

WEST GOSHEN



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www.westgoshen.org

Winter 2007

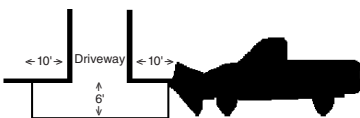
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Snow Removal in West Goshen Township

West Goshen's 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 free of vehicles. If a car is parked on a road-side or cul-de-sac, we may not finish plowing that street, but return several hours later 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.



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 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

CHANGE IN EARNED INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS

In accordance with the law governing the local earned income tax (EIT), individuals who do not have their EIT withheld by their employer are required to file and remit taxes on their wages and net profits on a quarterly basis. Effective January 1, 2007, individuals who fail to comply with this requirement to report all earnings on a quarterly basis will be subject to interest and penalties on unpaid amounts.

The due dates for EIT filings are as follows:

1st Quarter (January 1 through March 31) – due April 30

2nd Quarter (April 1 through June 30) – due July 31

3rd Quarter (July 1 through September 30) – due October 31

4th Quarter (October 1 through December 31) – due January 31

If you have any questions regarding this change please contact the Township's EIT Collector, Berkheimer Associates, at 610-588-0965 or 866-701-7205.

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SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The following plans have been approved for development:

- Rite Aid Pharmacy – a land development for an 11,153 square foot pharmacy located at 1301 Phoenixville Pike.
- The Arbours at West Goshen – a 233 unit active adult age qualified retirement community for Westrum Land Development, located at Ward Avenue and Five Points Road.

- Office Complex – three office buildings totaling 38,600 square feet located at 698 Airport Road.
- Glen Acres Elementary School – four modular classrooms totaling 4,681 square feet.

The following plans are currently in the review process:

- 4,046 square foot garage/storage building to be located at 815 Lincoln Avenue.

- Eighteen single family attached dwellings (townhomes) located at 901 N. New Street.
- A land development for a 1,785 square foot addition to the existing service area for Fred Beans Ford of West Chester located at 1155 West Chester Pike.
- 28,520 square foot shopping center on the previous Frank's Nursery site, 849 Paoli Pike.
- A residential lot line change located at 202 Sunset Hollow Road, whereby .309 acres will be conveyed from one tax parcel to the abutting tax parcel.
- Proposed six lot residential subdivision located at 825 Goshen Road.
- Residential subdivision located at 415 Goshen Road for five lots. ★

township information

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

6 year elected term

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

ADMINISTRATION

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

WEST GOSHEN POLICE

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

SEWER TREATMENT PLANT

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

PARK & RECREATION BOARD

Gerald L. Napiecek, *Chairman*
Mary Lou Enoches, *Vice-Chairman*
Edward T. Smith, *Secretary*
Robert M. Cifone
Michael Dolan
Michael A. Pillagalli
Megan M. Zug
Leslie K. Bair, *Alternate*

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Peter C. Anderson, *Chairman*
Joseph DeFelippes, *Vice-Chairman*
Grant K. Middlestead, *Member*
Scott T. Cullinan, *Alternate*

SEWER AUTHORITY

Walter E. Hoover, Jr., *Chairman*
Michael T. Arnold, *Vice-Chairman*
Theresa Davis, *Secretary*
John L. Windle, *Treasurer*
Lewis H. Reid, *Member*
Paul D. Spiegel, *Member*
Frank J. Biasi, *Alternate*
Kenneth W. Fuller, *Alternate*

THE FRIENDS OF WEST GOSHEN PARKS, INC.

