

# WEST GOSHEN



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## Helpful Websites for Election Information

- West Goshen Township website, [www.westgoshen.org/Maps/maps.html](http://www.westgoshen.org/Maps/maps.html): Maps indicating polling districts and voting locations.
- Chester County Department of Voter Services, [www.chesco.org/election/site/default.asp?chescoNav=:](http://www.chesco.org/election/site/default.asp?chescoNav=:) Your home for information about elections and voter services in Chester County.
- Pennsylvania Department of State's "SURE Portal", [www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us/Pages/SurePortalHome.aspx](http://www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us/Pages/SurePortalHome.aspx): Check on registration status, enter address to determine polling location, register to vote, or apply for an absentee ballot.
- Pennsylvania Department of State's "VotesPA", [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com): Information about voting rights and requirements, voter registration, and election complaints.

## What You Need to Know to Vote on November 6th

The general election, including the vote for President of the United States, takes place on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM.

For problems voting at the polls or questions on Election Day, please contact the Chester County Department of Voter Services at 610-344-6410.

As of the writing of this article, Pennsylvania's Act 18 of 2012, also known as the Voter ID Law, which would require voters to produce a valid form of photo identification at the polls, will not take effect for the 2012 election. Poll workers will ask for identification, but voters will still be able to cast a ballot without photo ID.

**Information for this article was valid as of the time of its writing. Due to court challenges, voter requirements may change by Election Day on November 6th. Please check the local news or visit [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com) prior to Election Day to confirm voting requirements. ★**

## West Goshen Township Unveils New Website Design



Look for West Goshen Township to unveil a new design for the Township's website, [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org).

West Goshen Township has had a website since 1998. In 1999, Park and Recreation Director Kenneth Lehr became webmaster, overseeing content and design of the site. The design of the website had remained relatively unchanged for the past fourteen years.

"Our goal is to maintain the website as the source for all the current useful information about West Goshen Township while adding functionality

and a more contemporary look to our website," said Lehr.

New features on the website include simpler navigation, a larger archive of Adobe Acrobat (pdf) documents, forms that can be completed and printed or submitted online, and improved zoning and voting district maps.

The newly designed site will launch in October 2012.

**Look to the West Goshen website for the same useful information in a new, easy to use format. ★**

# Subdivision and Land Development Report

*The following plan has been approved for development:*

## **West Goshen Shopping Center**

*Location: 900 Paoli Pike*

A 46,000 square foot health club & spa facility is proposed within the existing shopping center site.

## **Baxter – Age Restricted Apartments**

*Location: 1015 Andrew Drive –*

*East of Andrew Drive*

The plan proposes the construction of a 114-unit apartment complex for the 55 and older age group.

## **Pottstown Pike Subdivision**

*Location: East Side of Pottstown Pike,*

*South of Greenhill Road*

The plan will create a 14-lot single family detached dwelling subdivision.

*The following plans remain under review:*

## **3-Lot Subdivision**

*Location: East Side of Pottstown Pike, South of Greenhill Road*

The proposed plan will create a 3-lot single family detached dwelling subdivision. An existing house is to remain on one of the 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).

## **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.

## **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.

## **Best Line Leasing Inc.**

*Location: 515 S. Bolmar Street*

The plan proposes the demolition of the existing structure, followed by the construction of a 25,000 square foot showroom/parts shop for an equipment rental company.

