

WEST GOSHEN



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SKATEPARK REOPENS

The skatepark at Robert Lambert Park had to close in late March due to staffing issues. During this time, the Park and Recreation Department, in consultation with Township Manager Casey LaLonde, the Board of Supervisors, and the Township's insurance carrier, examined and revised policies regarding operations of the skatepark.

Beginning Monday, May 9th, the skatepark will reopen as an unstaffed facility. As an unstaffed facility, admission fees will no longer be charged and registration forms will no longer be required to be completed. Inline skaters and skateboarders entering the skatepark do so **AT THEIR OWN RISK**. Helmets, elbow pads, and kneepads should continue to be worn.

This policy is in its trial phase, and may be revised at any time. Skateboarders and inline skaters will still need to follow the

rules as posted in the skatepark. Failure to do so will result in temporary or perhaps permanent closure of the skatepark.

Skateboarders can help to keep the park open by adhering to the following guidelines:

- Keep food and drink outside the skatepark.
- Remove any garbage from the skatepark and deposit in the nearby trash can or recycling bin.
- Keep all ramps and boxes in the blue skateboarding area. Ramps or boxes may not be moved to the gray "No Skate Zone." The Park and Recreation Department may permanently remove the movable elements from the park if they are improperly placed.
- Do not bring in any additional ramps, boxes, or other makeshift skatepark elements or remove existing elements from the skatepark.
- Restrict use of the skatepark to daylight hours only.

Police Operations Uninterrupted by Fire

On the night of Saturday, March 26, 2011, a fire broke out in a piece of equipment in the squad room of the West Goshen Police Department at a time when no one was in the room. The fire alarm activated and notified emergency personnel. Prior to the arrival of the Goshen Fire Company, the sprinkler system activated in the immediate area and extinguished the fire. Damage was contained to the immediate area of the fire and the squad room area sustained water and smoke damage. The department continued to operate without interruption. As a result of a combined effort of the township administration, public works, and police departments, operational procedures were relocated to a training room within the building, and the department continues to function as a full-service agency.

No one was hurt in the incident.

- Treat other users of the park with respect.
- Bikes will still not be allowed in the skatepark. Because biking and skateboarding are not compatible and potentially dangerous as simultaneous activities in a skatepark setting, anyone caught attempting to bike in the skatepark may be charged with criminal trespassing.
- Graffiti (including applying stickers to equipment or skatepark surfaces) or vandalism will result in IMMEDIATE closure of the skatepark and in criminal prosecution.

The Park and Recreation Department will host an information session at the West Goshen Township Administration Building on Wednesday, May 4th at 7:00 PM for anyone interested in the skatepark and making sure it is able to remain open.

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Subdivision and Land Development Report

The following plans have been approved for development:

Roslyn Swim Club

Location: 838 Spruce Avenue

Land development proposing to convert an existing 1,200 square foot roofed deck into a locker room/bath house facility. A new 1,200 square foot roofed deck will be constructed with sidewalk access to the new facilities; additionally a handicap accessible sidewalk will be installed.

Fame Fire Company No. 3

Location: 200 E. Rosedale Avenue

This plan involves the construction of a 4,077 square foot building addition to the existing fire station.

Chester County SPCA

Location: 1212 Phoenixville Pike

The land development depicts the construction of a 2,300 square foot building addition to the existing facility situated on a 3.90 acre lot. No new sewage disposal or water supply is

proposed. A Special Exception was granted by the Zoning Hearing Board to expand the philanthropic use in keeping with the proposed land development plan.

The following plans remain under review:

Goshen Leisure Development II

Location: 21 Hagerty Boulevard: East of Route 202, North of Hagerty Boulevard

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

Location: 701 East Marshal Street

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

Location: 415 Goshen Road

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

The Woodlands at Greystone

Location: Northwest corner of the Route 322 Bypass and Phoenixville Pike

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).

Chester County Hospital: North Tower

Location: 701 East Marshal Street

A complete four story shell will be constructed, known as the north pavilion bed tower, over the existing loading dock area. Only the first floor will be occupied with a total of 24 beds.

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

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TOWNSHIP PARKS

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

WHEN IS A PERMIT REQUIRED

Permits are required for construction and renovations, adding a deck to your home, and for other major property improvements. What else requires a permit in West Goshen Township? Here is a sampling of topics with permitting requirements for each:

Sheds – A permit is required for a shed, which must be at least six feet from the property lines. A shed may not be placed in a front yard. West Goshen Township permits one shed per property.

Fences – A permit is required for any fence exceeding six feet in height. There are no setback requirements for fences; fences may extend to the edge of the property line.

Pools – Any above-ground pool over 24 inches deep requires a permit. If you are installing an in-ground pool it will require a Building Permit and a Grading, Drainage, and Erosion Control Permit.

Tents – Any tent larger than twenty feet

by twenty feet would require a permit. This permit is valid for six months. Note that tents must be placed at least twenty feet away from any structures.