Non-profit group assisting the Park and Recreation Board; meets quarterly
Lee McFadden, *President*
Patricia Ryan Kelly, *Vice-President*
Ryan Kelly, *Secretary*
Megan M. Zug, *Treasurer*

AUDITORS

Hugh J. Purnell, Jr., *Chairman*
Louis J. Mayer, *Secretary*
William Gale, *Member*

TAX COLLECTOR

William R. Keenan

TOWNSHIP PARKS

Barker Park
Falcon Lane by Westtown Way
Coopersmith Park
Spring Lane, off West Chester Pike
Hallowell Park
404 North Five Points Road
Lambert Park
1145 Pottstown Pike
West Goshen Community Park
Fern Hill & North Five Points Roads

Annual Meeting 2007

West Goshen Township held its Annual Organization Meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2007. The Board of Supervisors announced that Dr. Robert S. White will continue as Chairman, with Patricia B. McIlvaine continuing as the Vice-Chairman and Edward G. Meakim serving as a Member.

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

Planning Commission

Dean K. Diehl, Jr. (6th term)
Jeffrey Laudenslager (5th term)

Park and Recreation Board

Megan M. Zug (2nd term)

Zoning Hearing Board

Peter C. Anderson (4th term)

Sewer Authority

Walter E. Hoover, Jr. (4th term)

Vacancy Board

Raymond H. Halvorsen (5th term)

Pension Committee

Peter C. Anderson (12th Term)
Gary S. Hess (12th Term)
William Keenan (12th Term)
Walker C. Tompkins, Jr. (3rd Term)
Richard Weinstein (12th Term)



2007 Budget

The West Goshen Board of Supervisors approved the 2007 General Fund Budget, Sewer Fund Budget, and Waste and Recycling Fund Budget at their December 13, 2006 meeting.

2007 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

REVENUES

Taxes	\$ 10,141,000
Licenses	259,000
Fines & Forfeits	174,000
Interest & Rents	374,243
Intergovernmental Revenue	497,322
Departmental Earnings	376,955
Miscellaneous Revenue	22,000
Fund Equity & Other	6,367,560

Total Revenues \$ 18,212,080

EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$ 1,850,339
Public Safety	4,875,746
Highways	2,487,748
Parks & Recreation	1,144,808
Debt Service &	
Capital Projects	1,404,445
Misc. Other Financing Uses	110,084
Reserved for Future Year's Expenses	6,338,910

Total Expenditures \$ 18,212,080

2007 SEWER FUND BUDGET

REVENUES

Interest Earnings	\$ 105,000
State Aid Employee Pension	65,461
Connection Fees	14,000
Sewer Rents	3,467,537
Misc. Revenue & IWP	28,550
Fund Equity & Other	3,132,654

Total Revenues \$ 6,813,202

EXPENDITURES

Administrative Expenses	\$ 464,375
Rent to Authority	1,193,934
Collection	697,310
Treatment Plant	1,726,697
Transfers	38,894
Reserved for Future Year's Expense	2,691,992

Total Expenditures \$ 6,813,202

2007 WASTE AND RECYCLING BUDGET

REVENUES

Interest Earnings	\$ 50,000
Grants	50,000
Waste & Recycling Income	1,532,370
Miscellaneous Revenue	3,000
Fund Equity & Other	1,711,428

Total Revenues \$ 3,346,798

EXPENDITURES

Administrative Expenses	\$ 89,209
Professional Services	5,950
Contracted & Other Services	1,924,849
Reserved for Future Year's Expenses	1,326,790

Total Expenditures \$ 3,346,798

Public Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors (4:00 PM, second and fourth Wednesday of each month, except where otherwise noted):
January 24; February 14 and 28; March 14 and 28; April 11.

Park and Recreation Board (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month):
January 17; February 21; March 21; April 18.

Planning Commission (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month):
January 16; February 20; March 20; April 17.

Sewer Authority (7:30 PM, second Wednesday of each month):
January 10; February 14; March 14; April 11.

Zoning Hearing Board (7:00 PM, Thursday after first Board of Supervisors' Meeting each month, except where otherwise noted):
January 25; February 15; March 15; April 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.

ROAD RULES

Driving In Winter Weather

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.

Winter weather can make road conditions especially hazardous. Safe spacing between vehicles and driving speeds may be affected by road conditions.

Section 3310 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code states: "The driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of the vehicles and the traffic upon and the condition of the highway."