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

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

*6 year elected term*

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Richard J. Craig, *Township Engineer*  
J. David Woodward, *Streets Superintendent*  
Kent Wise, *Parks Superintendent*

## **WEST GOSHEN POLICE**

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

## **SEWER TREATMENT PLANT**

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

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Ron Rothrock, *Member*

## **THE FRIENDS OF WEST GOSHEN PARKS, INC.**

*Non-profit group assisting the Park and Recreation Board; meets bimonthly*  
John Herley, *President*  
Mary Ann Fell, *Vice-President*  
Mary Bleecker, *Secretary*  
Marilyn Reich, *Treasurer*  
Gerald L. Napiecek, *Member*  
Margaret M. Niemeyer, *Member*  
John Smith, *Member*

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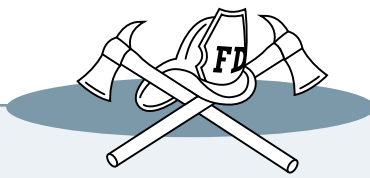
Hugh J. Purnell, Jr., *Chairman*  
William Gale, *Secretary*  
William Christman, *Member*

## **TAX COLLECTOR**

William R. Keenan

## **TOWNSHIP PARKS**

Barker Park  
*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*



*Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa*

## Plug into Extension Cord Safety

During the holiday season, families often string together extension cords without a second thought—after all, all cords are created equal, right? Think again.

Just because the extension cord has the length to reach the outlet across the room, it doesn't mean it's the right one for the task at hand. If the tool, appliance or holiday display is drawing more current than an extension cord can carry, it may cause the cord (and whatever is connected to it) to overheat and start a fire. Fortunately, all cords are labeled with wattage restrictions to help you make smart connection decisions.

To keep your family safe, UL (Underwriters Laboratories) recommends on their residential safety website [www.safetyathome.com](http://www.safetyathome.com) that you follow these simple steps when using any extension cord:

**STEP 1: Read the manufacturer's instructions for the device(s) you will be using.** These booklets contain important information about your tools, appliances and decorations and will provide instructions on their use.

**STEP 2: Check the information on your cord.** Extension cords are labeled with valuable information as to the use, size and wattage rating of the cord. Cords are offered in many lengths and are marked with a size or "gauge." The gauge is based on the American Wire Gauge (AWG) System, in which the larger the wire, the

smaller the AWG number. For example, a 12 gauge wire would be larger and can power larger wattage appliances, than a 14 gauge wire.

**STEP 3: Decide whether you will be using the appliance indoors or outdoors.** Extension cords that can be used outdoors will be clearly marked "Suitable for Use with Outdoor Appliances." Never use an indoor extension cord outdoors; it could result in an electric shock or fire hazard.

**STEP 4: Determine the gauge needed.** All appliances indicate how much wattage is consumed when operated; that rating can be found on the appliance itself and often within the use and care booklet that accompanies the product. Other appliances will indicate power usage in amps, rather than watts. Quick tip: If your appliance indicates that it uses 5 amps at 125 volts, then its wattage rating is 625W (5x125). If you are going to use the extension cord with two or more appliances, you must add together the wattage rating for all appliances used on the cord. The total of those wattage ratings will help you determine which gauge size you will need.

**STEP 5: Place the cord correctly.** Extension cords should not be placed underneath rugs or other heavy furniture. They should not be tacked in place to a wall or taped down. Extension cords should not be used while coiled or bent.

*Source: [www.safetyathome.com](http://www.safetyathome.com)*

## Public Township Meetings

**Board of Supervisors** (7:00 PM, second Wednesday of each month): November 14; December 12; January 9; Annual Organization Meeting—Monday, January 7.

**Park and Recreation Board** (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month, except when otherwise indicated; no December meeting): November 13; January 16.

**Planning Commission** (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month): November 20; December 18; January 15.

**Sewer Authority** (7:30 PM, first Wednesday of each month): November 7; December 5; January 2.

**Zoning Hearing Board** (7:00 PM, first Thursday after the second Wednesday each month, except where otherwise noted): November 8; December 13; January 10. (Visit [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) to confirm hearings.)

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

*"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

Kent Wise has worked for the West Goshen Township Parks Department since 1977, and has served as Parks Superintendent since 1996.

During that time, he has seen the Township's park acreage increase nearly 60% from 72.5 acres, to over 115 acres. As Parks Superintendent, he has been responsible for maintenance of all of the Township parks.