Special Events – The Township has implemented a Special Event Permit to be utilized when you are planning a block party, yard sale, casino night, parade, etc. The Township will provide barricades and traffic control if requested. Written notification stating the date and time of your proposed event as well as information pertaining to a raindate should be submitted. If you are planning to block off the roadway, signatures of the homeowners whose properties will be affected by such a closure must also be submitted with the application. The Zoning Department will acknowledge your event and notify the West Goshen Township Police Department. Be sure at all times that emergency vehicles can get through on the streets involved in your block party. Off-street parking is suggested, if possible. In accordance

with the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, no vehicles may be parked within twenty feet of the intersection. The Special Event Permit is available at www.westgoshen.org.

Home Occupations – West Goshen Township requires that any home based business or home occupation be registered with the Township.

Garage Sales – A special event permit is required for garage or yard sales. All signs pertaining to a garage/yard sale must be removed *immediately* following the event. **NO** signs are permitted on telephone poles.

A copy of the West Goshen Township Permit Fee Schedule is available on the West Goshen website at www.westgoshen.org/Permit_Fees.pdf.

Contact the West Goshen Township Zoning and Building Department at 610-696-5266 to find out if you will need a permit for a project you are planning. ★

Pay Yourself First

Dedicate Social Security Payroll Tax Cut to Retirement Account

Would you like to boost your retirement savings by \$20,000? You can, through a tax holiday and the power of compound interest.

The federal tax compromise bill signed into law by President Obama late last year includes a 2% deduction in Social Security and Medicare payroll taxes. This means that for 2011, the average employee will see approximately \$38 more in each paycheck (\$1,000 over the whole year).

Employees can choose to apply those savings toward a more secure retirement. If you have the extra funds automatically deducted from your paycheck and deposited in a retirement account like a Roth IRA, 401(k), or 457(b), you can harness the power of compound interest and use that money to make more money for your retirement needs!

Compound interest can produce dramatic results. If you invest your \$1,000 payroll tax cut in an account that gives 8% interest compounded once annually, your one-time, original investment would increase to over \$4,500 in 20 years and over \$21,500 in 40 years!

Many Pennsylvanians lack the resources to save substantial sums of money. This payroll tax holiday gives employees some extra cash that can boost savings—turning \$1,000 into \$20,000 over time is quite the reward for being financially prudent!

Visit www.retirepa.com for more information on how to plan, save, and retire with financial security. ★

Source: Office of Pennsylvania Treasurer Rob McCord

Public Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors (7:00 PM, second Wednesday of each month, except where otherwise indicated): May 11; June 8; July 6.

Park and Recreation Board (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month): May 18; June 15; July 20.

Planning Commission (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month): May 17; June 21; July 19.

Sewer Authority (7:30 PM, first Wednesday of each month): May 4; June 1; July 6.

Zoning Hearing Board (7:00 PM, first Thursday after the second Wednesday each month, except where otherwise noted): May 12; June 9; July 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 for updates.

Greening West Goshen

"Greening West Goshen" offers environmentally sound practices for homeowners, businesses, gardeners, and property managers. If you have a green tip you would like to share, forward it to Newsletter Editor Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org.

GREEN TIP

Raise your lawn mower height to three inches. Taller grass grows deeper roots, shades and protects the soil, is less prone to disease, pests, and weeds, and captures more excess rainwater on the property.

FREE Resources Available to Keep Your Lawn Healthy and Environmentally Friendly

As development has replaced forested land, stormwater runoff from developed areas has increased flooding and streambank erosion, carrying pollutants and sediment from streets, rooftops, and lawns to local streams and damaging habitat, leading to costly expenditures for stormwater management and drinking water treatment.

Lawn conversions are an important component to making improvements in community management of stormwater, flooding, drinking water quality, and wildlife habitat. Dedicated areas in the yard can absorb roof water from downspouts, runoff from paved areas, and puddles in compacted areas. Home and property owners can start a flower or vegetable patch, build a bog or rain garden, or establish a pocket meadow to absorb rainwater. These alternative yard uses can increase the amount of stormwater that recharges to groundwater, reducing downstream flooding and erosion problems, filter pollutants from stormwater that washes off roofs, lawns, and paved areas, and provide attractive habitat for birds, butterflies, and many beneficial insects.

Home and property owners interested in learning more about healthy yard care and lawn alternatives can attend the following two FREE workshops by the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association (CRC):

Healthy Yards, Healthy Streams

This class, featuring landscape architect Bryn Richard, offers a full array of seasonal strategies for managing and landscaping your property in an

attractive and environmentally sustainable manner. This free public workshop takes place on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 between 7:00 and 9:00 PM at Bayard Rustin High School in Westtown and is sponsored by West Goshen Township, East Goshen Township, West Chester Borough, Westtown Township, and Thornbury Townships of Chester and Delaware Counties.

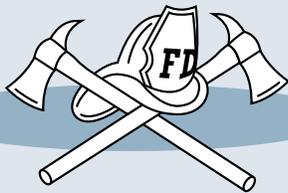
Lawn Alternatives Site Tour

Residents and homeowner associations considering converting parts of their lawns, stormwater basins, or common areas to meadows and other natural vegetation are encouraged to attend a free four-stop guided site tour with Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association on Saturday, June 18th, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. The tour will meet at the Green Lane parking lot of Hershey's Mill in East Goshen.

To register for either of these workshops or to obtain a full itinerary and directions, please contact CRC at 610-892-8731 or crc@nni.com. To learn more about these workshops and the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association, visit www.crcwatersheds.org.

