

WEST GOSHEN



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Open House

**Explore Your Municipal Complex on
Saturday, June 23rd**

The West Goshen Township Municipal Complex will host an Open House on Saturday, June 23rd from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. This will mark the first Open House the Township has hosted since 2002. Families can tour the facilities of the Police, Administration, Parks, and Roads Buildings. There will be activities for all ages in each of the buildings.

"We hope to shed some light on municipal operations—everything from Police to Finance to Public Works—and to show residents what we do on a daily basis to provide services," said Township Manager Casey LaLonde.

Raymond H. Halvorsen, Chairman of the West Goshen Board of

Supervisors, emphasized the opportunity for Township residents to learn more about the services offered by Police, Administration, Parks, Roads, and Wastewater Treatment: "This is an Open House demonstrating all five departments that provide full-service to Township residents."

Police Building

See how criminal suspects are processed, from being brought in through the sally port, to being interrogated in one of the interview rooms, and being detained in one of the holding cells. Take a close-up look at some of the equipment police officers use every day. Learn what communication technologies help keep the department's operations running

smoothly. Check out a crime lab. Parents can bring home fingerprinting kits so they can keep a file of their children's prints.

Of course, as a working 24/7 facility, certain areas of the Police Building may not be accessible to the public if they are in use at the time.

Administration Building

Visit the seat of your local government where Township laws are made. Find out about the various boards, committees, and departments that serve the residents of West Goshen Township. Meet your local elected and appointed officials. Children can make candied sand-art with The Friends of West Goshen Parks, and design their own buttons and get helium balloons from the Park and Recreation Department. Learn how West Goshen Township is saving money and natural resources through conservation efforts

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The West Goshen
Township
Administration
Building



The West Goshen
Township Parks
Building



The West Goshen
Police Building

Subdivision and Land Development Report

The following plans have been approved for development:

Bridgewater Drive Subdivision

Location: 1262 & 1266 Bridgewater Drive
This plan constitutes a lot-line change, which proposes to transfer .361 acres from the 1266 Bridgewater property to the 1262 Bridgewater property.

The Arbours at West Goshen – Amended

Location: Honeysuckle Court and Ward Avenue
The plan for the Arbours at West Goshen, approved in 2006, called for the construction of 79 townhomes, one clubhouse, and 144 attached condominiums for an active adult retirement community. The amended plan proposed to eliminate the 144 attached condominiums and replace them with 133 townhouse units.

North Campus District Geothermal Pump House – Phase II

Location: 114 West Rosedale Avenue
The plan proposes the construction of a 2,418 square foot utility building to serve as a geothermal pump house to augment West Chester University's geothermal system.

The following plans remain under review:

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 age group.

Pottstown Pike Subdivision

Location: East Side of Pottstown Pike, South of Greenhill Road
The plan will create a fourteen lot single family detached dwelling subdivision.

3-Lot Subdivision

Location: East Side of Pottstown Pike, South of Greenhill Road
The proposed plan will create a three 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.

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.

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

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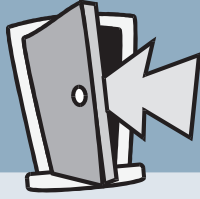
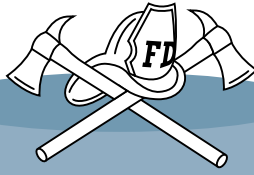
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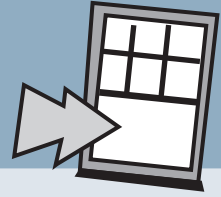
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TOWNSHIP PARKS

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



Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa Create a Home Escape Plan



What is a Home Escape Plan?

A home escape plan is your way out of your home if you have a fire. After you plan your escape, all family members should practice the escape plan every six months. The more you practice your escape plan, the more prepared you will be to take action in an emergency.

How Do I Create a Home Escape Plan?

1. Draw a floor plan of your home on a large sheet of paper or use grid paper.
2. Check to make sure you have included every door and window that you can use as an exit.
3. Draw all outdoor features or possible obstacles that might keep you from escaping through windows and doors.
4. Draw arrows in red to show the best way out of each room.
5. Draw arrows in blue to show the second way out of each room.
6. Choose a meeting place in front of your home and mark it on the escape plan.

