection, to convert a natural turf athletic field with a synthetic turf with minor improvements.

township information

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

6 year elected term

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Michael J. Carroll, *Chief of Police*

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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
Lambert Park
1145 Pottstown Pike
West Goshen Community Park
Fern Hill & North Five Points Roads

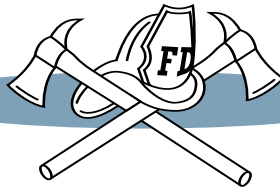
The following plan is currently in the review process:

- Residential subdivision at 804 S. New Street, creating one additional lot for single family dwelling use.

Recent Zoning Changes

- On January 24, 2007, the Board of Supervisors approved Ordinance 04-07 which would amend the Zoning Ordinance of West Goshen Township, specifically Section 84-28, to allow wireless communications facilities in the C-4 Special Limited Business and Apartment District by Conditional Use and subject to specific area and bulk criteria.
- On March 14, 2007, Ordinance 09-07 was approved by the Board of Supervisors, which would allow apartments in the I-2-R Light Industrial District-Restricted, by Conditional Use approval.

A copy of any ordinance can be obtained by contacting West Goshen Township. The West Goshen Township Code is available in its entirety on the website at www.westgoshe.org. ★



Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa

**Eager to get the yard into shape for the summer?
Make sure your spring cleanup is tragedy-free.**

Lawn Mower Safety

More than 60,000 people are treated in emergency rooms each year for lawn-mower injuries. Avoid injury by abiding by the following safety rules:

- Rake before you mow to prevent any stones and loose debris from launching into the air.
- Never operate a mower in your bare feet and avoid wearing loose clothing.
- Never start a mower indoors.
- When refueling your mower, make sure the engine is off and cool. Don't spill gasoline on a hot engine — and don't smoke while pouring gasoline.
- Never leave your mower operational while unattended.

- Store gasoline in approved metal containers only.

Safety Rules for Other Yard Tools

Many people each year sustain injuries from trimmers, lawn edger's, pruners and power saws. Read the manufacturer's instructions carefully before using the tools.

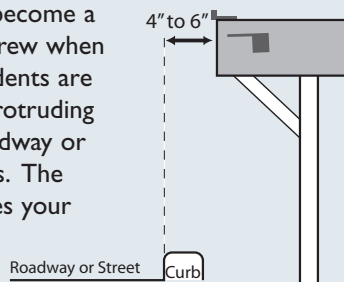
- Inspect the product for damage and don't use it if there are problems.
- Use proper eye protection.
- Make sure blade guards are in place on all cutting equipment.
- Unplug all tools when not in use.
- Make sure the tool is in the "off" position before you plug it in.

- Store gasoline-powered equipment away from anything that uses a pilot light.
- Make sure you use the right saw for the task, and always wait for the saw blade to stop before pulling away from a cut to avoid kickback.
- When pruning trees, be careful not to let metal ladders or trimmers contact overhead wires.
- Inspect all ladders before climbing and make sure the ladder is completely open or locked in.
- Always wear protective clothing when you handle pesticides and fertilizers.

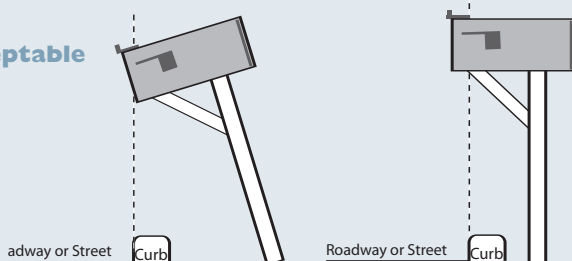
Now is the Time to Move Your Mailbox

Throughout this past winter West Goshen Township has noticed that many mailboxes are protruding past the front of the curb or edge of the road into the street. They have become a hazard to the public and our roads crew when we need to plow snow, as many residents are aware. We request that you move protruding mailboxes back from the edge of roadway or curb approximately four to six inches. The Township of West Goshen appreciates your cooperation in moving mailboxes which are protruding onto roadways.

Acceptable



Un-Acceptable



Public Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors (4:00 PM, second and fourth Wednesday of each month, except when otherwise noted): May 9 and 23; June 13 and 27; July 25.

Park and Recreation Board (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month): May 16; June 20; July 18.

Planning Commission (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month, except when otherwise noted): May 8; June 19; July 17.