The publication "Rain Gardens: A Beautiful Contribution for Cleaner Water" by the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association is available online at www.crcwatersheds.org/var/resources/96-Rain%20Gardens%20Brochure_v10.pdf. ★

Source: Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association



Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa

In accordance with standards set by the Environmental Protection Chapter (Title 25) of the Pennsylvania Code, West Goshen Township prohibits the burning of any yard wastes. So as to avoid confusion, please use the following guide when deciding whether to burn or not to burn:

Banned from Burning

- Sticks, twigs, branches
- Leaves
- Construction materials
- Trash or debris of any kind

Permitted to Burn

- None

FUN UNDER THE SUN

Summer at a Glance

May 28 – 31	Bus Trip to Boston
June 11	Bus Trip to New York City
June 12	Summer Concert: Children's performance by Ernie and Neal
June 21	International Go Skateboarding Day Celebration at Robert E. Lambert Park
June 20 – June 24	Skatecamp Session 1
June 20 – August 12	Summer Recreation Program and Summer Teen Program
June 25	Bus Trip to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island (sold out)
June 26	Summer Concert: Cajun sounds of Zydeco-A-Go-Go
June 27 – August 11	Summer sports clinics
July 4	Decorated Bicycle Parade (Raindate: July 9)
July 10	Summer Concert: Country-Western music with Double Clutchin' Weasels
July 11 – July 15	Skatecamp Session 2
July 16	Bus Trip to Citi Field, Phillies vs. Mets
July 24	Summer Concert: Party favorites with The Greaseband
July 30	Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company presents Shakespeare in the Park: "Richard III" (Raindate: July 31)
July 31	Bus Trip to Yankee Stadium, Orioles vs. Yankees
August 7	Summer Concert: Motown hits with The New Special Blendz
August 15 – August 19	Skatecamp Session 3
August 20	Bus Trip to Nationals Park, Phillies vs. Nationals
August 21	Summer Concert: U.S. Navy Jazz Band The Commodores
September 24	Bus Trip to Citi Field, Phillies vs. Mets

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

The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department is committed to providing a variety of 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.westgoshe.org or call 610-696-5266 within the two hours preceding the event. To receive monthly email updates about upcoming events from the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department, contact Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshe.org. ★

FUN UNDER THE SUN



The West Goshen Summer Concert Series Promises Something Different for Everyone

See some new groups at the West Goshen Summer Concert Series and enjoy a variety of musical stylings.

The West Goshen Summer Concert Series begins on Sunday, June 12th with children's musicians **Ernie and Neal**. These high energy entertainers make their initial appearance at West Goshen Community Park.

Another group makes its Summer Concert Series debut on Sunday, June 26th, as **Zydeco-A-Go-Go** brings a traditional New Orleans Cajun party to the park.

On Sunday, July 10th, country music returns to the West Goshen Summer Concert Series. The **Double Clutchin'**

Weasels perform classic and contemporary country hits in their first appearance at West Goshen Community Park.

Enjoy party greats with the **Greaseband** on Sunday, July 24th. The group, a favorite for Community Day celebrations, participates for the first time as part of the Summer Concert Series.

On Sunday, August 7th, **The New Special Blendz** comes to Community Park. The group's popular Motown musicians are fronted by new and talented lead singers who continue Special Blendz's tradition of top-notch Motown music and showmanship.

On August 21st, the **Commodores**, the jazz ensemble of the U.S. Navy Band, come to West Goshen Community Park for the first time since 2004. Hear world-class musicians selected from across the country playing jazz standards.

All concerts begin at 6:30 PM at the J. Leon Hagerty Amphitheater at West Goshen Community Park (N. Five Points and Fern Hill Roads). **Concerts are free of charge.** In case of rain, concerts will be moved to the West Chester East High School Auditorium on Ellis Lane. Rain determination will be made after 3:00 PM on the date of the concert. Visit www.westgoshe.org for directions and rain determination. ★

Highlights of the West Goshen Summer Concert Series include a children's concert by Ernie and Neal, a visit to the Bayou with Zydeco-A-Go-Go, party favorites with The Greaseband, and the return to West Goshen Community Park of the U.S. Navy Jazz Band, The Commodores.





DO

Enjoy the July 4th Decorated Bicycle Parade!

The Annual Decorated Bicycle Parade will take place at West Goshen Community Park on Monday, July 4th at 10:00 AM. Children living in West Goshen Township can decorate their bicycles, tricycles, training wheels, big wheels, strollers, wagons, and wheelchairs in patriotic themes and parade through the park. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative decorations. Everyone participating will receive a commemorative medal. Anyone entering a bike in the parade **MUST** wear a bicycle helmet.

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department offers the following ten "DO"s and "DON'T"s for a fun and safe parade:

DO: Register ahead of time at www.westgoshen.org.

DON'T: Register a head of lettuce at www.westgoshen.org.

DO: Decorate your child's bike with a patriotic theme, honoring the situation of America's birth.

DON'T: Decorate your child's bike with a Jersey Shore theme, honoring the Situation.

DO: Attach papier-mache "rockets red glare" to your child's wagon.

DON'T: Attach nitro-charged rockets to your child's red wagon.

DO: Make sure your child wears a snug-fitting helmet.

DON'T: Make sure your child wears a snug-fitting ham.