7. Practice the escape plan using the best way out of your sleeping area.
8. Practice the second way out of your sleeping area.
Note: Know both ways out, so you can escape. Make sure that everyone in your family can follow both ways out.
9. Arrange to call 911 from a neighbor's house.
10. Update the plan as needed.

What Other Things Should I Do?

1. Include your children in your escape plan. Make sure you and your children know how to get out.
2. Clear all escape routes. Remove all obstructions from halls, any doors and windows, and sleeping areas.
3. Make sure that your house number is clearly visible from the street. If you live in an apartment, your landlord should ensure the apartment number is visible from the parking lot and that all building numbers are visible from a distance.
4. **GET OUT AND STAY OUT.** Never go back in your home for any reason—not for pets, medication, or anything.

Public Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors (7:00 PM, second Wednesday of each month): May 9; June 13; July 11

Park and Recreation Board (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month): May 16; June 20; July 18.

Planning Commission (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month): May 15; June 19; July 17.

Sewer Authority (7:30 PM, first Wednesday of each month, except July 4th): May 2; June 6; July 11.

Zoning Hearing Board (7:00 PM, first Thursday after the second Wednesday each month, except where otherwise noted): May 10; June 14; July 12.

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

Shade Shelter Added to Skatepark

The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board and the Board of Supervisors approved a shade shelter which was added next to the skatepark at Robert Lambert Park this spring. The roof of the structure, which covers the tables and chairs next to the skatepark, is angled to block direct afternoon sunlight.

The tables and chairs were installed with the park in 2006 to provide a place for parents, resting skateboarders or inline skaters, and other observers of the skatepark and playground to sit. However, due to the direct sunlight and summer heat, many visitors to Lambert Park have opted instead to sit on the ground in the shaded area near



the entrance gate. This area has often become crowded and has presented potential traffic hazards for those entering and exiting the skatepark. The new shelter should make the installed seats around the tables a cooler, more inviting option for skatepark visitors.

Funding for the shade shelter was provided by the Restricted Park Capital Account, which consists of fees from new construction dedicated for park acquisition and improvements. No general fund taxes were used for this project. ★

ROAD RULES

Texting While Driving—It's Against the Law in PA

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.

Pennsylvania's anti-texting law, effective March 8, 2012, encourages motorists to put their full focus on driving.

What the Law Does

- The law prohibits as a primary offense any driver from using an Interactive Wireless Communication Device (IWCD) to send, read, or write a text-based communication while his or her vehicle is in motion.
- Defines an IWCD as a wireless phone, personal digital assistant, smart phone, portable or mobile computer, or similar devices that can be used for texting, instant messaging, emailing, or browsing the Internet.
- Defines a text-based communication as a text message, instant message, email, or other written communication composed or received on an IWCD.
- Institutes a \$50 fine for convictions under this section.
- Makes clear that this law supersedes and preempts any local ordinances restricting the use of interactive wireless devices by drivers.

The penalty is a summary offense with a \$50 fine, plus court costs and other fees.

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The violation carries no points as a penalty and will not be recorded on the driver record for non-commercial drivers. It will be recorded on commercial drivers' records as a non-sanction violation.

The texting ban does NOT include the use of a GPS device, a system or device that is physically or electronically integrated into the vehicle, or a communications device that is affixed to a mass transit vehicle, bus or school bus. The law does not authorize the seizure of an IWCD. ★

Greening West Goshen

Be Environmentally Conscious with Your Next Fundraiser

A conventional outdoor car wash contributes 80 to 140 gallons of soapy, oily, and dirty water for each car washed. The detergents in the runoff can be harmful to fish and amphibians, and tap water from running hoses contains sufficient chlorine to kill fish. The cumulative impact of these individual actions multiplied across the watershed and throughout the season degrades the quality of our streams, and causes particular harm to the most sensitive of our cold water fish and amphibian species.

The Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association has developed a brochure outlining the importance of choosing to follow "green", environmentally responsible guidelines for car washes for the various clubs that hold these events as fundraisers each year. This free brochure is available for school and civic groups by contacting the Chester Ridley



Crum Watersheds Association at crc@nni.com or by calling 610-892-8731.

The Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association offers the following guidelines to make sure your group's carwash is environmentally friendly:

1 If possible, pair up with a commercial car wash for your cause. They use less water, reuse the water, and ultimately discharge to stormdrains.

"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.

