

# WEST GOSHEN



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## West Goshen Township Launches Monthly Yard Waste Pickup

**B**eginning in 2010, West Goshen Township will contract with Allied Waste to pick up yard waste one Saturday per month between May and October in addition to the traditional two April Yard Waste collections. Homeowners will be able to place leaves, branches, twigs, and other yard wastes at their curbside for collection.

Grass clippings will not be accepted with yard waste pickups. Cut grass contains about 10% nitrogen. In large volumes, the cut grass tends to mat together instead of breaking down, thus inhibiting the creation of useful compost. Because of the high nitrogen content, the matted grass clippings can foster the growth of anaerobic molds and generate a tremendous amount of heat. Property owners are encouraged to cycle grass clippings back onto their lawns instead of bagging when mowing.

**Acceptable yard waste materials must be placed in one or more of the following to be collected:**

- In a trashcan.
- In biodegradable paper yard waste bags.
- Gathered and tied in bundles no more than four feet in length, with branches not exceeding four inches in diameter.

There is no limit to the number of trash cans, bags, or bundles that will be collected. Please note that yard waste will no longer be collected from plastic bags.

**Collection dates will be on the following Saturdays:**

<b>April 10th</b>	<b>July 17th</b>
<b>April 24th</b>	<b>August 14th</b>
<b>May 8th</b>	<b>September 18th</b>
<b>June 12th</b>	<b>October 9th</b>

By increasing the number of yard waste collections, West Goshen Township will comply with new standards by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, which will require municipalities to offer either monthly yard waste pickups during warm weather months or a dropoff location for items to be composted. Removing these items from the regular trash stream saves valuable landfill space and costs less to dispose of. The Lanchester landfill charges \$58 per ton for trash, but only \$28 per ton for compostable materials. Once composted, the nutrient-rich organic materials can then be removed and reused for farming and landscaping purposes. ★

Check out the West Goshen Residential Trash and Recycling Guide on pages 6 and 7 for more waste disposal information.

### 2009 Fall Leaf Collection Dates Announced

Leaves will be collected in West Goshen Township on the following Saturdays:

- November 14, 2009
- December 5, 2009
- December 19, 2009

Leaves must be placed in biodegradable bags or trash cans. Small twigs or branches that fit into a paper yard waste bag may be included. There is no limit to the number of bags that will be collected.

Please note that leaves will no longer be collected from plastic trash bags.

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

# Subdivision and Land Development Report

*The following plans have been approved for development:*

**Greenhill Corporate Park: Unit II –** Land development plan for a 34,480 square foot office building located at 1171 McDermott Drive.

**West Goshen Sewer Authority –** Land development plan for a 4,242 square foot garage located at 848 South Concord Road.

**Dash Enterprises –** A land development which proposes to combine two lots into one for use as an auto storage lot with a 2,400 square foot reconstructed building to be used for auto preparation prior to sale. The property is located at 716 East Union Street.

**A. Duie Pyle –** The consolidation of five parcels into one located at 720 East Niels Street.

**R. E. Michael –** Land development for property located at 322 Westtown Road which proposes to demolish the existing 6,493 square foot building and associated parking and driveway, and construct a new 14,542 square foot building with associated parking and driveway.

*The following plans are new submissions for consideration:*

**Woodlands at Greystone –** Land development plan for construction of a 598 residential units being 48 townhouses, 110 age restricted twins, 261 ages restricted singles, 179 single

family dwellings and associated community centers and reception hall. The site is located at the northwest corner of the Route 322 bypass and Phoenixville Pike (Jerrehian Property).

*The following plans remain under review:*

**Liberty Tool –** Land development plan for a 26,000 square foot industrial supply warehouse facility with associated parking and stormwater management facilities, located at 1005 Saunders Lane.

**Goshen Leisure Development II –** The proposed plan reflects 164,150 square feet of flex office and warehouse buildings to be located at 21 Hagerty Boulevard.

## township information

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*6 year elected term*

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### SEWER TREATMENT PLANT

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Coopersmith Park  
*Spring Lane, off West Chester Pike*  
Lambert Park  
*1145 Pottstown Pike*  
West Goshen Community Park  
*Fern Hill & North Five Points Roads*

# Chester County Aging Shared Ride Program

**Chester County Hospital: West Pavilion** – The land development proposes a 71,715 square foot hospital addition for the Chester County Hospital located at 701 East Marshall Street.