According to Section 3361, "No person shall drive a vehicle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing, nor at a speed greater than will permit

the driver to bring his vehicle to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead. Consistent with the foregoing, every person shall drive at a safe and appropriate speed when approaching and crossing an intersection or railroad grade crossing, when approaching and going around curves, when approaching a hill crest, when traveling upon any narrow or winding roadway and when special hazards exist with respect to pedestrians or other traffic or by reason of weather or highway conditions."

These two sections of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code work together in an attempt to solve many collisions. The basic premise is that each driver must give enough clear distance between his or her vehicle and the vehicle in front to assure safe stopping. The second section involves driving a vehicle at a speed which may be unsafe for the conditions. Both of these sections indicate that the vehicle, traffic conditions, and highway conditions may affect the ability to safely drive. A simple rule of thumb for following a vehicle ahead is to allow four seconds between your car and the front vehicle. Remember, even though there may be a posted speed for a roadway, if the highway conditions, or your vehicle condition are poor, then that speed limit may not be correct for that given day. Be especially mindful that road surfaces may freeze without warning as temperatures drop.★

Spring Yard Waste Pick-up

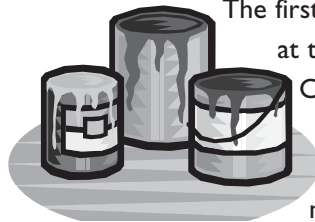
Yard waste will be picked up on **Saturday, April 7, 2007** and **Saturday, April 21, 2007**. Yard waste can be placed in biodegradable paper bags or trash cans.

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.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

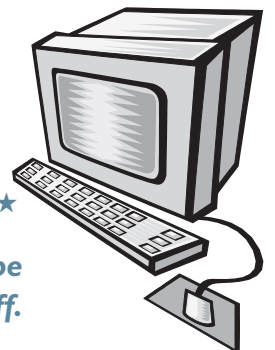
Saturday, April 21st • 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



The first county hazardous waste collection of 2007 will take place at the CAT Pickering Center for Arts and Technology at 1580 Charlstown Road in Phoenixville on Saturday, April 21st between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Computer equipment will also be collected at this dropoff. Please note that this is a new dropoff location. More information about household

hazardous waste disposal is available on the internet at www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Trash_and_Recycling/Hazardous_Waste/hazardous_waste.html and at <http://www.chestercountyswa.org/recycling.asp>. Look for more information about hazardous waste collections in the "Waste and Recycling Guide" in the Spring 2007 Township Newsletter. ★

Computer equipment will also be collected at this dropoff.



Water Quality Hotlines for Citizens

Citizens can help report violations or problems they notice in their local streams before they cause more damage and pollution. Residents sometimes may be the first to recognize “illicit” discharges dumping into storm sewers or coming out of from storm sewer outfalls. You can help by promptly reporting the following events to the authorities listed in the hotline box below. Here are some of the conditions that you should report:

- Sediment leaving a construction site in stormwater—**Chester County Conservation District**
- Observed pollution event or pollutants in stream—**Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection**
- Clogged or leaking sewer lines—**West Goshen Wastewater Treatment Plant**
- Failing or overflowing sewer effluent from treatment plant—**West Goshen**

Wastewater Treatment Plant and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

- Spills—**Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection spills hotline**
- Illegal dumping activity into water courses—**West Goshen Township, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection**
- Dry weather flows from outfall pipes into streams (72 hours after a rain storm)—**West Goshen Township**
- Fish Kills—**Pennsylvania Fish Commission, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection**
- Water main breaks—**Aqua PA**