"He's a great man and a good worker," says Gene Ring, Parks Superintendent when Kent arrived in 1977 until his own retirement in 1996. "I never had any problem with him at all. He was always on time and did all his work."

"He worked as a right hand man to Gene and fellow parks employees," says Park and Recreation Board member Michael Pillagalli. "He was always available and ready to help out with all the activities that the Park Board came up with for the Township residents."

Assistant Parks Superintendent Dorine Hannum, who has worked for the Parks Department since 1999, also cites Kent Wise's work ethic. "He's not afraid of hard work. He is

the first one here and the last to leave. He never takes a sick day."

"He is the epitome of the working manager," says Raymond Halvorsen, Director of Public Works and Chairman of the West Goshen Board of Supervisors. "He's also 24/7. He takes personal ownership of every acre of this Township's parks."

Under Wise's watch, West Goshen Township dedicated West Goshen Community Park in 1996.



"He was part of the acquisition process for the Community Park and worked with the Parks Board as we established the park as we know it today," points out Michael Pillagalli.

"Community Park especially has Kent Wise written all over it," says Halvorsen.

According to Dorine Hannum, the quality of maintenance at West Goshen's parks is a reflection of the pride Kent Wise would bring to the job and instill in his Parks

Department employees.

"He has a lot of pride in these parks. He's put a life of work in them. He's very detailed oriented. He helps us to know to always do the right thing even when no one else is looking."

Kent Wise will retire from his service to West Goshen Township in January 2013, with Dorine Hannum taking over as Parks Superintendent. Hannum says that in her new role she will be sure to draw from Kent Wise's experience: "I'm going to be calling him. I'm not going to lose his phone number for sure."

"I'm glad to see he can retire as young as he is," says Gene Ring. "He can have a good life after retirement."

"We have a true friend in Kent Wise and wish him all the best in his retirement," said Michael Pillagalli, speaking on behalf of the Park and Recreation Board. "He will be missed for his many lasting contributions and his personal mission to help make the West Goshen parks a pleasant and safe place for the residents to enjoy."

"We're losing just a truly dedicated employee, a major league value, the best caretaker that the park system has ever had," says Raymond Halvorsen, adding, "Those who follow him will have to maintain what he did."

## A HALLOWEEN REMINDER

West Goshen Township does not designate a Halloween celebration date for children residing in the Township. Although most residents celebrate Halloween on October 31st, the Township encourages residents with children to talk to neighbors and use discretion about the date and time for trick-or-treating. Parents should make sure trick-or-treaters wear costumes that are visible at night and do not impede vision or create a tripping hazard. Children should carry a source of illumination with them, or be accompanied by an adult with a flashlight or other light source.

# 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](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org).

## Lawncare for Fall

Just because grass growth slows down in the fall doesn't mean that lawncare should stop at that time. Autumn is a great time to prepare for an organic, healthy, lush, beautiful lawn. Steps you take now can reduce the need for chemical additives later, and lead to a lawn better able to grow and filter water runoff throughout the year.

If your lawn has a lot of crabgrass or other seed-forming weeds, dig up or cut off some of the worst areas or spray with an organic weed killer of lime juice or clove oil and at least 20% vinegar. Remove and compost fallen leaves from your lawn. Rake off thatch, either by hand or by using a dethatcher. Spread a thin layer of compost (mushroom compost works especially well) or healthy soil and overseed the lawn to replace areas where crabgrass and weeds were removed and to ensure a thicker growth of grass while crowding out new weed growth. Make sure to water the new

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seed while it germinates.

Although not frequently on the minds of homeowners in the fall, autumn is a good time to apply fertilizer—not to promote immediate growth, but to establish healthy roots that can make it through the winter. Autumn fertilizers should have an abundance of potassium, phosphorous, and calcium, with less emphasis on nitrogen. Alfalfa, seaweed, and humate based fertilizers are ideal for this time of year. To avoid runoff, do not fertilize in the days prior to rain. All fertilizers should be applied before the ground begins to freeze.

