

# WEST GOSHEN



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## Ground to be Broken on New Public Works Garage

In an effort to provide better, more efficient service to West Goshen residents, the Board of Supervisors has decided to build a new Public Works garage on the existing municipal campus at 1025 Paoli Pike. The garage will house the Streets Department's vehicles, heavy equipment and provide additional office space. The building will also serve as the Township's Emergency Operations Center.

**“Why build during a recession?”** Building during a recession takes advantage of (1) lower interest rates and (2) reduced costs of overall construction projects. Currently, we lease space.

The new building's design will provide space for additional growth for the next 25 to 30 years. For example, the Township implemented a street brining system last winter to fight ice, snow accumulation, and reduce salt use. The new building will incorporate a brine making system that will lower the Township's costs to produce, store and utilize brine.

The building's design will take advantage of the latest environmental construction

technology. Green building advances in the past decade have provided significant energy savings and cost efficiencies. Examples of “green” building practices called for in the design include geothermal heating, installation of skylights for additional natural light, installation of solar panels for electricity production, and a cistern to collect rainwater for brine making and vehicle washing.

Residents may ask, “Why build during a recession?” West Goshen Township takes advantage of two circumstances during a recession. First, interest rates are at historic lows, resulting in lower lending costs. Second, overall construction costs are lower during economic periods of reduced construction projects. The Township currently rents an off-site 12,000 square foot storage facility and garage at an annual cost of \$72,000. The Township is nearing the end of its current lease on the storage facility, and the cost savings realized will support a majority of a loan payment on the new facility. The new building will allow the Township to centralize its complete operations to one location.

The Board of Supervisors authorized \$2,000,000 for construction in the 2009 budget. Construction may begin as soon as September 2009 following design completion. ★

## New Parking Ordinance Enacted

Effective February 18, 2009 parking a licensed recreational vehicle, mobile home, truck camper, boat, boat trailer or utility trailer on any Township street without a Township-provided permit is prohibited. Temporary parking permits are effective for seven (7) days after issuance and issued by the Township Police Department. Up to ten (10) permits for a single vehicle may be issued by the Police Department in one calendar year. Five (5) calendar days must elapse after the close of the seven (7) day parking permit period before issuance of another permit. The permit must be displayed clearly on the vehicle. Failure to obtain a permit shall result in a daily \$50 citation, issued by the Police Department.

The first permit for a single vehicle is free; additional temporary parking permits are \$25 each. ★

## Applicants Sought for Planning Commission

Would you like to get involved in your hometown, have a say in West Goshen's future growth, and meet other people interested in contributing to the well-being of West Goshen residents? The West Goshen Board of Supervisors is seeking applicants for vacancies on the Planning Commission. The West Goshen Planning Commission meets monthly to review development plans, and to recommend approval or denial of construction projects.

Anyone interest in serving on the Planning Commission is encouraged to send a letter of interest and a résumé to: West Goshen Board of Supervisors, 1025 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380. For more information, contact Township Manager Casey LaLonde at 610-696-5266. ★

# Subdivision and Land Development Report

*The following plans have been approved for development:*

**Howard Business Park: Parking Lot Expansion** – The land development is situated on the east side of Westtown Road, south of the intersection with Union Street, and involves the construction of a parking lot with 95 spaces and stormwater basin relocation sited on an 8.37 acre parcel, zoned I-2 Light Industrial.

*The following plans are new submissions for consideration:*

**Greenhill Corporate Park: Unit 11** – Land development plan for a 34,480 square foot office building located at 1171 McDermott Drive.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**QVC Studio Park** – This plan proposes 62,930 square feet of new offices and warehouse building additions located at 1200 Wilson Drive.

*The following plans remain under review:*

**Liberty Tool** – Land development plan for a 26,000 square foot industrial supply

## township information

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

6 year elected term  
Patricia B. McIlvaine, *Chairman*  
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### WEST GOSHEN POLICE

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

### SEWER TREATMENT PLANT

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610.696.0900  
Fax 610.429.9360  
John M. Scott, *Sewer Plant Manager*

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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*

# Ordinance Changes

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.

**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.

**The Woodlands at Greystone –** The submitted plan proposes for the development of 598 dwelling units pursuant to the Flexible Design Conservation District regulations for a 446+ acre property located along Pottstown Pike, Phoenixville Pike, and the Route 322 Bypass (commonly referred to as the Jerrehian tract).

**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.

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

Ordinance 09-2008 was adopted on December 10, 2008, which added the R-3B Flexible Design Conservation District, and rezoned several parcels from R-3 Residential to R-3B. The rezoned parcels are located along Pottstown Pike, Phoenixville Pike, and the Route 322 Bypass (commonly referred to as the Jerrehian tract). The ordinance change also reflected any and all definition changes as well as area and bulk requirements applicable to the new zone.

Ordinance 10-2008 was adopted on December 10, 2008, which amended the definition of “Family” to incorporate the meaning of that word in relationship to the number of unrelated persons living in a group home. Additionally a definition for “independent living facility” was added with use regulations provided for in the R-3 Residential District. Finally the screening and landscaping requirements were revised, with a recommended planting guide provided.

Ordinance 01-2009 was adopted on February 18, 2009, which prohibited parking of a mobile home, motor home, trailer, truck camper, boat, boat trailer or utility trailer on any street, highway, or

road in the Township, without first obtaining a temporary parking permit from the Township Police Department. The permit will be valid for seven consecutive days and must be attached to the vehicle during the parking period. A maximum of 10 temporary parking permits per year will be issued for the same vehicle. The Township Code was amended to include fines for a violation of these regulations.

Ordinance 03-2009 was adopted on April 15, 2009, which provided a definition for “Building Envelope”. The ordinance allows swimming pools as an accessory use in the R-2, R-3, R-3A, R-3B, and R-4 zoning districts on lots which front on two or more streets and on corner lots provided they are located within the building envelope.

Ordinance 04-2009 was adopted on April 15, 2009, which amended Chapter 42 of the West Goshen Township Code entitled “Fireworks” to allow the use of sparklers in the Township (see Fire Safety article).

A copy of any of the above referenced ordinances in its entirety is available upon request. ★

## Public Township Meetings

**Board of Supervisors** (4:00 PM, first and third Wednesday of each month, except where otherwise noted): May 6 and 20; June 17; July 15.

**Park and Recreation Board** (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month): May 20; June 17; July 15.

**Planning Commission** (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month): May 12; June 16; July 21.

**Sewer Authority** (7:30 PM, first Wednesday of each month): May 6; June 3; July 1.

**Zoning Hearing Board** (7:00 PM, first Thursday after the second Wednesday of each month or as needed): May 14; June 11; July 9.