**415 Goshen Road Subdivision** – The proposed plan will subdivide the property located at 415 Goshen Road into five single family lots.

**Greystone South** – The proposed plan concerns a 25 lot residential subdivision located on the west side of Penn Drive, just north of the Route 322 bypass.

**Hickman Land Development** – Land development for property located at 352 Snyder Avenue which proposes to add a roof to a 2,048 square foot partially completed garage, and construct an additional 3,200 square foot garage. Both garages are to be used for the storage of vehicles for septic cleaning business.

**Kirkland Woods** – The plan proposes the subdivision of property located at 300 Kirkland Avenue into seven single family lots.

**West Chester University** – Land development plan for construction of a 9,135 square foot addition to E.O. Bull Center located at 2 East Rosedale Avenue.

**Roslyn Swim Club** – Land development proposing to convert the existing 1,200 square foot roofed deck into a locker room/bath house facility, construct a new 1,200 square foot roofed deck, install sidewalk access to the new facilities, including a handicap accessible sidewalk to further enhance and make more useable the existing facility.

A plan may be viewed, by request, by contacting West Goshen Township. ★

Chester County residents age 65 or older are eligible to participate in the Aging Shared Ride program thanks to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Chester County Department of Aging Services.

## In Chester County, Rover provides essential rides for seniors including:

- Visits to the doctor or other medical appointments
- Visits to family members who are residents in nursing facilities
- Visits to the Social Security office
- Visits to the Chester County Department of Aging, located in the Government Services Center
- Attendance at adult day centers
- Attendance at area senior centers
- Visits to the grocery store

The fare for registered seniors is 75 cents each way. All of the paratransit buses are accessible. Rides must be scheduled in advance.

Call Rover at  
877-873-8415  
to Register

You cannot participate in the Aging Shared Ride Program if you are not registered. Call Rover now at 877-873-8415 to register, even if you have other means of transportation available to you. You never know when you may need to go somewhere and your regular transportation is not available. ★

## Public Township Meetings

**Board of Supervisors** (4:00 PM, first and third Wednesday of each month, except when otherwise noted): November 18; December 16; January 20. Annual Organization Meeting—Monday, January 4.

**Park and Recreation Board** (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month except December): November 18; January 20.

**Planning Commission** (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month): November 17; December 8; January 19.

**Sewer Authority** (7:30 PM, first Wednesday of each month): November 4; December 2; January 6.

**Zoning Hearing Board** (7:00 PM, Thursday after second Wednesday each month, unless otherwise advertised): November 12; December 10; January 14.

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

## Learn More About H1N1 Flu Virus

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has created a new website, [www.H1N1inPA.com](http://www.H1N1inPA.com), to answer questions and provide the latest news on the H1N1 flu virus, also known as swine flu. The website features an explanation of the virus, frequently asked questions, symptoms of the disease, how to care for sick family members, downloadable educational flyers and posters, and links to other resources. The site also outlines simple steps that all Pennsylvanians should

take to reduce the risk of becoming ill or spreading the virus to others:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and put the used tissue in the waste basket. If don't have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve, but never into your hands or onto bare skin.
- Keep your hands away from your face and don't touch your mouth, nose and eyes.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Keep clean frequently used surfaces such as knobs, countertops and desks.
- Stay home from work or school

whenever you are sick, and remain home until you are fully recovered.

"We expect to see a steady rise in H1N1 flu cases in the coming months, so it is essential that Pennsylvanians have ready access to the latest important developments," said Secretary of Health Everette James.

Information about a vaccine that is expected to be released in October will be added as it becomes available.

"After the new vaccine is released, the website will feature information about priority groups for immunization; as well as where, when, and how the vaccine will be administered," James added. ★

# ROAD RULES

## PennDOT Launches 511 Service

*In each issue of the Township Newsletter, the West Goshen Police Traffic Safety Unit will provide information for drivers, focusing on sections of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code or on other traffic safety issues. In this issue, learn about a new trip planning tool for Pennsylvania drivers.*

On September 4, 2009, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) launched 511 PA, a free, 24-hour information service providing traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, regional tourism information, and links to transit agencies and major airports. The service is available by calling 511 from cellular phones and landlines or through the internet by visiting [www.511PA.com](http://www.511PA.com).