Fall is also the perfect time to plant trees, shrubs, roses, and perennials. Plants can grow out a healthy root system before the winter, and be ready to bloom in the spring.

For more information about organic lawncare, visit [www.safelawns.org](http://www.safelawns.org). ★

## Residential Christmas Tree Disposal

West Goshen residents are urged to properly dispose of their Christmas trees by dropping them off at the designated area of the West Goshen Community Park main parking lot between December 26, 2012 and January 21, 2013, or by placing them curbside for collection on Saturday, January 19, 2013. Anyone illegally dumping additional trees or other items will be prosecuted. The trees from the Community Park dropoff and from the special collection date will be shredded into mulch instead of occupying valuable landfill space.



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

## Separate Leaves from Your Trash and Dispose at Special Leaf Collections

West Goshen Township arranges for leaves of Township homeowners to be collected and composted each year, thus avoiding needlessly dumping natural, renewable resources into additional landfill space.

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

- November 17, 2012
- December 8, 2012
- December 22, 2012

Leaves must be placed in biodegradable bags or trash cans. **Leaves will not be collected from plastic bags.** There is no limit to the number of bags or cans for leaf collections. Small twigs or branches that fit into a paper yard waste bag may be included.

Leaves and yard wastes are not permitted to be disposed of by burning in West Goshen Township in compliance with Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code, and may not be raked into streets or deposited into streams, ponds, or stream beds.



## CRC SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Join the Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association (CRC) for "Watershed Science with the Arts" with Stroud Water Research Education Program Manager Vivian Williams on Wednesday, November 7th between 7:00 and 8:30 PM at the Ridley Creek State Park Mansion ballroom. Families can watch a presentation about the incorporation of arts with the study of the nature of watersheds, and join in a hands-on art project. Interested participants can register by calling 610-892-8731 or emailing [crc@nni.com](mailto:crc@nni.com). For more information visit [www.crcwatersheds.org](http://www.crcwatersheds.org).

# Keep Trash and Recyclables in Their

The semiannual Waste and Recycling Guide published in the spring and fall issues of the West Goshen Township Newsletter is your source for information about proper disposal of trash and recyclables in West Goshen Township. Please note that guidelines for trash and recyclable collections and household hazardous waste disposal may change over time, and that individuals should make sure they are current on the latest information by referring to this guide or visiting [www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Trash\\_and\\_Recycling/trash\\_and\\_recycling.html](http://www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Trash_and_Recycling/trash_and_recycling.html). Guidelines are divided into three property categories:



**Single family homes:** Houses that receive municipal trash collection from West Goshen Township's trash hauling contract with Republic Services/Allied Waste.



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



**Businesses:** Includes commercial business properties such as stores, markets, office buildings, restaurants, and shopping centers; industrial properties such as factories, foundries, processing plants, and warehouses; institutions such as hospitals, nursing homes, private and public schools, and universities; and public agencies including government agencies, authorities, and councils.

## RECYCLABLES

**Single family homes:** Recyclables are collected on Mondays, and must be placed in a recycling bucket or a trash can with a Township recycling sticker attached to it by 6:00 Monday morning or the night before. Twenty gallon recycling buckets (\$10) and free recycling stickers are available at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Please mark each bucket with your street and house number, and place it to the left or right of your trash can, with at least three feet of clearance between the containers. In the event of a Monday holiday, recyclables would be collected the following day.

There is no maximum limit to the amount of household recyclables accepted. The following items are recyclable: Cans, including aluminum, steel, or tin; clear, brown, or green glass bottles and jars; #1 through #7 plastics; paper, including junk mail,

telephone books, catalogs, white paper, wrapping paper, magazines, and newspapers; and flattened boxes, including cereal boxes, and other cardboard boxes. Please note that all items must fit into your recycle bucket. Corrugated 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.