Sewer Authority (7:30 PM, second Wednesday of each month): May 9; June 13; July 11.

Zoning Hearing Board (7:00 PM, Thursday after first Board of Supervisors' Meeting each month, unless otherwise advertised): May 3; June 14; July 12.

All meetings are held in the Township Administration Building except the Sewer Authority, which is conducted at the Sewer Treatment Plant at 848 South Concord Road. There is a public comment period at each meeting. Additional Zoning Hearing Board Meetings may be added as needed. Check www.westgoshe.org for updates.

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.

Each owner, operator, or administrator of a property which is required to contract with a recycling service must also 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 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.

West Goshen Residential Trash Service Guide

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. Place at curbside before 6:00 AM or the night before.

Bulk Trash (Thursdays): A bulk item is an object which two people can lift. 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, 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. The 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.

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 2007 are:

- **Memorial Day**
Pickup dates: Tuesday, May 29th and Friday, June 1st
- **Independence Day**
Thursday trash pickup will take place on Friday, July 6th
- **Labor Day**
Pickup dates: Tuesday, September 4th and Friday, September 7th
- **Thanksgiving**
Pickup: Friday, November 23rd
- **Christmas**
Pickup: Thursday's trash pickup will take place on Friday, December 28th

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

Outdoor

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

Automotive

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

Household

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

Other

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

2007 Schedule for Hazardous Waste Collection

- May 19** Owen J. Roberts High School
981 Ridge Road, Pottstown
- Sept. 15** New Garden Township Building
8934 Gap Newport Road, Landensburg
- Oct. 6** Chester County Government Services Bldg.
610 Westtown Road, West Chester

Computer components will also be accepted for recycling at the October 6th Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

Unacceptable Materials

Infectious/Medical Waste
Appliances
Commercial/Industrial Waste
Dioxin
*Car Batteries
Unidentified Waste

Pressurized CFAs & HCFSs
Explosives/Ammunition
*Tires
Radioactive Waste
Latex/Water Based Paints
*Used Motor Oil

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

Your Recycling Questions Answered

Why is recycling so important?

- The reuse of bottles, cans, boxes, paper, and other items reduces the needs for new sources of natural and synthetic raw materials in the manufacturing process. This means lower prices for manufacturers and consumers.
- Preventing recyclable items from entering the trash stream means less pollution.
- Recycling prevents items from needlessly occupying landfill space, thus keeping West Goshen's trash fees reasonable.
- IT'S THE LAW! Pennsylvania's Act 101 requires recycling by all residents and businesses in West Goshen Township.

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

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.

Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate

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

- Year 2006 **total household income** (including 50% of Social Security) must equal \$35,000 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, 2007;**

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, 2006.
- Applicants need to receive a Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate check for the year 2006. *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, 2007.**

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

Recycle stickers are free and may be obtained from the Township. If you have moved into a new construction, you may obtain recycle buckets at no cost at the Township Administration Building. These containers must remain with the property. If a recycling bucket is lost or destroyed, a new twenty-gallon recycling container may be purchased for \$9.00. The Township suggests that you put your street name and house number on each container.

"Part of Our Community" highlights local businesses, organizations, and people who make a difference in the community. To submit ideas for this column, please email Newsletter Editor Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org.



Part of Our Community

This February, Sgt. Donald A. Loane retired from the West Goshen Police Department.

Officer Loane, who grew up in Havertown, joined the Department in January 1973 and shortly thereafter moved into West Goshen Township. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1996.

An automobile enthusiast, Loane was responsible for vehicle acquisition and

maintenance. He even owned a classic West Goshen police vehicle that he would bring for kids to enjoy at West Goshen Community Days.

Twice, Sgt. Loane was recognized with commendations by the West Goshen Board of Supervisors for life-saving actions performed while on duty. Highlights from his years of service include the arrest of a bank robber, and catching toll booth robbers at the scene of the crime while returning from a conference.

"He was our most reliable first responder, on or off duty," said West Goshen Police Chief Michael J. Carroll.

Besides serving as a platoon sergeant, Loane was also West Goshen's Assistant

Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Coordinator. He had also served with the Goshen Fire Company, and was active in the Fraternal Order of Police.

He plans to spend more time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild.