DO: Dress your child up as one of our Founding Fathers.

DON'T: Dress your child up as one of our Founding Fourth-Cousins Twice-Removed.

DO: Dress up like Samuel Adams in the Park.

DON'T: Bring a bottle of Samuel Adams in the Park.

DO: Have your small child ride a tricycle in the parade.

DON'T: Have your small child ride a triceratops in the parade.

DO: Wear an outfit consisting entirely of stars and stripes.

DON'T: Wear an outfit consisting entirely of starfish and striped bass.

DO: Decorate your child's wagon with the theme "The Signers: A Tribute to American Ideals."

DON'T: Decorate your child's wagon with the theme "The Singers: A Tribute to American Idol."

DO: Explain to your child that only a few children will win prize baskets.

DON'T: Encourage your child to be a basket case if he doesn't win a prize.

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

Shakespeare Returns to West Goshen with "Richard III"

The Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company brings Shakespeare back to West Goshen Community Park with a free

production of "Richard III"

on Saturday, July 30th at

7:00 PM. The story

of a usurper driven by unchecked ambition to hold the ultimate position of power at all costs resonates as much to a contemporary audience as it did in Shakespeare's time. "Richard III" introduces some of Shakespeare's most memorable historical characters and most-often quoted lines.

Noted Philadelphia-based director Dan Hodge looks forward to the challenge of presenting a Shakespearian masterpiece in an outdoor setting. "What we have is an excellent opportunity to embrace the rollicking thrill-ride this piece has at its heart. This

production hopes to be a loud, fast, fun, terrifying adventure as we follow a diabolical hunchback who murders his

way to the throne. He leaves a

path strewn with innocents

who rise to his conscience

and surround him until his

inevitable fall. Our excellent

cast is thoroughly capable of

delivering an evening that is

dangerous, emotionally challenging,

provocative but above all a great evening

out with a fantastic story."

This will mark the seventh year the

West Goshen Park and Recreation

Department has partnered

with Commonwealth Classic

Theatre Company to offer

a free performance in the

park. Past Shakespearean

productions by The

Commonwealth Classic

Theatre Company at West

Goshen Community Park

include "The Taming of the Shrew," "Much Ado About Nothing," and "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

In the event of rain, the performance would be postponed to Sunday, July 31st at 7:00 PM. Check www.westgoshen.org after 5:00 PM on the date of the performance for rain determination. ★

*"A horse! A horse!
My kingdom for a horse!"*

(Act V, Scene 4)

*"I am determined to
prove a villain."*

(Act I, Scene 1)

*"Now is the winter of
our discontent
Made glorious summer
by this sun of York."*

(Act I, Scene 1)

Parents:

Keep Your Children Fit, Active, and Entertained with the Summer Recreation Program

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is getting excited for the 2011 Summer Recreation Program! Children ages five through twelve are invited to enjoy a memorable summer of supervised outdoor activities including sports, games, crafts, special events, and weekly field trips, including roller skating, bowling, ice skating, fun center visits and more!

The Summer Recreation Program is an eight week session (June 20th through August 12th) offered weekday mornings between 9:00 AM and noon at Barker Park, Coopersmith Park, and West Goshen Community Park. Some field trips may begin earlier and end later than normal days. The program will not be in session on Monday, July 4th; however children and their families are invited to attend the Decorated Bike Parade at Community Park.

The registration sessions will be held on

Saturday, May 7th (8:00 – 11:00 AM) and again on Saturday, May 14th (9:00 – 11:00 AM) at the West Goshen Township Administrative Building (1025 Paoli Pike). Beginning on Monday, May 16th parents may register their children during any business day (Monday through Thursday) between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM as space permits. Participants must be five years old by September 1, 2011 and parents must bring a copy of their children's birth certificates to register.

The registration fee for families residing in West Goshen Township is \$200 for one participant, \$350 for two participants, and \$100 per additional sibling for the eight-week program. West Goshen families are welcome to take advantage of the discounted rate for multiple children even if registering for both the Summer Recreation Program and our



popular Summer Teen Program. The fee for families residing outside of West Goshen is \$300 per participant for the eight-week program. Four of the eight field trips are included in the registration fee; four will require an additional fee. For more information, contact the West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266 or email Summer Recreation Coordinator Tom Steines at TSteines@westgoshen.org. ★

Kids:



Ever want to provide your children with an opportunity to learn a new sport such as tennis, skateboarding, soccer, or lacrosse without having to join a league or private club? West Goshen's afternoon sports clinics offer beginner instruction in a variety of sports one afternoon per week during a seven week session beginning the week of June 27th. Sports clinics introduce new enthusiasts to a variety of sports emphasizing teamwork, skills, rules, safety, and fun, as well as expressing the health and social benefits of regular exercise. Recent studies

Try Something New!

conducted by the National Recreation and Park Society have shown that children participating in organized sports programs are more likely to become healthy, happy, and active citizens in their communities.