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, and mirrors; crystal; ceramics; aerosol paint cans; ovenware; plastics without identifying recycling numbers; styrofoam; and empty oil cans or bottles.

**Multi-unit residences:** Must provide written recycling program materials to occupants with instructions about 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 following recycling materials at least once per month: 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 into direct contact with food, and noncorrugated cardboard; and any other recyclables determined by the apartment complex or condominium association. Recycling containers must be easily accessible and suitable for the type of material that is being collected.

**Businesses:** Must provide written recycling program materials to occupants and employees with instructions about what materials are to be recycled, how the materials are to be prepared, and how the



collection system works. The owner, operator, or administrator of business properties must provide for collection of the following recycling materials at least once per month: Computer paper and white bond/copier/ letterhead paper; corrugated cardboard; and aluminum and steel or bimetallic cans. 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.

## TRASH

**Single family homes:** Trash collections are on Mondays and Thursdays. In the event of a Monday holiday, trash will be collected on Tuesday and Friday that week. In the event of a Thursday holiday, trash will be collected that Friday.

All trash (except bulk items) must be placed inside the Township-provided 96 gallon container, and the container must be placed at curbside before 6:00 AM or the night before with the front wheels against the curb and the handle and wheels facing away from the street. The container must be at least four feet away from mailboxes, cars, or any other obstacles, and at least three feet to the left or right of any recycling containers. Trash will not be picked up if it is put out after the truck has arrived. We recommend that you write your address in permanent black marker on the trash container, and make note of its unique identification number (indicated on the trash container) assigned to your home, to avoid any confusion with neighbors' trash containers.

**Multi-unit residences and businesses:** Please consult your property owner for trash disposal locations.

## BULK TRASH

**Single family homes:** A maximum of one bulk item will be collected per week. A bulk item is an appliance or piece of furniture 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 accepted. A maximum of four carpet rolls, each no longer than four feet in length, will be collected. If you are unsure whether or not your bulk trash item will be collected, call West Goshen Township at 610-696-5266.

**Multi-unit residences and businesses:** Please consult your property owner for bulk trash disposal procedures.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

**Single family homes, multi-unit residences, and businesses:** 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.

**Single family homes and multi-unit residences:** Check back in the Spring 2013 issue of the West Goshen Township Newsletter for dates and locations to dispose of the following

items with the Chester County Solid Waste Authority:

- Paint products: Oil-based paints; turpentine and thinners; stains, varnishes, and shellacs; strippers and removers; wallpaper cement; and adhesives and solvents.
- Outdoor products: Pool chemicals; weed killers; septic tank degreasers; asphalt sealers; caulking compounds; joint compounds; rodent poisons; and roof cements.
- Automotive products: Grease and rust solvents; fuel additives; carburetor cleaners; transmission and brake fluid; antifreeze; gasoline and gas/oil mixtures; and car (lead acid), truck, motorcycle, or marine batteries.
- Household products: drain openers; rug, wool, and metal cleaners; mothballs/flakes; spot remover; rechargeable batteries; kerosene; and toilet bowl cleaners.
- Other products: acids, caustics, and solvents; flammables and oxidizers; lead and mercury products; pesticides; organic peroxide; reactive metals; and propane cylinders under twenty pounds.

The following materials will not be accepted: Infectious and medical waste; explosives and ammunitions; appliances and white goods; latex and water based paints; pressurized CFAs and HCFs; commercial and industrial waste; radioactive waste; non-propane gas cylinders or propane cylinders over twenty pounds; PCB's; freon; asbestos; alkaline batteries; and unidentified waste. Tires and used motor oils are not accepted at household hazardous waste collections, but may be recycled at select automotive businesses. Call the Chester County Solid Waste Authority at 610-273-3771, ext. 228 for recycling locations of automotive-related materials. ★