Photos and exact locations are very helpful! ★

DEP Water Quality Complaint Hotline- Daytime	484-250-5991	Weekdays 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
DEP 24 Hour Water Quality Hotline	484-250-5900 1-866-255-5158 (toll free)	Anytime, including evenings and weekends
DEP Spills and other Emergencies Hotline	1-800-541-2050	24 hour
Off site discharge of sediment, erosion, and other improper controls during construction	Chester County Conservation Districts: 610-925-4920	Email photo and send full address and directions
Clogged or leaking sanitary sewers lines; sewage smell in creek	West Goshen Wastewater Treatment Plant: 610-696-0900	After hours, call 911
Fish Kills, Illegal Fishing	PA Fish Commission: 717-626-0228	Also call DEP Water Quality Hotline
Dry weather outfall flows (discharges to stream from outfall pipes after 72 hours of no rain)	West Goshen Township: 610-696-5266	Weekdays during working hours
Broken water mains	Aqua Pennsylvania: 610-525-1402	24 hour

Emergency Preparedness Guide

Emergency Preparedness Community Resource Guide

In the event of an emergency, dial 911. Keep this handy guide for other phone numbers and website addresses for disaster preparedness.

Chester County 911 Call Center	Fire, gas leaks, medical emergencies, down wires, building collapse, police emergencies	911
Township offices	Trees or branches blocking Township roadways, during business hours	610-696-5266
Police	Trees or branches blocking Township roadways, non-office hours; other police non-emergency issues	610-696-7400
Fame Fire Company	Non-emergencies	610-431-7565
First West Chester Fire Company	Non-emergencies	610-431-1580
Good Fellowship Ambulance Company	Non-emergencies	610-431-3132
Good Will Fire Department	Non-emergencies	610-431-4366
Goshen Fire Company	Non-emergencies	610-430-1554
PennDOT	Trees or branches blocking state roadways	610-436-2091
PECO Energy	Downed power lines	800-841-4141
Aqua PA	Disruption of water service	877-987-2782
Federal Emergency Management Agency	Website for disaster preparedness training	www.training.fema.gov/EMIVWeb/IS
Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency	Website for disaster information	www.pema.state.pa.us/pema/site/default.asp
American Red Cross	Website for disaster preparedness	www.redcross.org/services/disaster/0,1082,0_500_00.html
American Red Cross Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter	Website for disaster preparedness for the Southeastern Pennsylvania region	www.redcrossphilly.org/ProgramsServices/HealthSafetyServices/SafetyInfo.htm

Do You Have a Home Emergency Kit?

Each household should have a home emergency kit, with supplies for any type of disaster. Suggested items for a home emergency kit include:

- Three gallons of bottled water per person in the household.
- Non-perishable food for three days.
- A can opener, utensils, and knife.
- A battery operated radio with extra batteries.
- A flashlight with extra batteries.
- A first aid kit.
- Essential prescription medications.
- A waterproof container with important family documents including passports, social security cards, immunizations records, wills, insurance policies, contracts, deeds, stocks, bonds, bank account numbers, credit card numbers and

companies, family records, and an inventory of valuable household goods.

- A list of emergency phone numbers including family members, nearby friends or relatives, family doctors, and local emergency service providers (listed above).

Make sure your home emergency kit is in a convenient place known to all family members. Don't forget to check the expiration dates for the supplies in your home emergency kit and keep them current. Water and food should be replaced every six months. ★



Don't Risk Food Contamination in a Power Outage

If you experience a power outage, the best way to keep food fresh is to keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed. A full freezer will stay at freezing temperatures for about two days. A half-full freezer stays cold for one day if left closed. Refrigerated foods will usually remain cool for four to six hours. To keep the refrigerator cool in a blackout, set a block of ice or bag of ice cubes in a pan on the bottom shelf.

If power is restored after a prolonged blackout, follow these guidelines to make sure you are not exposing your family to unsafe food:

- Discard food that has thawed or was held above 40° F for more than two hours, including fish and shellfish, meats, eggs, milk, soft cheeses, prepared or cooked foods, foods labeled "Refrigerate after opening," melted ice cream, and any food that has come into contact with raw meat, poultry, or seafood juices.
- Carefully inspect all meat. Discard if the color or odor is questionable. Meat and poultry that has thawed for less than two hours should be thoroughly cooked before refreezing, and used as soon as possible.