Mondays: (Second session will be held on Wednesday, July 6th)
Field Hockey (ages 6 - 10)
Skateboarding (ages 5 - 8)
Tennis (ages 9 & 10)

Tuesdays:
Basketball (ages 8 - 11)
Soccer (ages 5 - 8)
Tennis (ages 11 & 12)

Thursdays:
Lacrosse (ages 6 - 10)
Skateboarding (ages 9 - 12)
Tee-Ball (ages 5 - 8)

Clinics are held at West Goshen Community Park, except for skateboarding which is held at Lambert Park, between 1:30 and 3:00 PM. Children

are welcome to bring their own sports equipment or use the equipment which is provided for every clinic except for skateboarding (participants are responsible for their own skateboard, helmet, and knee/elbow pads). Whenever possible, cancellations due to inclement weather will be made up on a later date. Monday, July 4th clinics will be held on Wednesday, July 6th.

Families may register participants on Saturday, May 7th (8:00 – 11:00 AM) and again on Saturday, May 14th (9:00 – 11:00 AM) at the West Goshen Township Administration Building (Paoli Pike and N. Five Points Road). Beginning on Monday, May 16th, parents may register their children during any business day (Monday through Thursday) between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM as space permits. The registration fee for children living in West Goshen Township is \$60 per sport. For families residing outside of West Goshen Township, the fee is \$75 per sport per child. Participants will receive a clinic t-shirt on the first day, while supplies last. ★

Teens:

Unplug and Get Out for a Summer of Fun, Friendship, and Adventure

Caution: Participating in the Summer Teen Program may induce laughing, smiling, and fun as well as new friendships, adventures, and experiences!



Do you enjoy roller coasters, waterparks, sports, games, pizza parties, making new friends, getting tan, and having fun outdoors? So do we! Unplug from your video games, television, and computer and join us at Community Park this summer for the 2011 Summer Teen Program!

West Goshen's Summer Teen Program invites participants between the ages of thirteen and fifteen to enjoy a variety of fun and adventurous activities weekday mornings between June 20th and August 12th at West Goshen Community Park. This popular eight-week program includes activities such as tennis, volleyball, geo-caching, soccer, kickball, crafts, disc golf, and more! The Summer Teen Program will continue its tradition of service projects for local non-profit agencies of Chester County, such as the Chester County Food Bank and the Chester County Parks Department. The summer would not be complete without the program's awesome weekly field trips with activities such as river tubing and rafting trips, ropes challenge

courses, go-carts, bowling, and laser tag. Oh yeah....Teens can also go on full day trips to Dorney Park / Wildwater Kingdom and Hershey Park / Boardwalk Waterpark too!

Registration will be held on Saturday, May 7th (8:00 – 11:00 AM) and Saturday, May 14th (9:00 – 11:00 AM) at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Beginning on May 16th parents may register participants during regular business hours (7:00 AM – 5:00 PM) Monday through Thursday until the program is filled. The Summer Teen Program is held at West Goshen Community Park weekday mornings between 9:00 AM and noon, except for Monday, July 4th. Some field trips and service projects will begin earlier and end later.

The registration fee for West Goshen residents is \$200 for the first participant, \$350 for two participants, and \$100 per additional sibling. West Goshen families are eligible to take advantage of the discounted price for multiple children if a younger sibling registers for Summer Recreation Program. Both programs are offered at Community Park, making transportation a bit easier for mom and dad. Participation in field trips requires an additional fee per trip. For more



information contact the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266 or or email Summer Recreation Coordinator Tom Steines at TSteines@westgoshen.org.★

Skateboarding Camps Scheduled

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department will partner again with Fairman's Skate, Surf, and Snow Shop to host three week-long skateboarding camps. Children six through twelve years old can learn from Fairman's staff of experts between 9:00 and noon each morning. Participants can choose to attend skateboarding camp either June 20th – June 24th, July 11th – July 15th or August 15th – August 19th. Cost is \$150 for residents of West Goshen Township or \$160 for residents of other municipalities.

Each participant is responsible for his or her own board, helmet, kneepads, and elbow pads. Registrants will not be permitted to participate without the required safety equipment.

Note that these skateboarding camps are very popular and have limited space. Register early to avoid getting shut out. Information and registration forms are available at www.westgoshen.org.



Did you know that the Summer Teen Program is on Facebook? Check it out at www.facebook.com/#!/pages/West-Goshen-Summer-Teen-Program/139684564923.

SKATEPARK REOPENS

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making sure it is able to remain open.

According to Park and Recreation Director Kenneth Lehr, "West Goshen Township views the skatepark as a valuable addition to the community, providing a safe place for people to participate in the sport." He reiterates that users need to follow all rules as posted in order to keep the skatepark open.

Fairman's Skate, Surf, and Snow Shop will host a reopening Skate Jam on Tuesday, May 10th between 5:00 and 7:00 PM, and monthly Skate Jams with members of the Fairman's staff on the following Tuesday evenings: June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, September 13th, and October 11th.

The skatepark will be closed to the general public during the following dates and times:

- June 20th through June 21st, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM (Skateboarding camp)
- July 11th through July 15th, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM (Skateboarding camp)
- August 15th through August 19th, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM (Skateboarding camp)
- Mondays from June 27th through August 8th, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM (Skateboarding clinics)
- Thursdays from June 30th through August 11th, 1:30–3:00 PM (Skateboarding clinics)

Because admissions will no longer be charged for the skatepark, anyone who purchased a skatepark membership in 2011 will be refunded. Anyone with a balance of a membership purchased in 2010 will receive a prorated refund for unused months.