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. Zoning Hearing Board Meetings may be cancelled or added as needed. Check [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) for updates.

# Know How to Dispose of Trash,

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. (See page 6.)

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

## 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.

Use the chart at the right to determine items that may be brought to the Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Collection sites. Collection dates and locations for 2009 will be:

### Saturday, May 16, 2009

Owen J. Roberts High School  
981 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA 19465

### Friday, June 19, 2009

CAT Brandywine Campus  
1635 E. Lincoln, Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320  
*Computer components will also be accepted at this collection.*

### Saturday, September 19, 2009

New Garden Township Building  
8934 Gap Newport Road, Landenberg, PA 19350

### Saturday, October 10, 2009

Chester County Government Service Center  
601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380  
*Computer components will also be accepted at this collection.*

Latex paints will not be accepted—they may be air dried or mixed with cat litter and disposed of with your regular trash pickup. Motor oil and tires will not be accepted, but may be brought to your local service station. Call (610)273-3771 for locations for automotive related materials.

Please pack all household hazardous wastes safely in original containers for transport.

### ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

#### Household

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

#### Automotive

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

#### Outdoor

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

#### Paint Products

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

#### Other

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

### UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

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

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



# Recyclables, and Hazardous Items

## TRASH (MONDAYS AND 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.

**The Township-provided 96 gallon containers help assure efficient trash collection. 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.

See  
back cover for  
**Senior Trash  
Rebate  
Program!**

## 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.

**Township offices will be closed on Monday, May 25th. The Township holiday trash pickup schedule will be in effect that week with trash picked up on Tuesday, May 26th and on Friday, May 29th.**

## 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



Recycle plastics with a number 1 through 7 in the familiar recycling logo

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

# Institutional Recycling Requirements in West Goshen Township

## 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

**Recycling is everyone's responsibility. Building managers must provide easy-to-use containers and make information about recycling readily available to renters, and tenants must follow recycling directions when separating recyclables from trash.**

## 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:

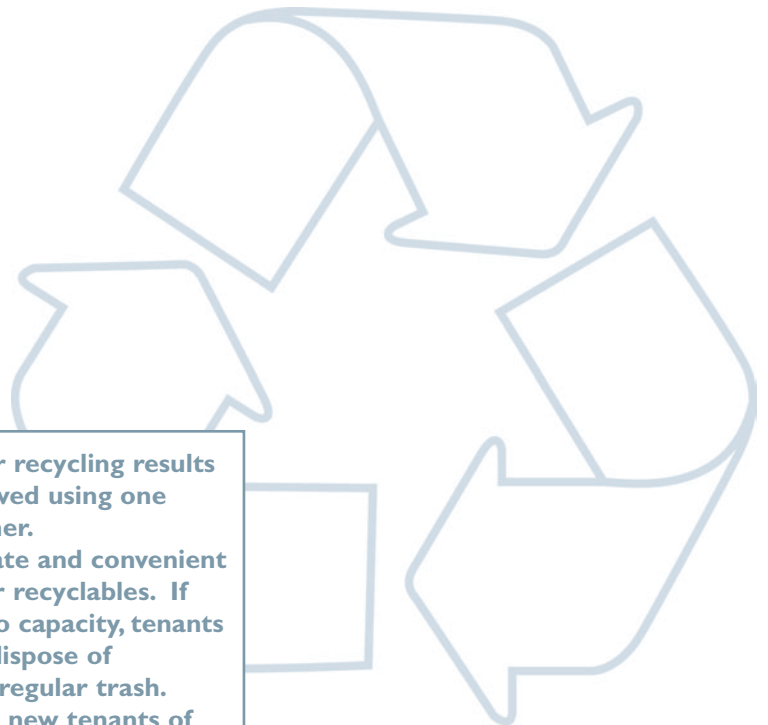
- Clear and colored glass
- Aluminum, steel, and bimetallic cans
- #1 and #2 plastics
- Mixed paper including newspaper, junk mail, telephone books, catalogs, white paper, magazines, flattened boxes which do not come in direct contact with food, and non-corrugated cardboard.

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

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.

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



## Tips to Help Your Recycling Program Succeed

- If possible, place recycling containers near every trash can at your facility.
- Provide clearly marked directions about what recyclable materials are accepted.
- Although recyclables such as aluminum cans, glass bottles, and plastic containers may be separated, better recycling results are usually achieved using one recycling container.
- Allow for adequate and convenient storage space for recyclables. If recycle bins fill to capacity, tenants will be likely to dispose of recyclables with regular trash.
- Be sure to notify new tenants of your corrugated cardboard collection system before they move in.

# Spring and Summer at a Glance



**ACTIVITY GUIDE**

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May 9	Summer Recreation Program registration
May 16	Summer Recreation Program registration
May 17	Bus Trip to Nationals Park

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June 2	June Water Walking begins
June 7	Concert by <b>West Chester East High School Jazz Bands</b>
June 8	Adventure Boot Camp Summer Session 1 begins
June 14	Summer Concert: Children's performance by <b>John Flynn</b>
June 20	Bus Trip to New York City
June 21	International Go Skateboarding Day Celebration at Robert E. Lambert Park
June 22	Summer Recreation Program and Summer Teen Program begin
June 25	June Water Walking ends
June 28	Summer Concert: Classical and pop tunes with the <b>Shaw Strings</b>

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July 3	Adventure Boot Camp Summer Session 1 ends
July 4	Decorated Bike Parade (Raindate: July 5)
July 7	July Water Walking begins
July 12	Summer Concert: Motown music of <b>Special Blendz</b>
July 13	Adventure Boot Camp Summer Session 2 begins
July 18	Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company presents Shakespeare in the Park: "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (Raindate: July 18)
July 26	Summer Concert: <b>The Chester County Concert Band</b>
July 30	July Water Walking ends

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August 4	August Water Walking begins
August 7	Adventure Boot Camp Summer Session 2 ends
August 9	Summer Concert: Country-Western sound of <b>Straight Shooter</b>
August 14	Summer Recreation Program and Summer Teen Program end
August 17	Adventure Boot Camp "Fitness Blast" begins
August 23	Summer Concert: Irish rockers <b>Blackthorn</b>
August 27	Fall Water Walking ends
August 28	Adventure Boot Camp "Fitness Blast" ends

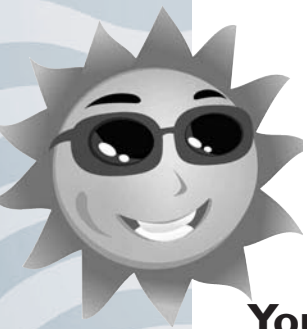
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Look for information about the Fall Movie Series, Harvest Festival, Holiday Events, and Fall Bus Trips in future issues of **The West Goshen Township Newsletter**.