2 Choose a car wash site and washing station location where the runoff flows naturally to a grassy area. Block nearby stormdrains with a section of heavy rubber foam matting, hay bales, small sandbags, or other creative solutions.

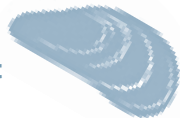
3 Pick up all trash and sweep the area in the beginning so the grit will not be carried away with the water.

4 Use buckets for wash water with minimal biodegradable soap, if any, and rinse water to wash and rinse the cars without the use of running water.

5 Use a hose that is high pressure/low volume with a trigger nozzle to fill the buckets. Do not allow the hose to run freely on the pavement. Dump buckets of dirty wash water into sinks. ★

Flex Your Mussels

Did you know that freshwater mussels are the most imperiled group of animals in the United States?



This is of great concern given all of the benefits they bring to our streams. Mussel beds strengthen streambeds against erosion and filter water, removing nutrients and toxins—one mussel can filter up to ten gallons a day! Danielle Kreeger, Science Director for the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, has located one older bed of approximately 500,000 mussels in the Lower Brandywine River which she estimates is removing 25 tons of pollutants each year. Unfortunately, none of the mussel beds discovered so far have been found to be reproducing. Freshwater mussels can live up to 100 years but if they are unable to reproduce their valuable benefits to water quality will slowly disappear as the beds die off.

This past fall, Kreeger installed several trial mussel beds in Ridley Creek in Upper Providence to see if they will survive and if conditions are suitable for them to

reproduce. If they can be successfully established and are able to reproduce, these new mussel beds may provide a lower cost alternative to treating stormwater to remove pollutants and to protect water supplies and may save these valuable animals from extinction.

On Saturday, May 12, 2012, the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary and Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association will hold a lecture and training for volunteers interested in helping with the mussels project at Pavilion 8 at Ridley Creek State Park from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Participants will hear Ms. Kreeger speak and then follow staff biologist Angela Padeletti to a stretch of Ridley Creek in the park to learn how to identify mussel beds in their local creeks. Volunteers will receive sufficient training to be able to correctly survey designated

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Basin Naturalization Program

The Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association will host a free stormwater basin naturalization educational session on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at the Edgmont Municipal Building (1000 Gradyville Road) at 7:00 PM. This workshop is a followup to two prior lectures targeting homeowner associations. The featured speaker for the May meeting will be Megan Gonzales, Registered Landscape Architect with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC). Ms. Gonzales will review low-cost strategies for converting lawns, including basins, and provide examples and costs of recent projects.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive by 6:30 PM for a guided field view of the nearby White Horse Village naturalized stormwater basin. To register, contact the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association at crc@nni.com or 610-892-8731.



ROONIE SAYS...

Top Mistakes made by Pet Owners

The Winter 2012 issue of the West Goshen Township Newsletter (www.westgoshen.org/Newsletter/Newsletters/WGTWinter12.pdf) offered six of the most risky mistakes by pet owners according to WebMD. The series continues with six more common mistakes.

Keeping the Food Bowl Full: With the best intentions, some people keep their pets' food bowls full at all times. This is one of the most common mistakes pet owners make. The problem is that cats and dogs often eat more than they need. If food is constantly available, they will take in too many calories and put on too much weight. To avoid this, follow the suggestions on the pet food label or ask your vet for guidance.

Forcing Cats to Be Vegetarian: Vegetarian people sometimes want their pets to share their lifestyle. The trouble is cats are "obligate carnivores." This means they must eat meat to survive. They depend on nutrients, such as the amino acid taurine, that are only found in animal tissue. Dogs may be able to handle a well-balanced vegetarian diet, but check with your vet first.

Providing Too Little Exercise: Just like people, pets need exercise to stay healthy. Couch potato pets are prone to obesity, which raises their risk of diabetes, heart disease, respiratory problems, and joint problems. The right amount of exercise for a dog depends on the breed and size, but vets recommend at least a half-hour each day. Taking brisk walks with your dog can help you get in shape, too.

Misreading Body Language: Sure, you love your dog. But do you really understand him? If you think a wagging tail is always a

good sign, you could be in for a nasty surprise. When a dog wants to threaten someone, he may hold his tail high and wave it stiffly back and forth. Mistake this warning for a sign of playfulness and you could get bitten. To avoid misunderstandings, learn about your pet's body language.