"Travelers log nearly 295 million miles on Pennsylvania roads each day and although the resources are simply not available to build our way out of traffic congestion, 511 PA offers reliable information to help

travelers make smart planning decisions and minimize travel delays," PennDOT Secretary Allen D. Biehler, P.E. said.

Users can register through the website to receive personalized traveler alerts, provided through e-mail and text messaging.

The 511 PA roadway network includes all 1,759 miles of interstates including the Pennsylvania Turnpike, as well as other major roadways in Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Traffic information for the majority of this network includes incident reports such as crashes, construction activities and, starting in November, winter road conditions.

updated as PennDOT verifies that an incident is occurring either through its network of more than 440 traffic cameras or through confirmed reports from state and local police. Crashes and other delays beyond PennDOT's control, such as vehicle breakdowns, are not available on the system immediately, and travelers may encounter traffic delays before that information is posted on 511 PA.

Motorists are reminded not to call 511 PA while driving. Callers should safely pull off the road to call the system, or check for travel delays before heading out.

PennDOT will continue to enhance 511 PA and travelers are encouraged to provide feedback on the system by visiting [www.511PA.com](http://www.511PA.com).

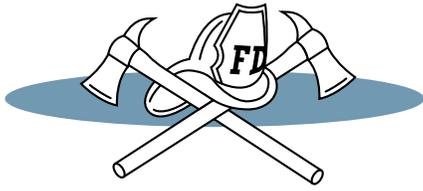
The Federal Communications Commission designated 511 as the nationwide three-digit telephone number for traveler information. Pennsylvania joins 35 states that already have established 511 services. ★



...should have called 511!

Additionally, average traffic speeds are available for several interstates and other major roadways in urban areas.

To provide the most reliable information, 511 PA will be



## Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa

### Test Your Fire IQ

1. Most home fires start in:
  - a. The kitchen
  - b. The living room
  - c. The bathroom
  - d. The bedroom
2. Most home electrical fires start in:
  - a. The kitchen
  - b. The living room
  - c. The bathroom
  - d. The bedroom
3. Never use a fire extinguisher for a grease fire on the stove.
  - a. True
  - b. False
4. Gasoline may be used to start a fire in a charcoal grill.
  - a. True
  - b. False
5. Each year, fire kills more Americans than all natural disasters combined.
  - a. True
  - b. False
6. Cooking fires are the number one cause of house fires.
  - a. True
  - b. False
7. Never leave the dryer on when you leave the home.
  - a. True
  - b. False
8. For microwave fires:
  - a. Open the door and unplug the microwave
  - b. Keep the door closed and unplug the microwave
9. For an oven fire, turn off the heat and:
  - a. Open the door
  - b. Keep the door closed
10. It's ok to keep the space heaters on while you are asleep.
  - a. True
  - b. False
11. What percentage of home electric fire related deaths are caused by cords and plugs?
  - a. 10%
  - b. 28%
  - c. 88%
12. What percentage of reported home fire deaths result from homes with no smoke alarms or non-working smoke alarms?
  - a. 33%
  - b. 50%
  - c. 67%
13. What are the peak months for reported home structure fires and home fire deaths?
  - a. December, January, and February
  - b. March, April, and May
  - c. June, July, and August
  - d. September, October, and November
14. West Goshen Township allows leaf burning.
  - a. True
  - b. False
15. What is the minimum distance clothes, curtains, and other combustible items should be kept away from heaters?
  - a. One foot
  - b. Two feet
  - c. Three feet
  - d. Four feet

Answers on page 9.



## ROONIE SAYS...

### Keep Your Dog Licensed!

State law requires all dogs three months of age or older to have a valid license. Licenses may be registered with Chester County or one of its outside agents, including the Chester County SPCA. The cost for an annual license is \$8.00, or \$6.00 for a dog that is spayed or neutered when registering with the County. Outside agencies may charge an additional fifty cent fee per dog. Two dollar discounts are available for seniors or persons with disabilities.



License applications are due by January 1st each year.

A lifetime license is also available for dogs with microchips or identifying tattoos. A veterinarian must sign the lifetime license application with information about the microchip or tattoo.