**For all Summer Programs...**

The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department is committed to providing high-quality free or low-cost recreational events to residents of West Goshen Township. Guests to these events are encouraged to bring a dry good item (e.g., soap, toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo, etc.) to be donated to the West Chester Food Cupboard and the Coatesville Veterans Affairs Medical Center for distribution to low-income families and veterans in Chester County .

To find out if an event is moved to an alternate location or changed to a raindate, visit [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) or call 610-696-5266 within the two hours preceding the event. To receive monthly updates about upcoming events from the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department, contact Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org).

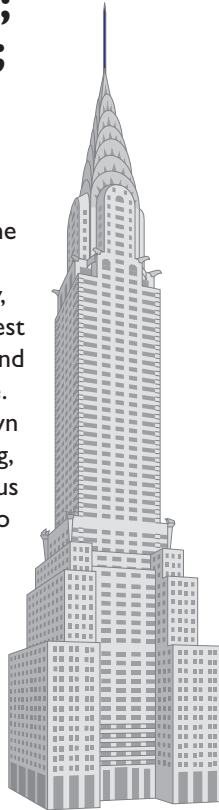


# NEW YORK!



## You Know New York; You Need New York; You Know You Need Unique New York

The next trip to New York City with the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department will take place on Saturday, June 20th. The bus will depart from West Goshen Community Park at 9:00 AM, and drop participants off near Times Square. Spend the whole afternoon on your own in the Big Apple seeing a show, shopping, sightseeing, and dining, and board the bus to return home at 7:00 PM, returning to West Goshen Township at approximately 10:00 PM. Cost of the trip is \$35 per person and includes round-trip transportation and bus driver tip. For more information, visit [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) or call the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266. ★



## Get Updates on Trips to Yankee Stadium, Citi Field, and More

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is working on organizing bus trips to the new Yankee Stadium and Citi Field in New York City this summer. Because of logistics regarding these new facilities and their popularity, both the New York Yankees and the New York Mets have not made summer group tickets available as of April. The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department plans to have information available about potential August and September trips available in the Summer 2009 issue of the West Goshen Township Newsletter.

To receive notifications about these trips as soon as they become available and other updates, sign up for "The Rec Room," the monthly electronic newsletter of the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department. To register for this free service, just send your name and email address to Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org). ★

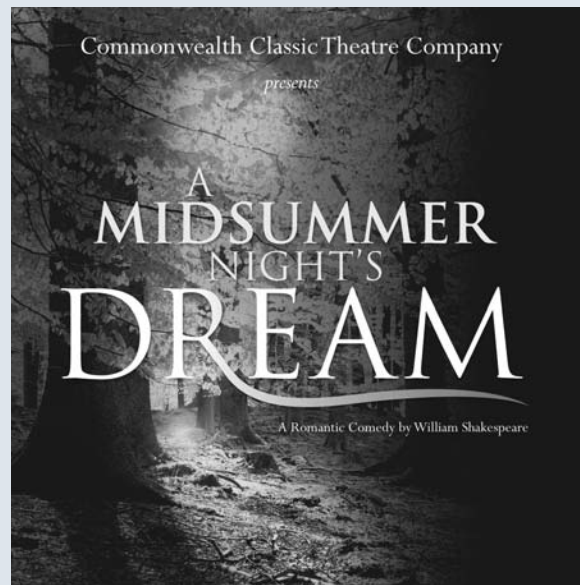
# ACTIVITY GUIDE

## A Midsummer Night of Fun at West Goshen Community Park

Join the fun of one of William Shakespeare's most popular and uproarious comedies, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on Saturday, July 18th at 7:00 PM at West Goshen Community Park, as the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department welcomes back the Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company, the region's premiere touring acting troupe.

Meet some of Shakespeare's most memorable characters in "A Midsummer Night's Dream," including young lovers, fairies, insubordinate servants, and a puckish trickster who gets turned into a donkey! The play is full of mayhem, magic, and madness and an all-encompassing compassion for the foibles of its characters and, indeed, for all mortal "fools."

In the event of rain, the performance would be postponed to Sunday, July 19th at 7:00 PM. Check [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) after 5:00 PM on the date of the performance for rain determination. ★





# Area's Top Performers Highlight Summer Concert Series

Some of the region's most popular bands will be coming to West Goshen Township to participate in this year's Summer Concert Series.

On Sunday, June 14th, **John Flynn**, local singer with a national following, will present an evening of children's music featuring original songs of his including the always-popular "A Manatee Sneezed on Me."

On Sunday, June 28th, **The Shaw Strings**, an all-female string orchestra based in West Goshen Township, will perform classical and pop favorites.

Get ready to dance in the aisles with **Special Blendz**, as they bring their Motown sound and incomparable show-

manship to the West Goshen Summer Concert Series on Sunday, July 12th.

Some of the best musicians from your own neighborhood will perform with the **Chester County Concert Band** on Sunday, July 26th.

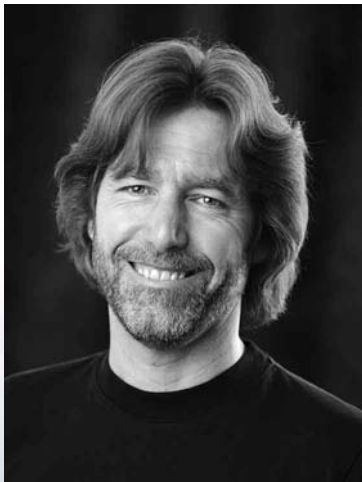
Local Country-Western favorites **Straight Shooter** visit Community Park on Sunday, August 9th.

The Summer Concert Series concludes on Sunday, August 23rd with local Irish-inspired rock legends **Blackthorn**.

In addition to the regular Summer Concert Series performances, the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is partnering with the

West Chester East High School Music Department to present some of the area's top young performers in a concert by the **West Chester East High School Jazz Bands** on Sunday, June 7th.