Providing Too Little Attention: Just like children, your pets will get bored if you don't play with them. And boredom can lead to troublesome behaviors like chewing, digging, barking and whining. Bored cats may resort to scratching and excessive meowing. Fight boredom by hiding treats for your pets to find around the house. Provide toys your cat can chase. Teach dogs to play fetch, tug-of-war, or hide-and-seek.

Making Your Cats Share a Litter Box:

Multiple cats plus one litter box equals a formula for elimination problems. That's a nice way of saying your cat may choose to pee or poop on the floor. Cats can be very picky about their litter box. If it's dirty or smells like other cats, they may not use it. Experts recommend having one litter box for every cat in your home, plus one extra. It may be helpful to space out their boxes around the home. ★

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The series listing WebMD's risky mistakes pet owners make will continue in the Summer 2012 issue of the West Goshen Township Newsletter.



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Summer at a Glance

May 9	Glen Acres and Exton Elementary School Band concert
May 12	Bus trip to Yankee Stadium
May 20	West Chester East High School's Jazz Lab Band and Jazz Ensemble concert
June 9	Bus trip to Baltimore (sold out)
June 10	Summer Concert: Children's performance by Steve Pullara and the Cool Beans Band
June 11 – June 15	Skatecamp Session 1
June 18 – August 10	Summer Recreation Program and Summer Teen Program
June 21	International Go Skateboarding Day Celebration at Robert E. Lambert Park
June 23	West Goshen Township Open House
June 24	Summer Concert: Scottish rockers First Highland Watch
June 25 – August 9	Summer sports clinics
July 4	Decorated Bike Parade (Raindate: July 7)
July 8	Summer Concert: Latin jazz of Café con Pan
July 9 – July 13	Skatecamp Session 2
July 21	Bus trip to New York City
July 22	Summer Concert: Party favorites with The Greaseband
July 28	Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company presents "Our Town" (Raindate: July 29)
August 5	Summer Concert: Folk musicians Rob Dickenson Band
August 13 – August 17	Skatecamp Session 3
August 18	Bus trip to the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and World Trade Center Memorial
August 19	Summer Concert: West Chester's own big band The Swing Kings

*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.westgoshen.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@westgoshen.org.



West Goshen Park and Recreation Department Revisits Favorite New York Destinations—And One New One

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department's July 21st and August 18th trips to New York City offer the opportunity to visit four great Big Apple landmarks.

On Saturday, July 21st, participants visit Times Square and spend an afternoon in New York City on their own shopping, dining, sightseeing, or catching a show. The trip costs \$35 per person and includes round-trip transportation and driver tip.

The Park and Recreation Department returns to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island on Saturday, August 18th, but with one added stop—the new World Trade Center Memorial. Take a ferry from Liberty State Park in New Jersey to

Ellis Island. Then go to Liberty Island, where you can see the statue and the interpretive museum inside its base. The ferry then takes participants to Battery Park, where they can walk five blocks to the World Trade Center Memorial. Finally, after a three block walk to the Financial Center Ferry Terminal, everyone returns to Liberty State Park for the bus ride home. Cost of this trip is \$50 per person. A limited number of \$45 senior (62 or older with ID) or \$40 children's (up to age 12) tickets are available. The registration includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, ferry passes, admission to Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty, and the World Trade Center Memorial, and bus driver tip. Meals are on your own, and are available at cafeterias at Ellis and

Liberty Islands.

Visit www.westgoshen.org or contact the Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266 or via email at klehr@westgoshen.org for more information. ★



Travel to the Scenic Hudson Valley this Fall with the Park and Recreation Department

This fall, experience the history, grandeur, and beautiful scenery of New York's Hudson Valley. The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department teams up with the West Chester and East Goshen Park and Recreation Departments for an October 5–7 trip, when the changing colors of the leaves transform the valley into a splendorous panoply of autumnal foliage.

The group will depart from West Goshen Township on Friday, October 5th and head to Kykuit, the Rockefeller estate, for a guided tour and lunch. After seeing the magnificent stained glass windows by Henri Matisse and Marc Chagall at the Union Church, the group will proceed to Sunnyside, Washington Irving's home. The day concludes with a memorable

world-class dinner at Escoffier Restaurant on the campus of the Culinary Institute of America.

Saturday morning begins with breakfast at the hotel, a boat tour of the Hudson River, and lunch. Then, visit the Vanderbilt Mansion and Franklin Delano Roosevelt's home and Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park before dining at the Hyde Park Brewing Company.