Officer Friendly Remembered

West Goshen Township mourns the passing of retired Corporal Robert Holland on April 5, 2007. Holland served in the West Goshen Police Department from 1980 through June 2006. In 1982, Holland started the Officer Friendly program, and served as the Township's Juvenile Relations Officer through his retirement in 2006. Corporal Holland was featured in the "Part of Our Community Column" in the Spring 2006 West Goshen Township Newsletter.



Robert Holland (left) was honored for his years of community service with the Four Chaplains Award by the Veterans Council of West Chester on February 4, 2007. State Senator Andy Dinniman (center) was on hand for the awards presentation. Also recognized was Thomas Yarnall (right).

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 3327 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code addresses drivers' responsibilities when approaching emergency response areas. An emergency response area is defined as "the area in which emergency service responders render emergency assistance to individuals on or near a roadway or a police officer is conducting a traffic stop of systematic check of vehicles as long as the emergency vehicle is making use of visual signals." Emergency service responders may include police officers, firefighters, ambulance, rescue, and emergency medical service personnel, towing and recovery personnel, highway maintenance and construction personnel, hazardous material response team members, coroners, and medical examiners.

Do you know what the law requires when approaching emergency response areas?

Drivers must follow directions of emergency service responders. In instances when emergency service responders are not directing traffic, drivers must pass in a lane not adjacent to that of the emergency response area whenever possible. If passing in a nonadjacent lane is not possible, is illegal, or is not safe for given road and traffic conditions, the driver may pass the response area in an adjacent lane at a careful and prudent **reduced speed**.

Any person violating Section 3327 commits a summary offense, and may receive a fine up to \$250 and have his/her operating privilege suspended for 90 days.

Emergency responders may report violations to law enforcement officers.

As in work zones, many fines may be doubled in an emergency response area. ★



ROONIE SAYS...

According to Chapter 36 of the West Goshen Township Code, dog owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs in all public spaces. First offenders can be fined \$50 to \$200 plus court costs and legal fees. Subsequent offenses carry fines of \$200 to \$600.

At Roonie's Canine Corner at Robert E. Lambert Park, the Township provides bags for dog waste pickup and trash cans for disposal. Please make sure the park continues to be a safe, sanitary destination for dogs and their human friends by picking up after your dog.

Roonie, the West Goshen Township Westie and namesake of Roonie's Canine Corner at Robert E. Lambert Park, offers advice for dog owners and users of the dogpark in each issue of the Township Newsletter.

Keep Our Streams Clean While Cleaning Your Car

Any organization or group planning a carwash during the spring and summer months should be aware of current stormwater regulations and the effect that they have on used water from carwashes.

Water generated by carwashes is not stormwater and should never be allowed to flow into stormwater inlets or sewer grates located in parking lots or other areas. Allowing carwash wastewater to flow into any stormwater facilities is illegal since it pollutes the streams where the stormwater discharges.

Water from carwashes may flow into grassy areas away from streams and stormwater inlets. Flowing over grass allows the water to soak into the soil and be filtered instead of polluting streams.

If anyone has questions regarding proper disposal of carwash water or stormwater, please contact the Township Codes Department at 610-696-5266 for further information. Thank you for keeping the waters in West Goshen clean. ★



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HOLIDAY TRASH PICKUP DATES

Township offices will be closed on **Monday, May 28th** and on **Wednesday, July 4th**. The Township holiday trash pickup schedule will be in effect the week of **May 28th** with trash picked up on **Tuesday, May 29th** and **Friday June 1st**. Note that trash will be picked up on **Friday, July 6th** instead of **Thursday, July 5th**.

If You Pay Your Township Bills Online...

The West Goshen Finance Department requests that Township property owners who pay their bills online reference the bill number instead of the account number when entering payee information on your bank's website. This will help decrease processing time and eliminate possible errors between tax payments and sewer/trash payments. Please take a moment to change the information within your payee detail the next time you initiate a payment for your tax or sewer/trash bill.

Contact your banking institution for more information about setting up online payments for taxes or sewer and trash bills. Please note that your bank may need up to seven days to process your online payments.



SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE INSIDE
with information about the
Summer Recreation Program and
Summer Teen Program



SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE

Spring and Summer at a Glance

May 5	Battle of the Bands
May 10	Yoga-Pilates Fusion Program begins
May 12	Bus Trip to New York City
May 27	Bus Trip to Yankee Stadium
June 5	Arthritis Exercise Program begins
June 10	Summer Concert: Children's music by Makin' Music
June 14	Yoga-Pilates Fusion Program ends
June 21	International Go Skateboarding Day Celebration at Robert E. Lambert Park
June 23	Bus Trip to Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
June 24	Summer Concert: Irish musicians The Brothers McGillian
June 25	Summer Recreation Program and Summer Teen Program begin
June 30	Vagabond Acting Troupe presents Shakespeare in the Park: "Romeo and Juliet" (Raindate: July 3)
July 4	Decorated Bike Parade (Raindate: July 7)
July 8	Summer Concert: The Chester County Pops Orchestra
July 22	Summer Concert: The Chester County Concert Band
July 26	Arthritis Exercise Program ends
July 28	Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company presents Theatre in the Park: "The Game of Love and Chance" by Marivaux (Raindate: August 2)
August 4	Bus Trip to Yankee Stadium
August 5	Summer Concert: Motown fun of Special Blendz
August 17	Summer Recreation Program and Summer Teen Program end
August 19	Summer Concert: Country-Western sound of Straight Shooter
Sept. 9	West Goshen Community Day (Raindate: September 23)

*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 (i.e., 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 raindate, visit www.west-goshen.org or call 610-696-5266 within the two hours preceding the event. ★

e-zine!

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department sends out a monthly electronic magazine with information about upcoming trips and events. If you want to be added to the list for the "The Rec Room," just send your name and email address to Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org.

Music in the Park

The always popular West Goshen Summer Concert Series kicks off with a children's concert by local favorites **Makin' Music** on Sunday, June 10th. Bring the kids to sing along at this interactive performance.

Get into the spirit of St. Patrick's Day in mid-June with **The Brothers McGillian**. You don't have to be Irish to enjoy traditional and contemporary Irish favorites on Sunday, June 24th.

The Chester County Pops Orchestra becomes the largest group ever to perform at West Goshen Community Park on Sunday, July 8th. They will introduce audience members to orchestral instruments, highlighting the talents of their members with memorable solos. Then, see the whole orchestra fill the amphitheater with a varied program of Pops arrangements.

Want to see some more of Chester County's top musicians? Then catch **The Chester County Concert Band's** performance on Sunday, July 22nd as they play concert favorites.



Special Blendz is always a popular performance at Community Park

The Motown group **Special Blendz** always draws a large crowd to Community Park, and this year should not be an exception, as they come to the J. Leon Hagerty Amphitheater on Sunday, August 5th.

Got a hankering for some country music? Then see local legends **Straight Shooter** conclude the West Goshen Summer Concert Series on Sunday, August 19th.

All concerts begin at 6:00 PM at the J. Leon Hagerty Amphitheater at West Goshen Community Park (N. Five Points and Fern Hill Roads). **Concerts are free of charge.** In case of rain, concerts will be moved to the West Chester East High School Auditorium on Ellils Lane. Rain determination will be made after 3:00 PM on the date of the concert. Visit www.westgoshe.org for directions and rain determination. ★

Classic Love Stories Come to West Goshen Community Park

West Goshen Community Park will host two theatrical performances this summer. These shows will feature two classic love stories with vastly different endings.

On Saturday, June 30th at 7:00 PM, see the Vagabond Acting Troupe perform **"Romeo and Juliet."** One of William Shakespeare's most popular plays, "Romeo and Juliet" deals with the timeless nature of love crossing social boundaries and the consequences of a society where passion and revenge trump the rule of law. Set in a Verona divided by family alle-

giances, Shakespeare's tale of star-crossed lovers still speaks to a world divided along ethnic, religious, and political lines.

For those who prefer a happier ending, the Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company return to West Goshen Township for the third consecutive year, this time performing Pierre Carlet de Chamblain de Marivaux's comic masterpiece **"The Game of Love and Chance"** on Saturday, July 28th at 7:00 PM. Two couples (one privileged class, one working class) switch identities with

each other in the hopes of finding the real thing — true love. And they do, but it is not where they expected it to be. This comedy promises to be fun for the whole family.

Both shows are **free of charge.** In the event of rain, "Romeo and Juliet" would be postponed to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 3rd. "The Game of Love and Chance" would be changed to Thursday, August 2nd at 7:00 PM. Check www.westgoshe.org after 5:00 PM on the date of the performance for rain determination. ★

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS



West Goshen Summer Recreation Program (5-12 years old)

This year's West Goshen Summer Recreation Program begins on Monday, June 25th, and continues each weekday (except Wednesday, July 4th) through Friday, August 17th. Children five (by September 1, 2007) 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.