Beginning this year, **all concerts will start at 6:30 PM** at the J. Leon Hagerty Amphitheater at the 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 Ellis Lane. Rain determination will be made after 3:00 PM on the date of the concert. Visit [www.westgoshe.org](http://www.westgoshe.org) for directions and rain determination. ★



**John Flynn** performs on June 14th

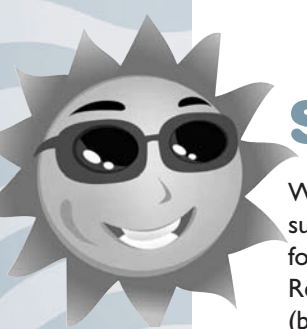


Motown musicians **Special Blendz** return to West Goshen Community Park on July 12th



See Irish Rockers **Blackthorn** on August 23rd

**Due to budget cuts, West Goshen Township will not be able to offer Community Day in 2009. The Park and Recreation Department would like to thank all the individuals, businesses, and community groups, and in particular The Friends of West Goshen Parks, for past support of West Goshen Community Day.**



# Summer Fun for Children 5-12 Years Old

What do friends, fun, games, and sun have in common? They are all found at West Goshen's Summer Recreation Program! Children five (by September 1, 2009) through twelve years old are invited to participate in the Summer Recreation Program at either Barker Park, Coopersmith Park, or West Goshen Community Park, where they can enjoy supervised activities including sports, games, crafts, special events, and weekly field trips. The West Goshen Summer Recreation Program begins on Monday, June 22nd, and continues each weekday through Friday, August 14th. The Summer Recreation Program begins at 9:00 each morning, and runs until noon.

West Goshen residents with one child pay \$200 for the eight-week program. Families residing in West Goshen Township registering two children pay \$350. The registration fee for each additional child in a West Goshen family household is \$100. The registration fee for residents of other municipalities is \$300 per child. Four of the eight field trips are included with the reg-

istration fee. The other four field trips typically have a fee of \$10 to \$15 per trip. Field trips include ice-skating, roller-skating, bowling, movies, water slides, and more!

Registration will be held on Saturday, May 9th between 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM, and Saturday, May 16th between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM at the West Goshen Township Administrative Building.

Registration for both the morning program and the clinics may be lim-

ited, with Township residents having first priority. If space is still available, registrations may be completed any business day between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM beginning May 18th. Parents must bring their children's birth certificates at registration. Proof of residency is required to be eligible for the resident rate.

For more information, call the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266. ★



## SPORTS CLINICS

Learn to shoot, skate, and score in the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department's Summer Sports Clinics! Clinics are intended to introduce beginners between the ages of five through twelve to new sports through supervised instruction. Clinics begin the week of June 29th and run through the week of August 14th, meeting once a week for seven weeks. All clinics take place at West Goshen Community Park, between 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM, except the skateboarding clinics, which will take place at Robert E. Lambert Park on Pottstown Pike.

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

Summer Sports Clinic registration fees are \$60 per sport (for each seven week session) for West Goshen residents, and \$75 per sport for residents of other municipalities. ★

### The following sports are scheduled for Summer 2009:

#### **Mondays:**

Skateboarding	5-8 years old
Field Hockey	6-10 years old
Tennis	9-10 years old

#### **Tuesdays:**

Tennis	11-12 years old
Soccer	5-8 years old
Basketball	8-11 years old

#### **Thursdays:**

Tee-Ball	5-8 years old
Lacrosse	6-10 years old
Skateboarding	9-12 years old

# Teen-Aged Fun

Hey, teens! Would you like to go white-water rafting, play disc golf, or dare to tackle the newest and coolest roller coasters and water rides around? The West Goshen Summer Teen Program, designed specifically for teens between the ages of 13 and 15, offers a variety of fun, rewarding, and adventurous activities to participate in this summer. The 2009 Summer Teen Program begins on Monday, June 22nd and runs through Friday, August 14th, offering participants the opportunity to engage in sports, games, and special events at West Goshen Community Park. In addition, the teens join in community service projects and participate in weekly field trips. This year's field trips include visits to Hershey Park, Dorney Park, Brandywine Picnic Park, Waterworld Waterpark, and the rapids of the Lehigh River. In addition, participants will enjoy activities such as bowling, disc golf, geo-caching, and tubing down the scenic Brandywine River. The Summer Teen Program runs from

9:00 AM through noon most days. However, some field trips and community service projects will run until later in the day.

West Goshen residents interested in the Summer Teen Program pay \$200 for one participant, \$350 for two participants, and \$100 per additional participant. The cost for residents of other municipalities is \$300 per participant. West Goshen 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 \$15 to \$30 per trip.

Registration will be held on Saturday, May 9th between 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM, and Saturday, May 16th between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM at the West Goshen Township Administrative Building. Availability may be limited, with Township residents having

**Hershey!  
Dorney!  
Waterworld!**



The Summer Teen Program offers fun activities, action-packed field trips, and community service projects for participants.

first priority. If space is still available, registrations may be completed any business day between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM beginning May 18th. **Parents must bring their children's birth certificates at registration. Proof of residency is required to be eligible for the resident rate.**

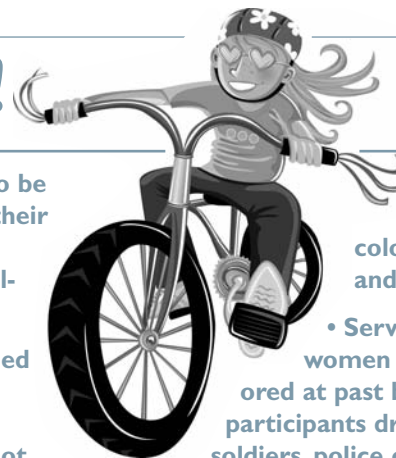
For more information call the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266. ★

# Everybody Loves a Parade!

Before going to the shore, hosting a barbecue, or visiting family and friends, take some time on July 4th to celebrate America's birthday with your neighbors from West Goshen Township at the annual Decorated Bike Parade. Children can decorate their bicycles, tricycles, training wheels, big wheels, strollers, wagons, and wheelchairs in patriotic themes and parade through West Goshen Community Park. The parade begins at 10:00 AM. All children living in West Goshen Township are welcome to participate and everyone is invited to come and enjoy the fun! All participants will receive commemorative medals, and top winners will receive prizes.

Register to enter at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org). Please note that anyone entering a bike in the parade MUST wear a bicycle helmet.

In the event of rain, the Decorated Bike Parade would be postponed to Sunday, July 5th at 10:00 AM. Rain notification will be posted on the Township website by 9:00 AM on July 4th. ★

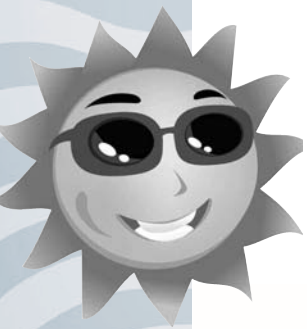


Children are encouraged to be creative when decorating their bikes. You can learn from past prize winners, or develop your own themes:

- Prize winners have included participants dressed like George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Why not salute America's vice-presidents by dressing like Elbridge Gerry or Levi Morton?
- Past participants have decorated their bikes with pictures of bald eagles. You can honor Pennsylvania by covering your bike with decorations of the state bird, the ruffed grouse.
- Red, white, and blue are certainly the most popular color themes at the Decorated Bike Parade. If you would like to recognize West Goshen's colors, you can decorate

your bike with Pantone colors 5425U, 458U, and 11-0601TPX.