On Sunday, after breakfast and checkout, the group will catch a breathtaking view of the Hudson Valley from the Walkway Over the Hudson—the longest elevated pedestrian bridge in the world spanning 1.28 miles, 212 feet above the river below! Then the motorcoach proceeds

to West Point for a guided tour of the U.S. Military Academy, lunch, and time in the Academy Museum before returning home.

Cost for the trip is \$750 per person for a single room, \$575 per person for a double room, \$495 per person for a triple room, or \$475 per person for quad rooming accommodations. Trip fees include motorcoach transportation, all admissions and guided tours, meals (except bus rest stops), and driver and server tips.

Information about this trip is available at www.westgoshen.org, or by contacting the Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266 or via email at klehr@westgoshen.org. ★

How did the Baltimore trip fill up before I found out about it in the West Goshen Township Newsletter?



You may have heard that West Goshen Township will be hosting a bus trip to Yankee Stadium on May 12th and to Baltimore on June 9th, and you may not have received adequate notice

in the West Goshen Township Newsletter to register for these trips. For some trips such as these, tickets did not go on sale from the respective baseball teams until after the January publishing of the Winter 2012 issue of the Newsletter. Unfortunately, sometimes the short timeframe between ticket availability and the trip date make it impossible to use the West Goshen Township Newsletter to advertise bus trips. These trips are advertised at

www.westgoshen.org and via "The Rec Room," the monthly email update from the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department. If you would like to sign up for a FREE subscription of "The Rec Room" and receive monthly updates on all the programs, bus trips, and activities sponsored by the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department, contact Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org. ★

Don't Miss Your Chance to See Top Musicians Under the Summer Sky

The 2012 West Goshen Summer Concert Series brings new music to the Summer Concert Series, featuring four bands new to West Goshen Community Park and one group making its first appearance in eight years.

Steve Pullara and the Cool Beans Band return to West Goshen Community Park for the first time since 2004. The interactive children's concert will have kids singing, dancing, and learning in the opening to the concert series on Sunday, June 10th.

First Highland Watch makes their premier at the West Goshen Summer Concert Series on Sunday, June 24th. Are they a Scottish-influenced rock band, or a rock-influenced Scottish band? A little of both, as they lend bagpipes and a Celtic-inspired sound to rock songs such as "Johnny B. Goode," and rock instrumentation to traditional Celtic classics.

Café con Pan is another group performing for the first time at West Goshen Community Park on Sunday, June 8th. Enjoy an evening of Latin jazz representing countries from all over the Americas and the Caribbean with top musicians from Philadelphia.

The Greaseband returns with party favorites on Sunday, July 22nd. This will mark their second year as part of the



First Highland Watch will be one of the musical groups making their premier performance in the West Goshen Summer Concert Series

Summer Concert Series, and the fifth time they have performed in West Goshen Township.

The Rob Dickenson Band will make their first appearance in the West Goshen Summer Concert Series on Sunday, August 5th. The group out of

West Chester performs a variety of folk-inspired songs featuring singer and songwriter Rob Dickenson.

The West Chester Swing Kings conclude the West Goshen Summer Concert Series on Sunday, August 19th. The big band has performed at West Goshen Township before, but not at West Goshen Community Park. This will be your first chance to see them under the summer sky at the J. Leon Hagerty Amphitheater!

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

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In addition to the Summer Concert Series, West Goshen Community Park will host the following **FREE** concerts:

Wednesday, May 9th, 7:00 PM:
Glen Acres and Exton Elementary School Band.
Sunday, May 20th, 6:30 PM: West Chester East High School's **Jazz Lab Band** and **Jazz Ensemble.** ★

"Our Town" Comes to Our Town

The eighth annual performance by the Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company at West Goshen Community Park will feature the American classic "Our Town" on Saturday, July 28th at 7:00 PM. Considered a true American masterpiece, Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" offers a glimpse of small-town life—and death—in early 20th century America. The cast features Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company founding members Paul Parente and Trice Baldwin, who previously performed in West Goshen to much acclaim in productions such as "Arms and the Man," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Much Ado about Nothing," "The Taming of the Shrew," and "Richard III." **The performance is FREE OF CHARGE.**

In the event of rain, the performance would be postponed to Sunday, July 29th at 7:00 PM. Check www.westgoshe.org or call 610-696-5266 after 5:00 PM on the date of the performance for rain determination. ★



Summer Recreation Program Offers Socialization, Cooperation, and Creative Challenges

Mark your calendars! The 2012 Summer Recreation Program will begin on June 18th and continue eight weeks through August 10th.