- Discard any fruits or vegetables that are moldy, slimy, or have a yeast odor. Thoroughly cook and serve thawed vegetables immediately, or refreeze after cooking.
- Well-wrapped margarine and butter can be kept as long as it has not melted. Discard if rancid odor develops.

If you are unsure whether to keep or toss a food item, play it safe by throwing it out. ★



Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa

Electrical problems in homes

cause 67,800 fires per year, claiming 485 lives, injuring 2,305 more, and resulting in \$868,000,000 in property losses. Some of these fires are caused by electrical system failures and appliance defects, but many more are caused by the misuse and poor maintenance of electrical appliances, incorrectly installed wiring, and overloaded circuits and extension cords. Home electrical wiring causes twice as many fires as electrical appliances.

Most electrical fires result from problems with "fixed wiring" such as faulty electrical outlets and old wiring. Problems with cords and plugs, such as extension and appliance cords, also cause many home electrical fires. In urban areas, faulty wiring accounts for 33% of residential electrical fires. Many avoidable electrical fires can be traced to misuse of electric cords, such as overloading circuits, poor maintenance and running the cords under rugs or in high traffic areas.

Fire deaths are highest in winter months, which call for more indoor activities and increase in lighting, heating, and appliance use. Most electrical wiring fires start in the bedroom.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) would like consumers to know that there are simple steps you can take to prevent the loss of life and property resulting from electrical fires.

- Routinely check your electrical appliances and wiring.
- Frayed wires can cause fires. Replace all worn, old, or damaged appliance cords immediately.

The home appliances most often involved in electrical fires are electric stoves and ovens, dryers, central heating units, televisions, radios, and record players.

- Use electrical extension cords wisely and don't overload them.
- Keep electrical appliances away from wet floors and counters; pay special care to electrical appliances in the bathroom and kitchen.
- When buying electrical appliances look for products which meet the Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) standard for safety.
- Don't allow children to play with or around electrical appliances like space

heaters, irons, and hair dryers.

- Keep clothes, curtains, and other potentially combustible items at least three feet from all heaters.
- If an appliance has a three-prong plug, use it only in a three-slot outlet. Never force it to fit into a two-slot outlet or extension cord.
- Never overload extension cords or wall sockets. Immediately shut off, then professionally replace, light switches that are hot to the touch and lights that flicker. Use safety closures to "child-proof" electrical outlets.
- Check your electrical equipment regularly for signs of wear. If the cords are frayed or cracked, replace them. Replace any tool if it causes even small electrical shocks, overheats, shorts out or gives off smoke or sparks.

Finally, having a working smoke alarm dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire. And remember to practice a home escape plan frequently with your family.

For more information about keeping your home safe from electrical fires, visit the United States Fire Administration website at www.usfa.fema.gov. ★

"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

On November 10, 2006, the private road next to VFW Post 106 on Lincoln Drive was dedicated as "Veterans Way." This designation honors those who have served in the U.S. armed forces, and recognizes the contributions of Post 106 to the community.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, commonly referred to as the VFW, traces its roots to 1899, when veterans of the Spanish American War founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits, including medical care and pensions, for their service. Since then, the VFW has advocated the establishment of the Veterans' Administration, the creation of the G.I. Bill, and the development of a national cemetery system. The VFW has helped fund the Vietnam, Korean War, World War II, and Women in Military Service Memorials, and has contributed to the Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial, due to open in 2010.

According to the constitution of the

VFW, its fraternal, patriotic, historical, and educational purpose is realized by preserving and strengthening comradeship among its members, assisting worthy comrades, perpetuating the memory and history of deceased members and assisting their widows and orphans, maintaining true allegiance to the government of the United States of America and fidelity to its constitution and laws, fostering true patriotism, maintaining and extending the institutions of American freedom, and preserving and defending the United States from all enemies.