- Service men and women have been honored at past bike parades, with participants dressed like soldiers, police officers, and firefighters. If you really want to win a prize, decorate your bike honoring a true unsung hero—your favorite Park and Recreation employee.
- The Decorated Bike Parade is a celebration of American history, so participants should dress accordingly. Dressing like the Statue of Liberty is appropriate. Dressing like Michelangelo's statue of David would be inappropriate.
- Remember—HAVE FUN!!!



# Skatepark Updates



## — REMEMBER —

Helmets, kneepads, and elbow pads must be worn at all times in the skatepark at Robert E. Lambert Park.

For participants under 18 years old, a parent or legal guardian must sign the registration and waiver before the minor may enter the skatepark.

### Hours

The skatepark at Robert E. Lambert Park is open on weekdays from 4:00 PM through sunset, and on weekends from 10:00 AM through sunset through Sunday, May 31st. The skatepark will also open at 10:00 AM on Monday, May 25th.

Beginning on Monday, June 1st, the skatepark will open from 10:00 AM through sunset every day through Monday, August 31st. The skatepark will close at 5:00 PM on Saturday, July 4th.

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. To check whether or not the skatepark is open, call West Goshen Township at 610-696-5266.

### Go Skateboarding Day

West Goshen Township will celebrate Go Skateboarding Day on Sunday, June 21st. The \$5 daily entry fee will be waived that day. Experts



Because Go Skateboarding Day falls on Father's Day this year, all dads residing in West Goshen Township in attendance will receive a West Goshen Township coffee mug, and be eligible to win special prizes. This is a great opportunity for kids to teach their fathers to skate, or for dads to introduce their sons or daughters to skateboarding!

### Fairman's Skate Jams

Experts from Fairman's Skate, Snow, and Surf Shop will also visit Lambert Park on the second Tuesday of each month between 6:00 PM and sunset through October 2009, weather permitting. Meet the pros and get valuable pointers on improving your skateboarding skills.

### Clinics

West Goshen Township will offer beginner skateboarding clinics on Mondays from June 29th through August 10th for children five through eight years old, and on Thursdays from July 2nd through August 13th for children nine through twelve years old. Each set of seven sessions costs \$60 for residents of West Goshen Township, or \$75 for residents of other municipalities.

from Fairman's Skate, Snow, and Surf Shop will be on hand to help participants master their latest moves. Free raffle prizes will be given out throughout the afternoon.

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.



For those interested in more intensive skateboarding lessons, the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is partnering with Fairman's Skate, Snow, and Surf Shop to offer week-long skateboarding camps. Children six through twelve years old can choose to attend skateboarding camp either July 20th – July 24th or August 17th – August 21st between 9:00 AM and noon each day. Cost is \$90 for residents of West Goshen Township, or \$100 for residents of other municipalities. Registration for each additional child from the same family would cost just \$75.

Skateboarders wanting individual instruction can also make arrangements with the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department for private lessons featuring experts from Fairman's staff. Pricing for private lessons is as follows:

**One-Hour Lessons**

- 1 skater: \$30
- 2 skaters: \$45
- 3 skaters: \$60
- 4 skaters: \$75
- 5 skaters: \$90

**Two-Hour Lessons**

- 1 skater: \$50
- 2 skaters: \$80
- 3 skaters: \$90
- 4 skaters: \$110
- 5 skaters: \$130

**Four One-Hour Weekly Lessons**

- 1 skater: \$105
- 2 skaters: \$150
- 3 skaters: \$195
- 4 skaters: \$240
- 5 skaters: \$285

For more information about private lessons, contact the West Goshen Park and Recreation Office.

**Annual Memberships**

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. Daily passes may be purchased at the skatepark for \$5. The skatepark at Robert E. Lambert Park is restricted exclusively for use by skateboarders and inline skaters. Call the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department for more information about skatepark memberships.

**Email Updates**

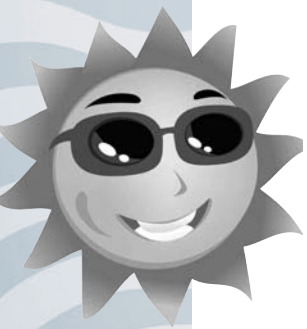
Want to know the latest about skatepark hours, employment opportunities, and events? The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department sends out periodical updates via email to notify users of all the most recent information. To be included on the email list, contact Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org). ★



# Helping Keep Your Employees Fit and Active

## Opportunities to Partner on Employee Fitness Activities

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is committed to making West Goshen Township a healthy community. In addition to parks, athletic facilities, and fitness programs, the Park and Recreation Department can offer employers the opportunity to partner on employee fitness activities, including disc golf outings, Wii sports, or spongeball dodgeball tournaments. If your company or corporate park is having a fitness fair and you would like to learn more about resources available to you through the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department, contact Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org) or at 610-696-5266. ★



## New!!! Summer Water Walking

West Goshen Township is now able to offer summer sessions of the popular Water Walking Program for seniors. Enjoy eight sessions of strength-building and aerobic exercises in the comfort of water at the ACAC Fitness and Wellness Center. Sessions take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 1:00 and 1:45 PM. Choose from the following months:

June 2009		July 2009		August 2009	
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
June 2	June 4	July 7	July 9	August 4	August 6
June 9	June 11	July 14	July 16	August 11	August 13
June 16	June 18	July 21	July 23	August 18	August 20
June 23	June 25	July 28	July 30	August 25	August 27

The cost is \$50 for a month of eight sessions. For more information, visit [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org).

## Adventure Boot Camp for Women Resumes

The popular women’s fitness program returns to West Goshen Community Park this summer. Sessions take place from 5:30 AM through 6:30 AM. Registrants can sign up for any of the following sessions:

**June 8th through July 3rd**  
**July 13th through August 7th**

The cost for each full session is \$300 for West Goshen residents or \$320 for non-residents.

Can’t commit to attend every morning? Participants can sign up for partial sessions and attend three mornings per week. The cost for each partial session is \$200 for West Goshen residents or \$210 for non-residents.

In addition, the Park and Recreation Department will feature a two-week “Fitness Blast” session from August 17th through August 28th. West Goshen residents can join this special session for \$150. Residents of other municipalities can sign up for \$160.

For more information about Adventure Boot Camp for Women, visit [www.greatvalleybootcamp.com](http://www.greatvalleybootcamp.com). ★

Look in the Summer 2009 issue of *The West Goshen Township Newsletter* for information about Fall sessions for the following popular fitness programs: Adventure Boot Camp for Women, Senior Water Walking, and Yoga-Pilates. To receive monthly updates about fitness programs and other Park and Recreation events, email Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org).