Owners of unlicensed dogs may be fined \$300 for failure to comply with the state dog licensing law.

For more information about obtaining a dog license in Chester County, visit <http://dsf.chesco.org/treasurer/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=613840>.

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.

# Your 2009 Household Trash and Recycling

*West Goshen Township is committed to providing residents with efficient trash removal service using environmentally sound practices to prevent recyclable items from ending up in landfills and to remove hazardous items from the waste stream. To ensure this level of service, West Goshen Township and Chester County accommodate separate collections for recyclables, household hazardous wastes, regular trash, and bulk items.*

*Residential establishments with four or more units and commercial, municipal, and institutional establishments are responsible for individually contracting at their sole cost and expense for the collection of waste and recyclables with any collector/hauler licensed by West Goshen Township.*

*Please use the following guide for disposing of recyclables, household hazardous wastes, and other trash items.*

## Recyclables (Mondays)

There is no maximum limit. The following items are recyclable:

- Cans, including aluminum, steel or tin.
- Bottles and jars, including clear, brown, or green glass.
- Plastics, #1 through #7
- Flattened boxes, including cereal boxes, corrugated cardboard, and other cardboard boxes. Please note that all cardboard items must fit into your recycling bucket. Cardboard must be cut into pieces no larger than two feet by two feet, and bagged or bundled into stacks no larger than one foot thick.
- Paper, including junk mail, telephone books, catalogs, white paper, wrapping paper, magazines, and newspapers

All items must be placed in a West Goshen Township plastic recycling bucket or a trash can with a Township recycling sticker affixed to it. Recycling stickers are free and may be obtained from the Township. If you have moved into new construction, you may obtain a recycling bucket at no cost at the Township Administration Building. Twenty gallon recycling buckets are available for purchase (\$10 each) at the Township Administration Building. Mark each bucket with your street and house number. Place at curbside before 6:00 AM or the night before. Recycling buckets must be placed to the left or right of trash cans, with at least three feet of clearance between the containers.

The following items are NOT recyclable and should be disposed of with regular trash:

- Tissues, paper towels, and napkins
- Food wrappers
- Wax or plastic coated boxes
- Tyvek envelopes
- Metallic wrapping paper
- Light bulbs
- Plate glass, window glass, drinking glasses, or mirrors
- Crystal
- Ceramics
- Aerosol paint cans
- Ovenware
- Plastics without identifying recycling numbers
- Empty oil cans or bottles

## Trash (Mondays/Thursdays)

Place Township-provided 96 gallon container at curbside before 6:00 AM or the night before. Trash will not be picked up if it is put out after the truck has arrived. Please follow these guidelines to make sure your trash is being picked up safely and in a timely manner:

- Your trash container has a unique identification number assigned to your home. We recommend that you make note of your toter number and/or indicated your address in permanent black marker on it to avoid confusing your container with those of neighbors.
- All trash (except bulk items) must be placed inside the Township-provided container.
- Place your container on the street with the front wheels against the curb and the handle and wheels facing away from the street.
- Make sure your recycling container is placed at least three feet to the left or right of the trash toter.
- Position your container so it is at least four feet away from mailboxes, cars, or any other obstacles.

# Disposal Guide



## Bulk Trash (Thursdays)

A maximum of one bulk item will be collected per week. A bulk item is an object which two people can lift. Refrigerators, air conditioners, and other cooling units must be tagged that freon has been removed. No building materials, railroad ties, automotive parts, or tires will be picked up. A maximum of four carpet rolls, each no longer than four feet in length, will be collected. If unsure whether or not your bulk trash item will be collected, call Allied Waste Service at 610-869-2222.

## Items Not Accepted

Explosives, ammunition, radioactive wastes, and infectious or unidentified wastes will not be accepted for disposal. Please contact the proper authorities if you have a waste item that poses a significant danger.

## 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.

## Household Hazardous Waste

Items labeled with any of the following words can not be disposed of with regular trash: CAUTION, TOXIC, DANGER, FLAMMABLE, WARNING, CORROSIVE, EXPLOSIVE, REACTIVE, COMBUSTIBLE, POISONOUS, or HAZARDOUS.