## ROONIE SAYS...



# Top Mistakes made by Pet Owners

*In 2012, the "Roonie Says" column featuring advice for dog owners has been focusing on common mistakes pet owners often make according to WebMD. This issue concludes the list of the top 25 errors made by pet owners. To view the rest of the list, visit other 2012 issue of The West Goshen Township Newsletter at [www.westgothen.org/Newsletter/Newsletters/newsletters.html](http://www.westgothen.org/Newsletter/Newsletters/newsletters.html).*

**Letting Dogs Eat Spoiled Food:** Your dog may be tempted to rifle through the neighbor's garbage in search of a treat, but don't let her! Food gone bad is no healthier for pets than it is for people. Dogs who eat garbage are at risk for bacterial food poisoning or irritation of the pancreas. Spoiled food may also contain toxic mold, which can cause vomiting, severe tremors, seizures, and death.

**Giving Bones to Dogs:** We may think of bones as a wonderful treat for dogs, but the FDA paints a different picture. The agency warns that chewing on bones can injure the teeth, tongue, or mouth. Bone fragments can get stuck in your dog's windpipe, interfering with breathing. Bones can also get stuck in the digestive tract, where they will have to be removed with surgery or an endoscope. If your dog likes to chew, ask your vet about safer alternatives.

**Feeding Dogs Table Scraps:** It can be hard to resist a dog that's begging at the table. You look into those big eyes and want to share your food with your pet. But rewarding your dog's barks or whines will only encourage more begging in the future. And then you can forget about quiet dinners with your family. If you want to share table scraps as an occasional treat, do it away from the table—and use the food as a reward for good behavior.

**Feeding Cats Only Dry Food:** Cats have a low thirst drive by nature, so they may not drink enough to stay well hydrated. Feeding them only dry food compounds the problem and can put them at risk for urinary tract disorders. To promote a healthy bladder, some vets recommend canned

foods, which are about 78 percent water. A fluid-rich diet is particularly important for cats with a history of urinary tract problems.

**Giving Up a Cat During Pregnancy:** Some women are advised to give up their cats during pregnancy, but is this necessary? The concern is an illness called toxoplasmosis, which is caused by a parasite found in feline stool. If a woman is newly infected during pregnancy, her fetus could be harmed. But most people who have cats already have antibodies to protect against toxoplasmosis. The CDC advises pregnant women to keep their cats but avoid handling cat litter if possible.

**Having No Disaster Plan:** If an emergency forces you to evacuate your home, what will you do with your pets? Leaving them behind is not an option if your community is threatened by fire, flooding, or hurricane-force winds. And not all Red Cross shelters allow you to bring your pets. It's best to identify pet-friendly shelters and motels ahead of time, so you can keep your pets with you during an emergency.

**Adopting a Pet on a Whim:** If a friend is giving away puppies or a local animal shelter is filled to capacity, you may be tempted to bring home a new pet. But this should never be a spur-of-the-moment decision. You are making a long-term commitment to care for the animal—ten to fifteen years for dogs and up to twenty years for cats. It's also best to do some research ahead of time to decide what type of pet—and what specific breed—would be best for your family.

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# 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.*

**A**ggressive drivers pose a hazard to themselves, their passengers, and other motorists. These high risk drivers climb into the anonymity of an automobile and take out their frustrations on anybody at any time. For them, frustration levels are high, and the level of concern for fellow motorists is low. Aggressive drivers will often run stop signs and red lights, speed, tailgate, weave in and out of traffic, pass on the right, make improper, frequent, abrupt, and unsafe lane changes (often without using turn signals), make hand and facial gestures, scream, honk, flash their lights, follow too closely, pass on the shoulder or unpaved portions of the roadway, or leer at or threaten—either verbally or through gestures—motorists who are thoughtless enough to be in front of them.