# 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.**

Did you know that bicycles are subject to the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code? Chapter 35 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code specifically spells out that bicycle operators must follow the same laws as motor vehicle drivers when on public roadways, including observance of stop signs and traffic signals, riding on the right side of the road, the use of turn and brake signals (including hand signals when electronic signals are not available), the requirement of a headlight when driving at night, and allowing traffic to pass on the left. Additionally, Chapter 35 contains laws specifically for bicycle operators, including:

- Section 3503: A parent or legal guardian of a minor may be held responsible if that child violates any vehicle laws while operating a bike on a public street. *Parents may be responsible for civil damages if their child is involved in an accident while violating vehicle laws.*
- Section 3504: The number of passengers on a bicycle may not exceed the number of seats (including securely attached child-carriers) on the bike. *Passengers on handlebars, bike pegs, or in an adult's lap are prohibited.*
- Section 3505(b): On roads with shoulders, bicycle operators may ride in the shoulder in the same traffic direction as the adjacent vehicle lane. See Section 3511 for restrictions about riding in the shoulder of freeways such as Route 202.
- Section 3505(e): Bicyclists shall not ride more than two abreast on roadways. *This provision does not apply to dedicated bike paths wide enough for multiple bikes.*
- Section 3506: Bicycle operators must keep at least one hand on the handlebars while riding. *Packages, bundles, or articles requiring the use of two hands while riding are expressly prohibited.*

- Section 3507(a): In addition to a headlight that must be visible for a minimum of 500 feet to the front, a red reflector visible to a minimum distance of 500 feet must be mounted on the rear of a bike used for nighttime riding. In addition, bicycles used at night need to be equipped with amber reflectors on the left and right sides. Additional white front and red rear flashing lights may be added to increase visibility. The bicycle operator may wear the lights provided they meet the minimum distance requirements. *Lights and reflectors serve primarily to make the bicyclist visible to other vehicles and secondarily to illuminate the bicyclist's path.*
- Section 3508: Anyone riding a bicycle on a sidewalk must surrender right-of-way to pedestrians. Bicyclists must give an audible signal prior to passing pedestrians or other bicycle operators. *Proper etiquette is to announce "Passing to the left" prior to overtaking a pedestrian or cyclist.* Bicycles are prohibited on sidewalks in business districts unless permitted by traffic control devices or if a sidewalk has a designated bicycle-only lane.
- Section 3510: Any person under 12 must wear a bicycle helmet meeting national standards for safety and protection when operating or riding as a passenger on a bicycle, in a mounted bicycle restraining seat, or when towed in a bicycle trailer. *The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation strongly recommends that all riders wear helmets when operating a bicycle.*
- Section 3511: Bicycles are prohibited on freeways without prior written permission by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. If permission is granted, bicycle use would be restricted to road shoulders whenever practicable. *Anyone seeking permission to bike on a freeway must write a request to the Department of Transportation indicating the lack of reasonable alternative routes. Requests can only be made by bicycle operators 18 years old or older, or 16 years of age or older if accompanied by another bicyclist 18 or older.*

## 2008 District Court Cases

Pennsylvania's Magisterial District Court 15-2-03 encompasses West Goshen Township and the townships of Westtown and Thornbury. In 2008, Magisterial District Judge William Kraut handled 6,474 cases, an increase from the 5,910 caseload for 2007. The breakdown of the 2008 cases is as follows:

- 357 criminal cases
- 1,335 summary cases
- 4,257 traffic cases
- 525 civil cases

The Magisterial District Court collected \$1,069,862.00 in fines. Of that, West Goshen Township received \$150,701.29.

More than 90% of all litigation in Pennsylvania occurs in the courtrooms of Magisterial District Judges. Chester County has nineteen Magisterial Courts. All summary misdemeanor and felony cases originate at the Magisterial District Court level. Magisterial District Courts are also the venue for lawsuits in civil cases for amounts up to \$8,000 as well as the filing and disposition of minor criminal cases such as traffic violations, disorderly conduct, public drunkenness, truancy, game law violations, and parking tickets. Magisterial District Judges are responsible for conducting preliminary hearings for all serious criminal offenders to determine which cases should be held for trial at the Court of Common Pleas, and for setting and accepting bail and arraigning defendants after arrest.

The Pennsylvania Legislature is considering legislation to increase Magisterial District Courts jurisdictional limits in civil matters from \$8,000 to \$15,000. If passed, this legislation would greatly increase the number of cases heard by Magisterial District Courts.

Judge Kraut encourages suggestions on making the court run more efficiently and feedback on ways to better serve the public. However, his office can not offer comment on any cases to be heard by the District, and he and his staff may not give legal advice to the public. For more information about Magisterial District Court 15-2-03, visit [www.chesco.org/judgekraut](http://www.chesco.org/judgekraut) or call 610-436-5757. ★

*“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@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org).*



## Part of Our Community

In 2008, readers of **The Philadelphia Inquirer** were asked to determine the best place in the Delaware Valley to get a pet. The number one choice recommended by readers also happens to be the largest source of pets in Chester County, located right here in West Goshen Township.



The Chester County Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), founded in 1929, promotes the welfare and humane treatment of animals and advocates on their behalf. The independent nonprofit organization takes in more than 4,000 animals each year at its facility on Phoenixville Pike, and offers programs aimed at preventing and remedying the causes of animal problems throughout the County.

The Chester County SPCA's three-acre facility includes a kennel which can house over 100 animals, an isolation ward for animals that need special treatment, a lawn for dog walking, an outdoor puppy playpen area, and administrative offices. Additionally, the Chester County SPCA has three animal ambulances to pick up confined cases of stray or injured animals and to transport animals for veterinary care.

According to Executive Director Susan B. Spackman, the Chester County SPCA takes in all kinds of small animals, including dogs, cats, rodents, ferrets, lizards, snakes, birds, goats, and pigs. Exotic animals that have been housed at the Chester County SPCA include iguanas, peacocks, a rhea, and an emu.

The majority of animals at the Chester County SPCA are pets turned in by their owners. “The number one reason animals end up in shelters is unrealistic expectations,” says Spackman. All too frequently, people adopt pets that do not fit their lifestyles, leading to problems for both pet and owner. Changes in lifestyle, such as a change in health, divorce, loss of job, allergies, or a need to move often lead people to surrender their pets. In some instances, parents may take in a pet to teach their children lessons about responsibility—only to subsequently find that neither child nor parent are adequately caring for the animal. “It’s not a good idea to teach a kid responsibility for pets,” says Spackman, recommending instead that families adopt pets only if the parents are committed to the animals’ welfare.