Paint Products	Outdoor	Automotive	Household	Other
Oil-Based Paints Turpentine/Thinners Stain/Varnish/Shellac Strippers/Removers Adhesives/Solvents	Pool Chemicals Weed Killers Septic Tank Degreasers Asphalt Sealers Caulking Compounds Joint Compounds Roof Cements	Grease/Rust Solvents Fuel Additives Carburetor Cleaners Transmission/Brake Fluid Antifreeze Gasoline	Drain Openers Rug/Wood/Metal Cleaners Mothballs/Flakes Spot Remover Household Batteries Kerosene Smoke Alarms Toilet Bowl Cleaners Adhesives/Solvents	Acids/Caustics/Solvents Flammables/Oxidizers Lead/Mercury Pesticides Organic Peroxide Reactive Metals Gas Cylinders max. 20#s

Check the Spring 2009 issue of The West Goshen Township Newsletter for a list of Household Hazardous Waste dates and locations.

### UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

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

\*Call 610-273-3771, ext. 228 for recycling locations for automotive related materials.



# What Renters and Property Owners Need to Know about Recycling

## Recycling is required by:

- 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

## Recycling programs are required for:

- Commercial Properties: stores, markets, office buildings, restaurants, and shopping centers
- Industrial Properties: factories, foundries, processing plants, and warehouses
- Institutions: hospitals, nursing homes, private and public schools and universities
- Public agencies: government agencies, authorities, and councils

- Multi-unit residences: apartment buildings with four or more units and condominium associations

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

The recycling containers must be easily accessible and suitable for the type of material that is being collected. Educational facilities must provide for separation and collection of recyclable materials in classrooms, administrative offices, cafeterias, and dormitories.

## Materials to be recycled:

Commercial, municipal, and institutional establishments must provide, at a

minimum, for the separation and recycling of the following materials:

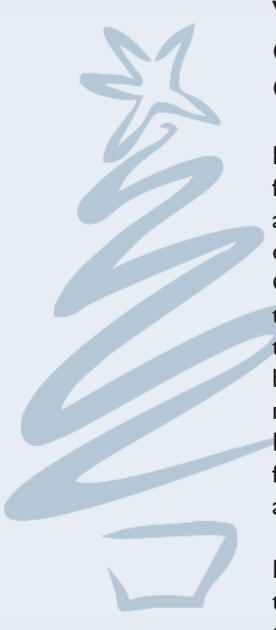
- Computer paper and white bond/copier/letterhead paper
- Corrugated paper
- Aluminum, steel, and bimetallic cans

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.

For more information on the recycling requirements, contact 610-696-5266, ext. 4304 or [twp@westgoshen.org](mailto:twp@westgoshen.org). ★



## West Goshen Homeowners Can Choose Pickup or Dropoff for Christmas Tree Disposal

Homeowners can leave their Christmas trees at the curb for disposal on Saturday, January 24th. For those living in apartments or residents wishing to dispose of their trees earlier, West Goshen will continue its tradition of accepting Christmas trees to be mulched. Due to construction at the Municipal Complex, trees will not be collected there as they had in years past. Instead, Township residents can bring Christmas trees to the West Goshen Community Park main parking lot (next to Fern Hill Road) between December 26th and January 11th. This service is provided for West Goshen residents only. Anyone illegally dumping additional trees or other items will be prosecuted.

For both curbside and dropoff disposal, please make sure to remove all tinsel, decorations, and plastic bags from trees. Wreaths will not be accepted. ★

## Recycling in West Goshen Parks

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Board proudly announces the addition of new recycling bins to the Township's most popular parks. Look for the large blue containers at Barker, Community, Coopersmith, and Lambert Parks. The bins have holes in their lids to accommodate bottles and cans. Please do your part to help the environment by using these containers for glass, plastic, steel, and aluminum beverage containers. All other trash should be deposited in nearby garbage receptacles at the parks.

# Stormwater Pollution and Yard Waste

## *tips for stormwater management on your property*

### **DID YOU KNOW:**

- Yard debris, including leaves and other organic plant material like shrubbery trimmings and grass clippings, are a significant source of stormwater pollution. This debris can clog culverts, storm drains, and pipes, causing flooding.
- Debris can carry fertilizers and pesticides from your yard and deposit them in streams and ponds.
- Piles of leaves and grass clippings will overload a stream's ability to process leaf litter, causing nutrient pollution and oxygen depletion.