Space is still available to sign up for the Summer Recreation Program. Registration forms must be completed in person at the West Goshen Township Administration Building any business day between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM. **Parents must bring their children's birth certificates at registration.** ★

Sports Clinics

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 between 1:30 and 3:00 PM and is intended to introduce the beginner to new sports. Clinics begin the week of July 2nd and run through the week of August 13th. All clinics take place at West Goshen Community Park except the skateboarding clinics which will take place at Robert E. Lambert Park on Pottstown Pike.

The following sports are scheduled for Summer 2007:

BASKETBALL

8-11 years old, on Tuesdays

FIELD HOCKEY

6-10 years old, on Mondays

LACROSSE

6-10 years old, on Thursdays

NEW!

SKATEBOARDING

5-8 years old, on Mondays

9-12 years old, on Thursdays

SOCCER

5-8 years old, on Tuesdays

TEE-BALL

5-8 years old, on Thursdays

TENNIS

9-10 years old, on Mondays

11-12 years old, on Tuesdays

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. ★

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

West Goshen Summer Teen Program (13-15 years old)

The West Goshen Summer Teen Program for 13-15 year olds at West Goshen Community Park begins on June 25th and runs through Friday, August 17th. 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
- Canoeing
- 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.

West Goshen residents interested in the 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 the Summer Recreation Program and the Summer Teen Program receive the discounted price for multiple children. There is an additional charge for each field trip, typically in the \$5 to \$30 range.

Parents may register participants for the Summer Teen Program at the West Goshen Township Administration Building any business day between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM. **Parents must bring their children's birth certificates at registration.** ★

Go Skateboarding

Robert E. Lambert Park Skatepark

The skatepark at Robert E. Lambert Park will be open on weekdays from 4:00 PM through sunset, and on weekends from 10:00 AM through sunset through Wednesday, June 20th. The skatepark will also open at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 15th and on Monday, May 28th.

Beginning on Thursday, June 21st, the skatepark will open from 10:00 AM through sunset every day through Monday, September 3rd.

To kick off summer hours and to celebrate International Go Skateboarding Day, West Goshen Township will waive the \$5 daily entry fee on Thursday, June 21st. Beginning at 1:00 PM that day, Fairman's Skate, Snow, and Surf Shop will provide raffle prizes and experts will be on hand to help participants master their latest moves.

Please note that participants will still be required to complete daily registration and waiver forms. Parents or legal guardians of participants under 18 years old will need to sign before entry will be permitted.

Fairman's will also have experts at Robert E. Lambert Park to offer free coaching on Wednesday, July 11th, Wednesday, July 18th, and Wednesday, July 25th between 6:00 and 8:00 PM. The regular admission charge will still be in effect for entrance to the skatepark on those dates.

Visitors to the skatepark at Robert E. Lambert Park are reminded that skatepark hours are subject to weather conditions. The skatepark will be closed in the event of rain or wet ground.

The skatepark at Robert E. Lambert Park is restricted exclusively for use

by skateboarders and inline skaters. Annual memberships to the skatepark may be purchased at the West Goshen Township Administration Building at Paoli Pike and N. Five Points Road. The cost for an annual membership is \$50 for West Goshen residents, or \$100 for residents of other municipalities. For more information about skatepark memberships, call the West Goshen Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266. ★



New York, New York, New York

With so much to do in The Big Apple, the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is offering three trips to New York City this spring and summer.

On Saturday, May 12th, join the Park and Recreation Department for a **"New York on Your Own"** trip. These always-popular trips allow you to avoid the hassle of driving and ride a motorcoach to Times Square, and spend the afternoon in Manhattan before returning home. \$29 per person includes round-trip transportation and driver tip.

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department pays a visit **Lady Liberty and Ellis Island** on Saturday, June 23rd, and invites you to have dinner at Mastori's Restaurant on the way home. \$70 per adult or \$50 per child ten or under includes round-

trip coach transportation, the ferry ride and admission to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, dinner, and driver and server tips.

One of baseballs most historic edifices, **Yankee Stadium**, will close forever after the 2008 season. Don't miss your chance to see this storied ballpark, home of more world championships than any other stadium. Join a trip on Saturday, August 4th to see the Yankees take on the Kansas City Royals. \$45 per person includes round-trip transportation, a ticket to the game, and bus driver tip.