The VFW is organized into local posts. The Butler-O'Connor-McCormick Post 106, named after World War I veterans from the West Chester area, is located in West Goshen Township on Lincoln Drive. According to Post Commander Edward Dankowski, VFW Post 106 has about 380 members who have served in foreign wars, and nearly 500 social members.

Members participate in numerous social and charitable events throughout the year, including a Hawaiian luau, a seafood party, a Christmas party, a night at the races, and wild game night. Many of these activities are open to the public, and raise funds for the Post. VFW Post 106 also has a hall that can seat over 100 people and may be rented for parties, receptions,

or meetings. As part of the Veterans Way project, Alliance Environmental Systems, Inc., owner of an adjacent property, arranged for the construction of a gazebo behind the Post 106 Hall.

Members of VFW Post 106 support an annual scholarship fund for graduating seniors attending school in the West Chester area who are committed to go to college and have a parent or grandparent who served in the military.

VFW Post 106 has also sponsored Bicycle Safety Days in West Goshen Township, and has partnered with a local Boy Scout Sea Explorer Troop. They maintain a visible presence in the community at the annual West Chester Veterans' Day Parade, and by providing a color guard at numerous West Goshen Township events, including the recent dedication of Robert E. Lambert Park.

According to Post Chaplain Richard McIlvaine, VFW Post 106 also supports charities with contributions and volunteers.

Post Commander Dankowski emphasizes that members take great pride in committing themselves to the motto of the VFW:

"We honor the dead by serving the living."

For information about joining VFW Post 106, upcoming events, or renting the Hall, visit www.vfw106.com, or call 610-696-5858. ★



VFW Post 106 Commander Edward Dankowski, Post Chaplain Richard McIlvaine, and Chester County Commissioner Carol Aichele unveil the sign dedicating Veterans Way on November 10, 2006.



Serving with Honor

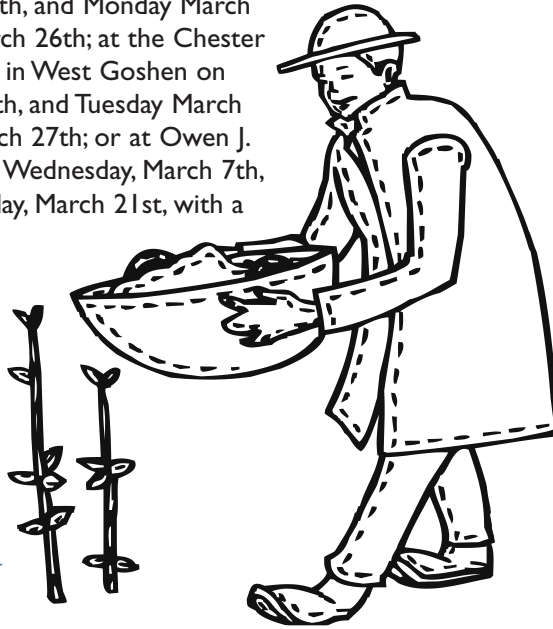
West Goshen Township wishes a happy and safe New Year to all our service men and women throughout the world. To submit military personnel to be profiled in the West Goshen Township Newsletter, please email Newsletter Editor Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org. ★

Become a Certified Master Composter

Chester County is offering courses for residents to learn about composting and to become certified as Master Composters. These classes are free of charge, and meet from 7:00 through 9:00 PM. Residents can sign up for sessions at the Chester County Solid Waste Authority offices in Lanchester on Monday, March 5th, Monday March 12th, and Monday March 19th, with a snowdate of Monday March 26th; at the Chester County Government Services Center in West Goshen on Tuesday March 6th, Tuesday March 13th, and Tuesday March 20th, with a snowdate of Tuesday March 27th; or at Owen J. Roberts High School in Pottstown on Wednesday, March 7th, Wednesday, March 14th, and Wednesday, March 21st, with a snowdate of Wednesday, March 28th.

To register or for more information, contact the Chester County Solid Waste Authority at 610-273-3771, ext. 228.