Stray animals also constitute a large part of the Chester County SPCA’s animal intakes. These animals may be turned in by concerned citizens or local police. Animal control officers from the Chester County SPCA may be called on to transport stray animals who are confined in an area by a fence or other method. The Chester County SPCA will attempt to contact owners for animals with tags or microchips. In some cases, owners will notify the Chester County SPCA if their pets are missing. The Chester County SPCA may also try to match animals turned in with fliers advertising missing pets. The majority of strays, however, are never reunited with their owners.

The Chester County SPCA has four sworn Humane Society Police Officers on its staff who work with local police departments on animal-related issues. They are trained in animal law and have practical knowledge related to animals, such as dealing with aggressive dogs. The Chester County SPCA Humane Society Police Officers have investigative powers to pursue complaints of animal mistreatment. Humane Society Officers may be

called into court to testify for mistreated animals. Aggressive or abused animals may be turned over to the care of the Chester County SPCA. In 2008, 69 animals were taken in by the SPCA in cases of humane acquisition.

The Chester County SPCA may also temporarily house animals in emergency situations, such as in the case of a house fire, until the owners are able to care for their pets again.

The Chester County SPCA boasts an 80% adoption rate for animals rated as adoptable entering the shelter. Some animals are transferred to animal rescue organizations dedicated to specific breeds. Unfortunately, some animals need to be euthanized for health reasons, if the animal is overly aggressive, or if it has a wound of unknown origin. Additionally, as part of its service to the public, the Chester County SPCA will help owners put down their pets who are in advanced stages of illness. The Chester County SPCA may euthanize animals that they are unable to find permanent homes for if they need space for additional animals, although Spackman indicates that they try to avoid this option as long as they can, not automatically eliminating animals after a predetermined stay there. “If we have the space here, we’ll keep them as long as we can,” says Spackman. “Some animals have stayed with us for more than six months.”

By law, the Chester County SPCA must hold dogs at least 48 hours after they are turned in, to give owners a chance to claim their missing pets. By their own established policy, the Chester County SPCA holds animals a minimum of 72 hours.

To help care for the animals, the Chester County SPCA employs a staff of 25-28 employees. Susan Spackman, who has been involved with the Chester County



SPCA since the early 1970's and Executive Director since 1994, describes the staff as "mission driven."

"They care about helping animals," says Spackman. "They're all animal lovers. It really is a dedicated staff of unsung heroes."

## In 2008, there was a 17% increase in successful adoptions from 2007.

Additionally, hundreds of volunteers assist with tasks such as walking dogs, exercising and playing with cats, helping with fundraising and events, and representing the Chester County SPCA at events and pet supply stores. The non-profit is overseen by an eleven-member board of directors selected from professionals throughout the community. For 2006-2007, the Chester County SPCA was named the Great Valley Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit of the Year.

Fundraisers held throughout the year include the May Walk for Paws, the June Garden Party, September's Horse Show at the Radnor Hunt Pony Club grounds, and pet photos with Santa and the Easter Bunny.

The Chester County SPCA is always looking for animal lovers to adopt pets. The nonprofit collaborates with the Chester County Daily Local News to feature a "Pet of the Week," bringing added attention to the cause of animal adoption.

Anyone interested in adopting an animal from the Chester County SPCA would first meet with a pet adoption counselor and complete an adoption information sheet. A prospective pet owner would

visit the animal prior to adoption to determine temperament and compatibility. Spackman points out that the Chester County SPCA does not keep waiting lists for specific breeds, so anyone looking for a specific type of cat or dog is advised to check back regularly. All animals are implanted with an identification microchip before adoption.

Adoption fees are \$100 for dogs and \$75 for cats.

"It really is a great place to get a new friend," says Spackman.

To learn more about the Chester County SPCA visit [www.ccsPCA.org](http://www.ccsPCA.org). To adopt a pet, report a missing pet, or to volunteer, call 610-692-6113. ★

### Top 3 Myths About the Chester County SPCA:

- **The SPCA is a government agency. Fact: Chester County SPCA is a nonprofit organization.**
- **The SPCA is supported through taxes. Fact: Neither municipal, county, nor state taxes are collected for the Chester County SPCA. The bulk of the funding comes from donations, fundraising events, bequests, animal adoption fees, and grants.**
- **The Chester County SPCA is a branch of the American SPCA. Fact: The Chester County SPCA is independent of the American SPCA or any other animal welfare organization.**

### Chester County SPCA by the Numbers

In 2008, the Chester County SPCA sheltered 4,482 animals.

- 69 were acquired by humane acquisition.
- 1,990 were strays.
- 2,423 were relinquished by their owners.

4,459 animals were released from the Chester County SPCA in 2008 by the following

methods:

- 1,584 were adopted. This represents a 17% increase in successful adoptions from 2007.
- 620 were strays reclaimed by their owners.
- 73 were transferred to other animal rescue organizations.
- 2,182 were euthanized.

### Advice for Pet Owners from the Chester County SPCA

- Do not adopt a pet to teach a child responsibility. Parents should only get a pet if they themselves are willing to take responsibility for the animal's welfare.
- Keep all cats inside. Outdoor cats are subject to attacks from other animals, diseases, and the chance of escaping and becoming pregnant or feral.
- Have your veterinarian tag your pet with an identification microchip, but do not use it as a substitute for traditional pet tags.
- Contact the Chester County SPCA if your pet becomes lost. If your pet is turned in, the Chester County SPCA will then be able to notify you.



## ROONIE SAYS...

By taking the time to learn some basics of canine body language, you can help make sure you, your dogs, your children, and others have a fun and safe visit to Roonie's Canine Corner.

A playful or happy dog tends to have raised ears, a relaxed body, a wagging tail, a relaxed open mouth but with lips covering its teeth (not pulled back). Dogs frequently will hang their tongues outside of their mouths when happy or relaxed. A dog looking to play may look at the person or dog it wants to play with and crouch the front half of its body in a play bow.

A fearful dog will have its ears laid flat against its head, its tail tucked down often between its legs, and a tight, crouched, possibly trembling body.

Aggressive dogs are likely to bear their teeth by pulling their lips back and keep their ears either forward or back close to their heads. Canine behavioral experts differentiate between "Defensive Aggressive" and "Offensive Aggressive" body language. A dog exhibiting defensively aggressive body language (often when a dog is scared), may slink close to the ground then suddenly snap. A dog exhibiting this behavior may whine or moan. An offensive aggressive dog will stand upright and



tense with a stiff high tail and hackles on the neck raised. A dog exhibiting this behavior is likely to snarl, growl or bark.