**It is easy to do your part to protect our streams and the drainage systems leading to our waterways:**



**1 Do not pile leaves or other yard waste near streams or drainage channels** where they can blow or wash into creeks. Use designated leaf collection bags for curbside leaf recycling.

**2 Do not blow leaves or grass clippings off your property** into streets, streams, ponds, or drainage swales.



**3 Recycle grass clippings and their nutrients on your lawn.** Use a mulching lawnmower to recycle remaining leaves into your lawn in the fall!



**4 Compost leaves and grass clippings along with yard waste.** Select a location removed from streams, ponds, and wetlands.

Source: Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association, [www.crcwatersheds.org](http://www.crcwatersheds.org).

Illustration credit to the University of Wisconsin-Extension.

**Answers to the fire quiz:** 1-A, 2-D, 3-A, 4-B, 5-A, 6-A, 7-A, 8-B, 9-B, 10.B, 11.B, 12.C, 13.A, 14.B, 15.D

*"Part of Our Community" highlights local businesses, organizations, and people who make a difference in the community. To submit ideas for future columns, please email Newsletter Editor Ken Lehr at [klehr@westgothen.org](mailto:klehr@westgothen.org).*



## Part of Our Community

**The Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce (GWCC)** represents 800 member businesses, nonprofits organizations, and governments (including West Goshen Township) in the seven municipalities that make up the West Chester area. Founded in 1915, the Chamber strives to promote an environment for the betterment and prosperity of the business community.

"The chamber is a real good way to grow your business," says Mary Lou Enoches, owner of La Difference Salon and Day Spa in West Goshen Township. "It helps small businesses interact with one another."

Services offered to member businesses include professional development, advocacy, and networking and marketing opportunities.

Members can participate in monthly education sessions. Recent topics have included business etiquette and customer service. GWCC is looking at the possibility of partnering with other regional chambers of commerce to cosponsor a November educational session on federal health care reforms featuring local members of Congress.

GWCC is responsible for making sure the concerns of local businesses are addressed at local, state, and federal levels. The chamber has hired a lobbyist in Harrisburg to keep members aware of pending state legislation, and to represent their interests to the state.

Networking opportunities are available through meetings, events, and the membership directory. GWCC recently introduced LEAD-ers, a referral program in which business leaders meet biweekly to discuss their ideal referrals, exchange ideas, and give fellow members

an in-depth look at what they do.

"The goal is for members to get to know each other so well that each person's product or service becomes 'top of mind' when they come across a potential referral," explains Katie Walker, president of GWCC. "As a side benefit, the format encourages our members to shop locally which, during this tough economy, is a win-win for our members and for the community in general."

Through its monthly newsletter and its magazine "Images," GWCC can bring attention to local businesses, make business owners aware of legislation



**87% of the Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce's members are small businesses consisting of 25 or fewer employees.**

and topics that may be relevant to them, and provide members with an opportunity to get their message to other local businesses.

The chamber is also starting a group for young (23 through 40 years old) professionals called Future Leaders of West Chester (FLOW).

The Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce increases visibility for itself and its member businesses by sponsoring community events. The three largest events sponsored by the chamber are the Iron Hill Criterium, Spring and Fall Gallery Walks, and the West Chester Old Fashioned Christmas.

The Iron Hill Criterium brings over 250 professional and amateur bikers to a race looping around West Chester Borough's downtown. This annual July event,

started in 2000, drew nearly 20,000 people this year.

The Spring and Fall Gallery Walks, held on the first Fridays in June and October, help to bring exposure to local artists and galleries, and encourage visitors to shop and dine in West Chester.

This year marks the 30th year the chamber is sponsoring West Chester's Old Fashioned Christmas. Festivities begin at 5:30 PM on Friday, December 4th, with performances in West Chester Borough's business district, followed by the inaugural "Jingle Elf Run" charity event at 7:00 PM. At 8:00 PM, the Old Fashioned Christmas Parade will conclude with the star of the show, Santa himself.

Mary Lou Enoches points out that even though events sponsored by GWCC are predominantly held in West Chester Borough, businesses in surrounding municipalities such as West Goshen Township can also benefit by getting their names out to a wider audience who are more likely then to patronize their businesses.