Remember: Composting saves valuable landfill space and provides a rich, natural nutrient source for your lawn and garden. ★



Park and Recreation Department Accepting Applications for SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department is accepting applications for the positions of Counselor and Junior Counselor.

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 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 15, 2007, and have a high school diploma.

Junior Counselors assist Counselors with the Summer Recreation Program. Junior Counselors must be at least

16 years old by June 15, 2007.

Applications for the position of Summer Recreation Counselor must be completed and returned to the Park and Recreation office by Friday, March 2, 2007, with interviews to follow in March. Counselors will be notified of hiring by Monday, April 30, 2007. Junior Counselor candidates must submit a completed Application for Employment by Friday, June 1, 2007.

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. ★



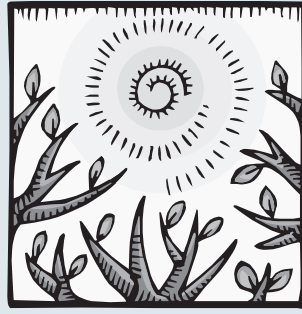
ROONIE SAYS...

Children under five years old must be within reach of their parents at all times at Roonie's Canine Corner. Children 6-11 years old must be under strict adult supervision at all times in the dogpark. Remember that not all dogs like to be approached by strangers, so children should be encouraged not to approach strange dogs without the dog owner's permission.

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. ★



Spring



Events

An Evening of Fun for Teens

Teen Scene returns at the ACAC Health and Wellness Center on McDermott Drive (off of Greenhill Road) on **Saturday, March 10th**. This evening offers a chance for 7th, 8th, or 9th graders to get out of the house and enjoy an evening of sports, swimming, and dancing. The fee of \$5.00 per person includes pizza and beverages.

Teen Scene begins at 6:00 PM and runs until 9:00 PM, and is sponsored by the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department, the East Goshen Park and Recreation Department, the West Chester Recreation Department, and ACAC Fitness and Wellness Center. 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. Information and registration forms available at www.westgoshen.org, or may be obtained by contacting the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266. Completed registration forms and payments must be returned to the Park and Recreation Office by Friday, March 9, 2007. ★

Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade Moves to Community Park

This year, the annual Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade will be celebrated at West Goshen Community Park (Fern Hill and N. Five Points Roads) on **Saturday, March 31st**, at 10:30 AM. Children two through nine years old are invited to meet the Easter Bunny, gather eggs filled with candy and prizes, and participate in the Decorated Hat Parade.

The Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade is **FREE OF CHARGE** and is limited to residents of West Goshen Township. Additional information and online preregistration is available at www.westgoshen.org. Guests are encouraged to bring a dry good donation of soap, laundry detergent, diapers, toilet paper, toothpaste, or shampoo for Chester County Cares.

In the event of rain, the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade would be held on Saturday, April 7th at 10:30 AM at West Goshen Community Park. For rain determination, visit www.westgoshen.org or call 610-696-5266 after 9:00 AM on March 31st. ★



Spring Getaways

This year, the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is offering two trips highlighting the beauty of nature.

■ On **Monday, March 5th**, the Park and Recreation Department sponsors a trip to the **Philadelphia Flower Show**. This year's theme is "The Legends of Ireland." 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 \$45 dollars and includes a ticket to the Flower Show, round-trip transportation, and bus driver tip.

■ If you would like to see **Washington, DC's** famous cherry blossoms, or tour the museums and monuments along the National Mall, then the **Sunday, April 15th** trip is

for you. Depart from West Goshen Community Park and spend the day at Washington's Cherry Blossom Festival. The cost of this trip is \$32.50 per person, and includes round-trip transportation, a snack and beverage for the ride, and bus driver tip.

Registration for all West Goshen bus trips are on a first-come, first-served basis.