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

*Lady Liberty
awaits you...
Sign up now
for trips to
New York City!*

Spring Fitness Programs

West Goshen Township is teaming up with the ACAC Fitness and Wellness Center and Ageless Exercise to offer the following fitness programs:

YOGA-PILATES FUSION

Get the health benefits of two of the most popular fitness programs today. This class for beginners and intermediates will take place at the West Goshen Township Administration Building at 7:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday evenings beginning May 10th through June 14th. Cost for the six sessions is \$50 for West Goshen residents or \$70 for residents of other municipalities.

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION EXERCISE

Taught at ACAC (McDermott Drive), this eight week class offers increased range of motion, strength training, and increased balance through seated and standing exercises that follow Arthritis Foundation guidelines. This class is perfect for individuals with arthritis, fibromyalgia, or pre or post rehabilitation for hip or knee replacement. The class will meet on Tuesday and

Thursday mornings between 9:30 and 10:25 AM from June 5th through July 26th. Cost is \$99 per person for sixteen total sessions.

FEELING FIT WITH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

This program takes place at ACAC on weekdays between noon and 12:45 PM is FREE for anyone with multiple sclerosis through a grant from the MS Society. On Mondays and Thursdays, join aquatic exercises designed for people with MS. On Wednesdays, focus on strength, balance and core training. On Friday, participate in yoga exercises specifically focused on dealing with multiple sclerosis. ★

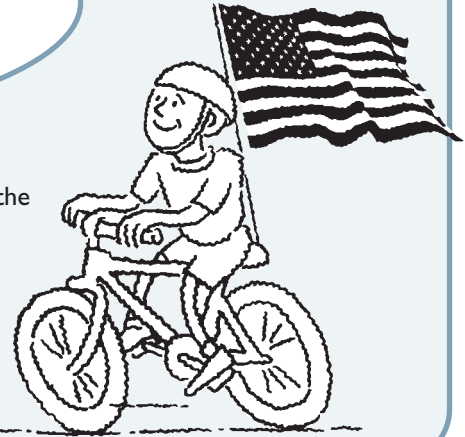
For information about any of these programs, visit www.westgoshe.org or contact the Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266.

*What's red, white, and blue,
has over 200 wheels and nearly as many legs?*

West Goshen's Fourth of July Decorated Bike Parade!

Join the fun and decorate your bicycle, tricycle, training wheels, big wheel, stroller, wagon, or wheelchair on Wednesday, July 4th. Or come to watch the colorful display of patriotic pride at 10:00 AM. All participants will receive commemorative medals, and top winners will receive prizes. Register to participate at www.westgoshen.org.

In the event of rain, the Decorated Bike Parade would be postponed to Saturday, July 7th at 10:00 AM. Rain notification will be posted on the Township website by 9:00 AM on July 4th.



Mark Your Calendar for West Goshen Community Day!

**FUN FOR
THE WHOLE
FAMILY!**

Sunday, September 9, 2007

Noon – 5:00 PM

at West Goshen Community Park

(Raindate: Sunday, September 23, 2007)

If you or your service group would like to volunteer with children's crafts or sporting contests at Community Day, please call The Friends of West Goshen Parks at 610-692-2550.

Check the Summer 2007 West Goshen Township Newsletter for more information about West Goshen Community Day.

Friends of West Goshen Parks Bring More Improvements to Community Park

Last year, The Friends of West Goshen Parks raised money to bring new swings to West Goshen Community Park. This year, The Friends of West Goshen Parks have committed to more improvements to the playground at Community Park!

Currently, Community Park has two playhouse facades. One of these facades has developed cracks, making it potentially structurally unsound. It will be knocked down and replaced with a music making activity panel

donated by The Friends of West Goshen Parks. Additionally, The Friends of West Goshen Parks will donate a ladybug spring rocker and a bumblebee spring rocker to the playground area there.

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

In addition to the playground equip-

ment upgrades, The Friends of West Goshen Parks also raises funds for the Township's Summer Concert Series and for Community Day entertainment.

The Friends of West Goshen Parks welcomes suggestions for future projects. Anyone interested in volunteering to join The Friends of West Goshen Parks for strategic planning or on an event-by-event basis can call The Friends of West Goshen Parks at 610-692-2550. ★