**Avoid the challenges or confrontations of aggressive drivers and support law enforcement's efforts to rid the streets and highways of this menace.**

Even the safest driver still needs to be wary of aggressive drivers. The West Goshen Police Department recommends getting out of the way of aggressive drivers whenever possible. Do not challenge them by speeding up or attempting to hold-your-own in your travel lane. Wear your seat belt—It will hold you in your seat and behind the wheel in case you need to make an abrupt driving maneuver and it will protect you in a crash. Avoid eye contact. Ignore gestures and refuse to return them.

If you are able to pull over safely or have a passenger with a cellular phone, contact the police, providing a description of the vehicle, license number, location, and, if possible the direction of travel. If an aggressive driver is involved in a crash farther down the road, stop a safe distance from the crash scene, wait for the police to arrive, and report the driving behavior that you witnessed. ★

## New Traffic Patterns in Roslyn Development

Following establishment of a Traffic Advisory Committee in January 2012, the Committee investigated the ongoing problem of high traffic volume through the Roslyn neighborhood in the southwest portion of the West Goshen Township. Increasing amounts of pass-through commuter traffic and a growing West Chester University student population has driven the traffic numbers higher each year. Traffic studies have shown 3,000 to 4,000 cars using the Roslyn neighborhood as a cut-through on a daily basis in the motorists' attempts to find an easier path to Route 202. Local streets like those in the Roslyn neighborhood are designed to see approximately 400 cars on a daily basis.

On August 22, 2012, the West Goshen

Township Board of Supervisors enacted ordinance changes to signage affecting traffic patterns in the Roslyn neighborhood.

The new traffic patterns began on Monday, October 1, 2012 and restrict eastbound traffic access from South New Street through the Roslyn neighborhood. Traffic is restricted from entering Rosary Avenue from South New Street and from proceeding east via Jones Lane and Spruce Avenue to High Street. Motorists must find alternate eastbound routes from South New Street, including Rosedale Avenue, Price Street, and Route 926.

Westbound traffic patterns are not affected. Motorists may still access

## Seniors: Remember to Apply for TRASH REBATE by October 31st

Senior Citizens in West Goshen Township may be eligible to participate in the Township's Trash Rebate Program. To qualify, registrants must be 65 or older as of December 31, 2011. Applicants' 2011 household income, including 50% of Social Security payments, must equal \$35,000 or less. Applicants must have proof that they have received a Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate check for the year 2011.

Application Forms for the Trash Rebate Program are available at the West Goshen Township Administrative Building. Completed applications must be submitted to West Goshen Township **by October 31, 2012.**

West Goshen Township Trash Rebate checks will be mailed in December 2012. ★



westbound Spruce Avenue Roslyn Avenue, and Jones Lane to South New Street and Rosedale Avenue from High Street.

West Chester University student motorists and the general motoring public will be prohibited from turning right out of the University parking lot behind the tennis courts at Rosedale Avenue and Roslyn Avenue.

Left turns onto Roslyn Avenue from westbound Norfolk Avenue will be prohibited.

Through traffic on Roslyn Avenue from Rosedale Avenue south of Norfolk Avenue will be prohibited. ★

# 3 Ways

to See New York  
with the Park and  
Recreation Department



On Monday,  
December 3rd,  
take a trip to  
Radio City Music Hall.

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department offers its popular December trips to New York City again this year, and a new way to see the Big Apple in November.

Spend a day in New York shopping, dining, seeing a show, or visiting museums. The New York-on-Your-Own trip drops off and picks up in the Times Square area on **Saturday, December 1st**. Cost is \$35 per person and includes round-trip motorcoach transportation and driver tip.

On **Monday, December 3rd**, a holiday tradition continues with the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department's trip to Radio City Music

Hall. See the Rockettes in the Radio City Christmas Spectacular, spend some time on your own in New York City, and conclude with a family-style Italian dinner at Carmine's. The fee of \$159 per person includes a ticket to the show, transportation, dinner at Carmine's, and driver and server tips.