If your dog is displaying fearful or aggressive body language, remove it from the dogpark IMMEDIATELY, as it poses a danger to visitors, other dogs, and itself. Please note that this does not mean that your dog is bad or generally aggressive, just that it is not enjoying its interaction with other dogs or people at that time and setting. If you encounter a dog exhibiting fearful or aggressive tendencies, do not approach that dog. Instead, alert the dog's owner. Because dogs are pack animals who are used to familiar hierarchical social structures, the fearful or aggressive dog is more likely to obey its owner and will pose less threat to its owner than it would to a stranger.

Remember, you are not doing an unhappy dog a favor by forcing it to be with other dogs or people.

*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.*

## The Do's and Don'ts of Stream Maintenance

West Goshen Township is committed to keeping its creeks and streams clean and safe. You can do your part by following these guidelines:

### DO

- **Plant trees and shrubs along your stream.** The roots of woody plants stabilize the banks and reduce erosion. Trees and shrubs also shade and cool the stream, which is better for fish.
- **Leave natural occurring debris, such as fallen logs, leaves, and rocks in place in your stream.** In stream debris provides shelter and food for aquatic life.
- **Limit your use of yard fertilizers and chemicals, and maintain septic tanks in good condition.** Lawn

chemicals and septic tank pollutants easily find their way into streams and can kill insects, fish, frogs, birds, and plants.

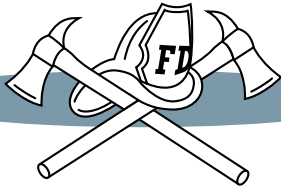
- **Maintain or create buffer zones (the wider the better) along streams or wetlands.** Buffer zones absorb water and filter out lawn chemicals, fertilizers, and sediment.

### DON'T

- **Remove native vegetation from stream banks.** Leaf litter from native plants is part of the aquatic food chain.
- **Dump swimming pool water or soapy water directly into streams or storm sewers.** Storm sewers run directly into streams, where chlorine and detergents harm fish and plants.

- **Mow your lawn right up to the stream.** Turf does not make a good buffer. It sheds water, especially on slopes, and its shallow roots do not hold the soil as well as native grasses, trees, or shrubs.
- **Throw grass clippings or yard waste into the stream.** Grass clippings and debris reduce oxygen in the stream, killing fish and other aquatic life. Compost yard waste instead.
- **Dump oil, antifreeze, or other toxic chemicals into streams or sewers.** Dispose of these chemicals at approved disposal centers. ★

*Source: Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association*



## Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa

# Fireworks Safety 101

According to The Consumer Product Safety Commission, an estimated 9,700 people were treated in emergency rooms for injuries associated with fireworks in 2007. Most of those were children under the age of 15. According to statistics, sparklers are the second highest cause of fireworks-related injuries requiring trips to the emergency room. With the potential of heating up to 1800 degrees Fahrenheit, sparklers can set fire to clothes, hair and even homes. The National Fire Protection Association estimates that local fire departments respond to more than 50,000 fires caused by fireworks every year.

### Here are some safety tips to keep in mind:

- Do not let your child play with fireworks.
- Exercise caution with sparklers. They can potentially catch clothing and hair on fire, and cause serious burns to skin.
- Never attempt to make your own fireworks.
- Never light fireworks or sparklers indoors.
- Read and follow all warnings and

instructions.

- Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
- Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from the house, dry leaves, and flammable materials.
- Never try to relight fireworks that have not fully functioned.
- Have water handy if you are around fireworks.

### If an injury occurs:

- Stay calm, and keep your child as calm as possible.
- If your clothes catch on fire, lie on the ground, cover your face with your hands, and roll. Make sure your child knows how to do this. Seek medical help for burns.
- If an eye injury occurs from a fireworks explosion, do not rub, rinse, or self-medicate the eye. Seek medical help immediately, even if the injury seems mild.

The best thing you can do to protect yourself and your child is not to use any fireworks at home. Attend public fireworks displays, and leave the lighting to the professionals. ★

## Be familiar with West Goshen's fireworks laws!

### The following fireworks ARE allowed in West Goshen Township:

- Sparklers
- Snaps
- Party poppers
- Snakes

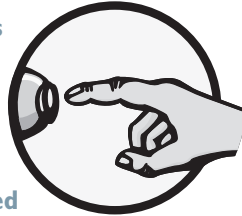
### The following are NOT permitted in West Goshen Township:

- Roman candles
- Firecrackers
- Skyrockets
- Any aerial fireworks

Contact Fire Marshal Andrea Testa at 610-696-5266 if you are not sure of the legality of any fireworks.

# The Rules for Door to Door

Door-to-door solicitations or any sales taking place on public streets are only permitted in West Goshen Township if the vendor has a license issued by the West Goshen Police



Department. Vendors are required to carry this license with them, so if you are not sure about someone soliciting at your home, ask to see his or her license. By law, a salesperson may not enter someone's dwelling without the occupant's prior permission, and is required to vacate the premises immediately if requested to do so. Sales to private residences or on public streets may only take place between 8:00 AM and sunset, Mondays through Saturdays.

A sales license is not required for farmers selling items grown on their own farms from a truck or other vehicle; any honorably discharged soldier, sailor, or marine of the U.S. military or naval service who resides in Pennsylvania; realtors or insurance or securities brokers and salesmen who are already licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for such sales solicitations; or for anyone fundraising for a nonprofit organization. Individuals fundraising for a nonprofit must have written evidence that they are authorized by the nonprofit to collect on its behalf.

Please note that door-to-door political canvassing is protected political speech, and not subject to licensing, provided that the canvassing does not include fundraising. ★

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## Senior Trash Rebate Program

Senior Citizens in West Goshen Township may be eligible to participate in the Township's Trash Rebate Program. To qualify, registrants for the program must meet the following requirements:

1. Qualified applicants must be 65 or older as of December 31, 2008.
2. Applicants' 2008 household income, including 50% of Social Security payments, must equal \$35,000 or less.
3. Applicants need to receive a Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate check for the year 2008. The deadline for the 2008 Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate program is June 30, 2009. Applications for the Pennsylvania Tax/Rent Rebate Program may be obtained from the Chester County Department of Aging Services, 601 Westtown Road, Suite 320, West Chester, PA 19382 (610-344-6350), or from West Goshen Township (610-696-5266, ext. 4107). 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.
4. Applicants must submit a completed Trash Rebate Program application to West Goshen Township by **October 31, 2009.**

If this is your first time applying for the West Goshen Township Trash Rebate Program, bring a copy of your Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate check to the Township as soon as you receive it to make sure you are added to the mailing list for a Trash Rebate Application. ★