To report any unsafe conditions at the skatepark, contact the Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266, ext. 4104.

Anyone interested in finding out updates on the skatepark as they become available can join the skatepark email list by contacting Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org. ★

Park and Recreation Department Announces Summer Baseball Trips

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department has announced its baseball trips for summer 2011.

On **Saturday, July 16th**, the Park and Recreation Department heads for Citi Field to see the Phillies play the Mets... **\$60 per person.**

Catch the Orioles vs. the Yankees at Yankee Stadium on **Sunday, July 31st**... **\$70 per person.**

Chances are you will see one of the top pitchers in the National League (always a good bet when the Phillies play!) when the Phillies take on the Nationals in Washington, DC for an evening game on **Saturday, August 20th**... **\$60 per person.**

The Phillies, and the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department, visit the Mets again for the pennant stretch during the final week of the season on **Saturday, September 24th**... **\$60 per person.**

Registration fee for all trips include a ticket to the game, round-trip motorcoach transportation, and bus driver tip.

Can't get enough of the Phillies? Anyone interested in the three Phillies games (July 16th vs. Mets, August 20th vs.

Nationals, and September 24th vs. Mets) can sign up for the Phillie Phanatic Package and see all three games for \$165, a savings of \$15 per person (almost enough for a stadium meal).

Itineraries and registration forms for each of these trips is available at www.westgoshen.org, or by calling the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266.



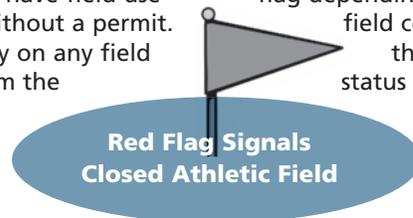
*Baseball fans and history aficionados alike can still sign up for the **Memorial Day weekend trip to Boston, May 28th through 31st**. See historical highlights including the U.S.S. Constitution, Bunker Hill, Quincy Market, and the Old North Church. Get a behind-the-scenes tour of Fenway Park, and watch the old ballpark come to life as the Red Sox take on the White Sox.*

*A limited number of seats are still available for the **June 11, 2011 trip to New York City**. The June 25th trip to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island has sold out.*

Know the Rules and Get a Permit before Using Athletic Fields

The athletic fields at the West Goshen Community Park are for the use and enjoyment of all Township residents. Leagues and organizations having a valid field use permit have field use priority over those without a permit. ALL organized activity on any field requires a permit from the Township. A permit can be obtained by contacting the Athletic Field Coordinator, Dorine Hannum at 610-696-5266 or at dhannum@westgoshen.org. It is also important that everyone understands and respects the red flag system used at the athletic fields. A red flag hanging on the backstop of any field or posted on the soccer field indicates that the

field is CLOSED due to unplayable field conditions. The West Goshen Township Parks Department checks the fields over the weekends and will remove or add a flag depending on the weather and field conditions. From Mondays through Thursdays, field status information can be obtained by calling 610-696-5266 between 1:00 and 5:00 PM.



Dog owners are reminded that dogs are not allowed to run free in any athletic fields, tennis or basketball courts, or other park facilities other than Rooney's Canine Corner. Dogs must remain on leash at all times at West Goshen Community Park and owners must pick up after their dogs. ★

Trash and Recycling Services for Homeowners in West Goshen Township

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.

The following guide for disposing of recyclables, household hazardous wastes, and other trash items is for homeowners not affiliated with a homeowners association in West Goshen Township.

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)

The Township-provided 96 gallon containers help assure efficient trash collection. Place this container at the curbside before 6:00 AM or the night before. Trash will not be picked up 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 indicate 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.

Items Not Accepted: Hazardous wastes, as described on page 12. Please contact the proper authorities if you have a waste item that poses a significant danger.

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. Disabled 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.

Yard Waste

West Goshen Township provides monthly yard waste service to residents between April and October. Homeowners may place leaves, branches, twigs, and other yard wastes in trashcans or biodegradable paper yard waste bags, or tied in bundles no more than four feet in length with branches no more than four feet in diameter at their curbside for collection. Yard waste will not be collected from plastic bags, and grass clippings will not be accepted. There is no limit to the number of trash cans, paper bags, or tied-up bundles that will be accepted.

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In compliance with standards set by Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code, yard waste is no longer permitted to be burned in West Goshen Township.

Yard waste will be collected on the following Saturdays: May 14th, June 11th, July 16th, August 13th, September 17th, and October 15th.

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 30th and Monday, July 4th. The Township holiday trash pickup schedule will be in

effect those weeks, with trash picked up on Tuesday, May 31st and Friday, June 3rd, and on Tuesday, July 5th and Friday, July 8th.

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 below to determine items that may be brought to the Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Collection sites. Collection dates and locations for 2010 will be:

Saturday, May 21st: Owen J. Roberts High School, 981 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA 19465.

Friday, June 24th: CAT Brandywine Campus, 1635 E. Lincoln, Highway,

Coatesville, PA 19320. Computer components will also be accepted at this collection.

Saturday, September 10th: New Garden Township Building, 8934 Gap Newport Road, Landenberg, PA 19350.