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department offers children between the ages of five and twelve an opportunity to be active and social while having fun in a supervised outdoor environment unplugged from televisions, video games, and computers. The Summer Recreation Program provides a combination of structured outdoor activities and free play in a safe and fun environment supervised by our adult counselors.

Experts agree and numerous studies have shown that in addition to offering enjoyable summertime activities for children, summer program experiences develop important life-long skills while encouraging fitness habits and healthy behaviors for a long and enjoyable life. Studies also suggest that children are smarter, more cooperative, happier, and healthier when they have frequent and varied opportunities for structured and free play activities outdoors. Programs such as West Goshen's Summer Recreation Program encourage important opportunities for children to engage in socialization, cooperation, and creativity, and introduces a variety



of recreational pastimes while developing leadership skills and encouraging fitness habits for life.

Enough of the scientific health stuff—let's talk about the supervised fun your children will have with their friends outside this summer with West Goshen's Summer Recreation Program! Children between the ages of five and twelve are invited to attend the eight-week program with activities including sports, games, crafts, special events, and weekly field trips where children can swim, roller skate, bowl, ice skate, and more! The Summer Recreation Program is offered weekday mornings at Barker, Community, and Coopersmith Parks between 9:00 AM and noon. Some field trips may run longer. The Summer Recreation Program will be held rain or shine. Parents are encouraged to use their judgment when the weather is inclement. The program will not be in session on Wednesday, July 4th.

The program fee for West Goshen families continues to be \$200 for the first child, \$350 for two children, and \$100 per additional sibling for the eight-week program. West Goshen residents are able to register children for both the Summer Recreation Program and the Summer Teen Program while taking advantage of the discounted rate structure. The registration fee for residents of other municipalities is \$300 per participant. The registration fee includes four of the eight field trips; the remaining four will require an additional fee per trip.

Parents may register their children for Barker, Community, or Coopersmith Park as space permits on Saturday, May 5th (8:00–11:00 AM) and Saturday, May 12th (9:00–11:00 AM) at the West Goshen Township Administration

Building (Paoli Pike and N. Five Points Road). This is a great opportunity to meet the counselors and to ask any questions you may have. Registration will resume during normal office hours (Mondays through Thursdays, 7:00 AM until 5:00 PM) beginning Monday, May 14th as space permits. Registration may be limited with Township residents having first priority. Proof of residency must be provided (e.g., drivers license, sewer bill, address on check) to be eligible for resident rates. Only personal checks or cash will be accepted. Sorry... West Goshen Township is unable to accept credit cards or electronic payments. Children must be five years old by September 1, 2012 to register and should be comfortable participating in a group environment. Feel free to contact Summer Program Coordinator Tom Steines with any questions at tsteines@westgoshen.org or at 610-696-5266 ext. 4103. ★

West Goshen's Summer Recreation Program encourages children to:

- Meet new friends
- Participate in and cooperate with groups
- Try new activities
- Socialize with peers
- Use their imaginations
- Be creative
- Learn healthy activities
- Develop a sense of self and independence
- Engage with nature
- Become active members of their community
- Develop leadership skills
- Reduce screen time (e.g., television, computers, video games)
- Foster lifelong healthy habits
- And most of all—have fun!





West Goshen Sports Clinics

Your Child Can Learn a New Sport!

Parents: Sign your kids up for beginner instruction in a variety of fun and popular activities this summer with the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department! Children are invited to learn the skills, positions, and rules of a new sport, as well as the fun and health benefits of being physically active! Our adult instructors introduce beginner enthusiasts to the wonderful world of outdoor sports while encouraging them to pursue new activities which could blossom into a lifelong interest of enjoying the health, social, and personal accomplishments involved with sports!

Afternoon sports clinics will be offered one afternoon per week for a seven week period beginning the week of June 25th. All clinics will be held between 1:30 and 3:00 PM at West Goshen Community Park. Sports equipment will be provided for every clinic at Community Park; however, participants are welcome to bring their own (e.g., lacrosse stick, baseball glove).