According to Katie Walker, "The events sponsored by the Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce and the support to retailers make West Chester a viable, attractive place to live, work, and raise a family."

For more information about the Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce, visit [www.gwcc.org](http://www.gwcc.org). ★



**The Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet offers business members a valuable opportunity to network.**

# Food, Fun, and a Visit by Jolly St. Nick

West Goshen residents are cordially invited to attend a holiday breakfast with special guest Santa Claus on Saturday, December 19, 2009 or Sunday, December 20, 2009 between 9:00 and 10:30 AM at the Stadium Grille.

The esteemed Mr. Claus will be in town to receive last-minute gift requests from children residing in the Township. All guests can enjoy a hot buffet breakfast, and children can decorate gingerbread treats to take home.

The cost of the Holiday Breakfast is \$10 per person. All participants must reside in West Goshen Township. Registration is required in advance for this event. Additional information and registration forms are available at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org). You may contact the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266 or via email at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org). ★



*Santa will make a special visit to the children of West Goshen on Saturday, December 19th and Sunday, December 20th.*

*Children can decorate their own gingerbread cookies at the Holiday Breakfast*

## Decorate Your Home for the Holidays

Design your own wreaths and centerpieces at the Annual Holiday Decorations Workshop on Tuesday, December 15th, Wednesday, December 16th or Thursday, December 17th between 7:00 and 8:00 PM at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Wreaths cost \$15 each, and centerpieces are \$10 each, and include all the supplies you need—greens, decorations, craft supplies, and expert assistance. Advance registration is required. For more information, contact the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266 or visit [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org). ★

## Yoga and Pilates Return

The popular Yoga and Pilates Fitness Program returns to the Community Room at the West Goshen Township Administration Building on Thursday evenings between November 5th and December 10th (except Thanksgiving) between 7:30 and 8:30 PM. Cost for the five sessions is \$60 for West Goshen residents or \$70 for residents of other municipalities. Additional information and registration forms are available at [www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Yoga/yoga.html](http://www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Yoga/yoga.html) or by calling the West Goshen Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266. ★

## Don't forget to register for the following West Goshen programs and activities:

- **Harvest Festival** October 25, 2009, 2:00 – 4:00 PM  
Free registration at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) for West Goshen residents.
- **Senior Water Walking** November 3, 2009 through December 3, 2009
- **Guided Tour of Whitney and Guggenheim Museums** November 7, 2009
- **Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular** December 7, 2009
- **New York on Your Own** December 12, 2009

For more information about any these or any other offerings by the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department, visit [www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/events.html](http://www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/events.html). ★

## ADVENTURE BOOT CAMP FOR WOMEN

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department will offer a two-week Fall Blast session of Adventure Boot Camp for Women from 6:00 AM through 7:00 AM between the dates of December 7th and December 18th. The cost for the two-week Blast is \$150 for West Goshen residents or \$160 for residents of other municipalities.

Space is still available for the full four-week Adventure Boot Camp session from October 19th through November 13th. Cost is \$300 per person for West Goshen residents or \$320 for non-residents. For a cost of \$200 for West Goshen residents, or \$210 for non-residents, participants can join three mornings per week.

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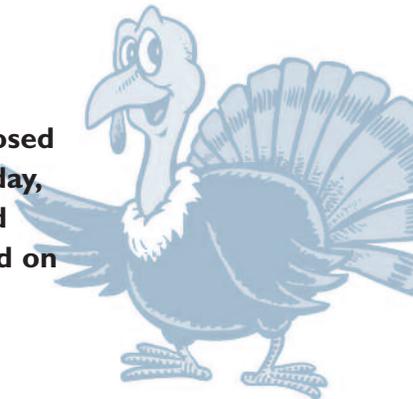
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## TOWNSHIP HOLIDAYS

Township offices will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26th. Trash and bulk items will be collected on Friday, November 27th.



## Attention West Goshen Township Businesses

**Advertise your business on the new community map.** West Goshen Township has engaged the services of Franklin Maps to create a new Community Map & Directory. This Map / Directory will be sent to all Township residents, so this is a prime opportunity for you to advertise your business or organization to the community for a nominal fee. You can expect a representative from Franklin Maps to contact you soon, or call the Township office if you would like to participate in this special opportunity. ★



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