Saturday, October 8th: 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 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIALS

PAINT PRODUCTS

Oil-Based Paints
Turpentine/Thinners
Stain/Varnish/Shellac
Strippers/Removers
Adhesives
Wallpaper Cement
Other Solvent Based
Paint Products

OUTDOOR

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

AUTOMOTIVE

Grease/Rust Solvents
Fuel Additives
Carburetor Cleaners
Transmission/Brake Fluid
Antifreeze
Gasoline/Gas & Oil Mixtures
Car (lead-acid), Truck,
Motorcycle, or Marine
Batteries

HOUSEHOLD

Drain Openers
Rug/Wood/Metal Cleaners
Mothballs/Flakes
Spot Remover
Dry Cleaning Fluid
Kerosene
Toilet Bowl Cleaners
Rechargeable Batteries
Lithium, NiCad, Button

OTHER

Acids/Caustics/Solvents
Flammables/Oxidizers
Lead/Mercury
Pesticides/Poisons
Organic Peroxide
Reactive Metals
Propane Cylinders
under 20 pounds

UNACCEPTABLE HHW MATERIALS

Infectious/Medical Waste
Pressurized CFAs & HCFs
Appliances/White Goods
Explosives/Ammunition
Commercial/Industrial Waste
*Tires
Asbestos
Radioactive Waste
Alkaline Batteries
Latex/Water Based Paints
Unidentified Waste
*Used Motor Oil
PCB's
Freon
Gas Cylinders (non-propane or over 20 pounds)

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

Recycling Requirements for Apartments, Homeowners Associations, Offices, and Other Institutional Properties

Pennsylvania state law requires recycling programs for all institutional properties or multi-residential facilities, including schools, hospitals and nursing homes, public agencies, restaurants, stores, office buildings, factories, shopping centers, condominiums, townhouses, and apartment buildings.

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. ★

Don't Miss Out on these Senior Rebate Programs

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:

Qualified applicants must be 65 or older as of December 31, 2010.

Applicants' 2010 household income, including 50% of Social Security payments, must equal \$35,000 or less.

Applicants need to receive a Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate check for the year 2010. The

deadline for the 2010 Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate program is June 30, 2011. 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. 4108). When you receive the Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate, please make a copy of that check and retain it for your records, as you will need to attach it to your West Goshen Township Trash Rebate Program Application.

Applicants must submit a completed Trash Rebate Program application to West Goshen Township by October 31, 2011.

If this is your first time applying for the West Goshen Township Trash Rebate Program, bring your identification along with a copy of your Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate check.

Property tax rebates will be mailed or direct deposited beginning July 1, 2011. West Goshen Township Trash Rebate checks will be mailed in December 2011. ★

2010 District Court Cases

Pennsylvania's Magisterial District Court 15-2-03 encompasses West Goshen Township and the townships of Westtown and Thornbury. In 2010, Magisterial District Judge William Kraut handled 6,263 cases, a slight decrease in the number of cases from 2009. The breakdown of 2010 cases is as follows:

- 338 criminal cases
- 1,097 summary cases
- 4,067 traffic cases
- 405 civil cases
- 356 landlord/tenant cases

The Magisterial District Court collected \$994,502.10 in fines. Of that, West Goshen Township received \$117,980.90.

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.

In his annual "State of the Court" report, Judge Kraut points out that District Court 15-2-03, which is located in the Chester County Government Services Building on Westtown Road, has improved secure access to the courtroom. The court, which used to have a direct access door to the outside, now can only be accessed from the inside of the Government Services Building. Thus, anyone entering the courtroom must first pass through the

building's main security check and metal detector. This change also allows visitors to the courtroom, including prisoners, more direct access to Government Services Building bathrooms. In prior years, prisoners had to be accompanied by police outside the building and back into the main entrance to access the bathrooms. Judge Kraut points out that reductions in the transport of prisoners increase the safety to the general public.

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. The District Court office may be contacted at 610-436-5757. Court hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM. Visit www.chesco.org/judgekraut for more information about Magisterial District Court 15-2-03. ★

ROAD RULES

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 other traffic safety issues.

The Steer Clear Law

Section 3327 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, "Duty of driver in emergency response areas" also known as the "The Steer Clear law", requires motorists to move into a lane that is not adjacent to an emergency response area. An emergency response area is



an area on or near a road where services are being provided by police, sheriffs, coroners, medical examiners, firefighters, fire police, fire marshals, rescue personnel, emergency medical service personnel, towing and recovery personnel, hazardous material response team

members and/or highway construction and maintenance personnel. If drivers cannot move over because of traffic or other conditions, they must reduce their speed. In cases where law enforcement may not be present, the law allows road workers and emergency responders to report violations by motorists. Law enforcement may issue citations based on these reports. Failure to move over or slow down can result in a summary offense that carries a fine of up to \$250. In addition, fines will be doubled for traffic violations occurring in work zones areas. If that violation leads to a worker being injured, a 90-day license suspension could result.

Always exercise extreme caution in these areas.

As a rule of thumb, if you are on a multi-lane highway and see a vehicle or vehicles in the shoulder or stopped on the road, leave a buffer lane between your car and the stopped vehicle(s) when possible. If you are not able to keep a lane between yourself and the stopped vehicle(s), slow down!