Learn about some of New York's most historic landmarks by land and boat on **Saturday, November 3rd**. Visit the U.S.S. Intrepid, the aircraft carrier turned naval, air, and space museum, and see the space shuttle Enterprise up close. Enjoy a boxed lunch as you board a water taxi for a boat tour of Lower Manhattan, getting a close-up view of the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and the

Brooklyn Bridge. Take a walking tour of Battery Park, the World Trade Center Memorial, and other historic sites in Lower Manhattan. At the end of the day, enjoy dinner with the group at Mastori's. \$129 per person includes tours, transportation, admission to the U.S.S. Intrepid, a boxed lunch, dinner at Mastori's, and driver and server tips.

Information and registration forms for each of these trips are available at [www.westgoshe.org](http://www.westgoshe.org).

**Note that the departure location of bus trips has changed this year from West Goshen Community Park to the West Goshen Municipal Complex at Paoli Pike and N. Five Points Road. ★**



The New York-on-Your-Own trip drops off and picks up in the Times Square area on Saturday, December 1st.

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## Give Blood This Winter

The need for blood is constant. To help meet the demand, West Goshen Township will again team up with the Red Cross for the semiannual blood drive at the West Goshen Township Administration Building on Tuesday, February 5th between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Everyone eighteen or older is encouraged to donate. Donors will receive pretzels, cookies, beverages, and the comforting feeling of knowing they helped save a life.

To schedule a donation appointment, contact Kate Meinhart at 610-696-5266, or visit [www.membersforlife.org/pennj/schedule/login.php?sponsorcode=8510](http://www.membersforlife.org/pennj/schedule/login.php?sponsorcode=8510).

## Enjoy Breakfast with Santa at Timothy's



popular annual event will feature a hot buffet breakfast, gingerbread men for children to decorate, and quality time with Santa Claus himself.

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Board is excited to bring this holiday favorite to its new location. "In an effort to make it easy for Township residents, we're bringing it to Timothy's which offers plenty of free parking, a relaxed atmosphere, and good food," said Park and Recreation Board Chairman Joseph Waters.

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department's Annual Holiday Breakfast will be held at Timothy's in the Parkway Center on Saturday, December 15th between 9:00 and 10:30 AM. This

The Park and Recreation Board has also lowered the price for attendees of this event to **\$5 per person**. The Holiday Breakfast is limited to residents of West Goshen Township.

*Information and registration forms for the Holiday Breakfast are available at [www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Holiday\\_Breakfast/holiday\\_breakfast.html](http://www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Holiday_Breakfast/holiday_breakfast.html).*



## Make Your Own Wreaths and Centerpieces

Get your house ready for the holiday season by learning to design your own wreath or centerpiece to take home with the West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department's annual holiday decorations workshop on Monday, December 10th or Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 PM. Centerpieces cost \$10 per person, or for \$15 you can decorate a wreath to bring home. We provide instruction and supplies; you provide the creative finishing touch. Advance registration is required. Information and registration forms are available at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org). ★

## COMING THIS WINTER...



The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is planning three new trips to New York City this winter.

Visit [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) in November for details about the following trips:

**Guggenheim and The Museum of Modern Art:** Saturday, January 19, 2013. See the Guggenheim's exhibit "Picasso

Black and White" and take a guided tour of both museums before spending some time exploring on your own.

**Mamma Mia on Broadway:** Wednesday, February 20, 2012. Dance in the aisles to the music of Abba as featured in this Broadway hit!

**Phantom of the Opera on Broadway:** Wednesday, March 20, 2012. Spend some free time in New York City before

heading to the historic Majestic Theatre to see the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical that has become Broadway's longest running show.

To receive advance information about these shows or any other events sponsored by the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department, email Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org) with "Add to Email List" in the "Subject" field. ★

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## Township Holidays

Township offices will be closed on Thursday, November 22nd in celebration of Thanksgiving, on Tuesday, December 25th for Christmas, and on New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1st.

Trash will be collected on Friday, November 23rd instead of Thursday, November 22nd that week.



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