To find out more about either of these trips, visit www.westgoshen.org or contact the Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266. ★

Focus on Fitness for Seniors

Don't let cabin fever get you down! The best way to get over the winter blahs is by staying active. The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is offering the following winter fitness programs especially for seniors:

AN EXERCISE SAMPLER

Six week program, meeting on Fridays between 2:15 and 3:00 PM. Each week will focus on a different aspect of exercise.

February 9	<i>Stretch, Strength, and Tone</i>
March 2	<i>Yoga</i>
February 16	<i>Bands and Balls</i>
March 9	<i>Arthritis and Exercise</i>
February 23	<i>Pilates</i>
March 16	<i>Review</i>

Sessions take place in the West Goshen Township Administration Building (Paoli Pike and N. Five Points Road). Cost for the six sessions is \$50 for West Goshen residents, \$60 for non-residents. Registration deadline is February 2, 2007. 7-10 participants.*

POOL EXERCISES WITH THE GRANDCHILDREN

Six week program, meeting on Fridays between 9:00 and 9:30 AM. Spend some quality time with the grandchildren at the heated pool at the ACAC Fitness and Wellness Center (McDermott Drive, off of Greenhill Road). Learn aquatic exercises and games bringing the generations together.

February 23
March 2
March 9
March 16
March 23
March 30

Cost for the six sessions is \$60 per grandparent/grandchild combination for West Goshen residents, \$65 for non-residents. Registration deadline is February 16, 2007. 7-10 grandparent/grandchild teams.*

SENIOR WATER WALKING

Space is still available for the March and April. Sessions meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 through 1:45 PM.

March Sessions

Tuesday, March 6
Thursday, March 8
Tuesday, March 13
Thursday, March 15
Tuesday, March 20
Thursday, March 22
Tuesday, March 27
Thursday, March 29

April Sessions

Tuesday, April 3
Thursday, April 5
Tuesday, April 10
Thursday, April 12
Tuesday, April 17
Thursday, April 19
Tuesday, April 24
Thursday, April 26

Cost is \$25 for eight sessions in either March or April. Participants must reside in West Goshen Township. Maximum enrollment is six participants per month.

Registration forms for exercise programs are available at www.westgoshen.org, or may be requested from the Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266. Please note that space for each program is limited, and registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

* If minimum enrollment is not met by the indicated deadline, program will be cancelled and refund checks will be mailed to registrants. ★



Seniors – Take advantage of ACAC's heated pool, and learn low-impact water exercises with the natural resistance of water.

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to the Police Department at 610-696-7400. Above all, be patient.

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, Tarbert Drive, and Weatherhill Drive are cleared by the developer. ★

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The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board and The Friends of West Goshen Parks, Inc., would like to publicly recognize the following businesses for their support of our Park and Recreation programs during the year 2006:

Summer Concert Series

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

Silver Level Sponsor: First National Bank of Chester County.

Community Day

Support provided by: ACAC Fitness and Wellness Center, Acme of West Goshen, Aloha Café and Bakery, Applebee's, Avalon Restaurant, Baxter's, Chester County Eye Care Associates, Colonial Village Meat Market, Commerce Bank, Coyote Crossing, Fairman's, Goshen Manor Apartments and Goshen Terrace Apartments, Gramm's Kitchen, The Greenery, The Ice Cream Company, Ice Line, Iron Hill Restaurant, Jane Chalfont, K & G Pizza, Kildare's, La Difference Salon and Day Spa, McDonald's of Parkway Center, Moonbounce Adventures, The Painted Plate, The Palace Bowling and Entertainment Center, Parkway Deli, Peter's Salon and European Spa, Ryan's Pub, Spence Café, The Stadium Grille, Starbucks Coffee, Stuart Jewelers, Thompson's Meat Market, and The West Chester Diner.

Additional Support

Provided by: ACAC Fitness and Wellness Center, Franklin Video, Fulton Bank, Signs Now, and Verizon.

Township offices will be closed on Monday, February 19th and Friday, April 6th. Trash and recyclables will be picked up as scheduled on Monday, February 19th.