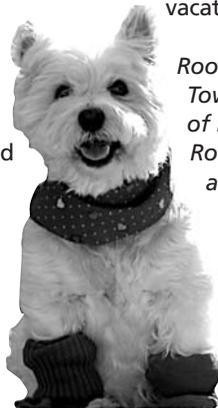


ROONIE SAYS...

While visitors are welcome to Rooney's Canine Corner with their human friends, keep in mind that the dogpark is not staffed, and that dogs may not always behave well with each other or with people who are strange to them. With that in mind, here are some guidelines for dealing with aggressive dogs:

If your dog is aggressive...

- Remove your dog immediately without argument if someone else complains about your dog being too aggressive, even if your dog is only playing. Different dog owners have different comfort levels for various forms of dog play, and each dog owner is entitled to decide what is too aggressive. Any attempt to defy the request will likely escalate the conflict and may necessitate police involvement.
- Be levelheaded and don't take any request to remove your dog from the park as a personal attack. If someone says your dog is aggressive, it does not mean your dog is bad or you are a bad dog owner—it just means that your dog, for whatever reason, is behaving in a manner that may not be appropriate at the moment for other dogs or dog owners.
- Share information (name, phone number, inoculation records) with the other dog owner if your dog bites another dog or person.
- Determine if your dog does not have the right temperament for the dogpark. A good, well-behaved dog may feel threatened around strange dogs or people, or may feel a need to assert itself in a crowd of dogs. Be realistic about your dog's ability to behave appropriately with other dogs and dog owners.
- Do not use the dogpark as a training ground to acclimate your dog to other dogs. If your dog does not react well to other dogs, professional training may be an appropriate solution. It is not fair to the other dogs or their owners to feel threatened by being unwitting subjects while you attempt to train your dog out of his aggressive tendencies at the dogpark.



If someone else's dog is aggressive...

- Let the dog's owner know that you are not comfortable with his/her dog's behavior, and politely request him/her to remove the dog.
- Don't label the dog as "bad" or accuse the owner of being negligent, ignorant, irresponsible, or unaware of how to be a good dog owner. People view their dogs as part of their families. Verbal attacks on a person's pet or dog training skills are counterproductive, as they are likely to be taken personally (like criticizing someone's child rearing) and make the person more defensive.
- Make sure to get the person's name and phone number and immunization records for the dog if his/her dog bites you or your dog.
- Call 911 if a person is being belligerent while his/her dog continues to act in an aggressive manner. Public safety is a police matter, and it is okay to notify the police if someone is jeopardizing the safety of other dogpark users, especially if the conflict between you and the other person escalates beyond a civil tone.
- You may notify the Park and Recreation Department of aggressive dogs at 610-696-5266, ext. 4104. The Park and Recreation Department may not be able to resolve past incidents of aggression. However, the Park and Recreation Department may be able to track trends, such as if an owner of an aggressive dog comes at the same time each day, drives a particular car, etc. that will help identify habitual aggressive dog owners. A member of the Park and Recreation Department and/or a police officer can then notify that person of the need to follow the rules, or even require that person to vacate the dogpark.

Roonie, the West Goshen Township Westie and namesake of Rooney'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. ★

"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@westgoshe.org.



Part of Our Community

In December 2010, Walter Hoover stepped down after serving for eighteen years on the West Goshen Sewer Authority. A civil engineer by training, Mr. Hoover has worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad, Roy F. Weston, Inc. and Robert F. Harsch and Associates, Inc. He and his wife Jean moved to West Goshen Township in 1962 where they raised their two sons, Peter and Timothy.

In 1992, Lewis H. Reid, a longtime member of the West Goshen Sewer Authority encouraged his friend Walt Hoover to join the Authority.

"It was very interesting to me, because it was involved with something I did on a daily basis as a consulting engineer," says Hoover.

During Walter Hoover's time on the Sewer Authority, the Wastewater Treatment Plant was expanded, increasing capacity to 6.0 million gallons per day. According to John Windle, current treasurer of the Sewer Authority and a member since 1982, Hoover was instrumental in the plant's expansion. "He was a big help on that," says Windle. "He spent a lot of time with the Authority's consulting engineer, Glace Associates, at their office in Harrisburg during the design phase and made a lot of suggestions that were good."

In 2006, Walter Hoover became chairman of the Sewer Authority, a post he held until 2010. In describing Hoover's leadership style, John Windle says, "He is not a flamboyant guy, but was steady and fair in everything he did."

According to Hoover, when the Wastewater Treatment Plant is running smoothly, people don't seem to notice. "The Sewer Authority doesn't get much publicity," he points out. "The Township is fortunate to have a very good staff running the sewer system and treatment plant."

Walter Hoover has also been a long-time volunteer at the Chester County Historical Society and at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, where he sings in the choir.

"Walt Hoover is just an all-around good man," says John Windle.

As for Hoover's feelings about West Goshen? "I've really liked living there and was glad that I could be of service to the Township."

Walter Hoover was recognized for his services to the Township with a special commendation by the West Goshen Board of Supervisors at their April 13, 2011 meeting. ★

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TOWNSHIP HOLIDAYS

Township offices will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 30th and for Independence Day on Monday, July 4th. Trash and recyclables will be collected on Tuesday, May 31st and on Tuesday, July 5th. The second trash collection each of those weeks, including bulk items, will take place on Friday, June 3rd and on Friday, July 8th.

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