Sports Clinics at West Goshen Community Park 1:30–3:00 PM

Mondays:

Field Hockey (ages 6–10)
Tennis (ages 9 & 10)

Tuesdays:

Basketball (ages 5–8)
Soccer (ages 5–8)
Tennis (ages 11 & 12)

Thursdays:

Lacrosse (ages 6–10)
Tee-Ball (ages 5–8)

The Park and Recreation Department is once again offering the popular beginner skateboarding clinics at the Robert E. Lambert Skatepark! With the assistance of our experienced adult counselors, participants will learn the basics and skatepark safety etiquette while having the opportunity to



progress on the many features at our popular skatepark. Skateboarding participants are required to provide their own equipment including a skateboard, helmet, and knee / elbow pads.

Beginner Skateboarding at Robert Lambert Skatepark 1:30–3:00 PM

Mondays: Ages 5–8

Thursdays: Ages 9–12

Sports clinic registration will be held on Saturday, May 5th (8:00–11:00 AM) and Saturday, May 12th (9:00–11:00 AM) at the West Goshen Township Administration Building (Paoli Pike and N. Five Points Road). Registration fee is \$60 per sport for West Goshen residents and \$75 per sport for children living outside of West Goshen. Registration will resume during normal office hours (Mondays through Thursdays, 7:00 AM until 5:00 PM) beginning on Monday, May 14th as space permits. West Goshen Township will not issue any clinic refunds for cancellations after July 7th. Participants in sports clinics will receive a West

Goshen clinic t-shirt while supplies last. Cancellations due to inclement weather will be made up at a later date. Contact Summer Program Coordinator Tom Steines at tsteines@westgoshen.org or at 610-696-5266 for more information. ★



Field Hockey • Tennis • Soccer • Basketball • Lacrosse • Tee-Ball • Skateboarding

2012 Summer Teen Program

New Adventures, New Friends, Same Great Program!

Have you ever zip-lined a hundred feet from a tree, completed a geo-caching course, barbecued out at a park, gone tubing down the Brandywine, played disc golf, rolled down a hill in a giant rubber ball, or rode every roller coaster at Hershey and Dorney Parks? Well it's time to get off the sofa and away from the computer desk for a fun, memorable, and adventurous summer with West Goshen's 2012 Summer Teen Program!

What's the deal?

West Goshen's popular Summer Teen Program once again invites teens between the ages of thirteen and fifteen to play summer sports, meet new friends, experience new adventures, and go on great field trips while being outdoors. Join us weekday mornings at Community Park for eight weeks of sports, games, special events, community service projects, and our popular field trips facilitated and supervised by our fantastic group of adult counselors!



Did someone say field trips?

Yes! This year the Summer Teen Program will enjoy a field trip schedule which includes activities such as river tubing, roller coasters, zip lines, challenge courses, swimming, bowling, and water parks. In addition to our field trips, participants will join in community service projects serving a variety of local non-profit agencies. Bus transportation is provided for field trips and community service projects.

Registration

Registration for the 2012 Summer Teen Program will be held at the West Goshen Township Administration Building on Saturday, May 5th (8:00–11:00 AM) and again on Saturday, May 12th (9:00–11:00 AM). The registration fee for West Goshen residents is \$200 for one participant, \$350 for two, and \$100 per additional participant. West Goshen parents are welcome to register children for both the Summer Teen Program and the Summer Recreation Program with these rates. The registration fee for

families residing outside of West Goshen Township is \$300 per participant. Registration will resume during normal office hours (Mondays through Thursdays, 7:00 AM through 5:00 PM) beginning on Monday, May 14th as space permits. Registration may be limited with Township residents having first priority through May 12th. Proof of residency must be provided (e.g., drivers license, sewer bill, address on check) to be eligible for resident rates. Teens must be thirteen years of age by September 1, 2012 to participate. Field trips will require and additional fee of approximately \$12 to \$35 per trip. Only personal checks and cash will be accepted. Sorry...West Goshen Township is unable to accept credit cards or electronic payments.

Questions and Additional Information

Questions may be directed to Summer Program Coordinator Tom Steines at tsteines@westgoshen.org or at 610-696-5266. Visit us online at www.westgoshen.org or join the West Goshen Summer Teen Program crew on Facebook. See you at the park! ★



Join the West Goshen Summer Teen Program crew on Facebook!



SKATEBOARDERS:

Mark Your Calendars

for the following events offered by the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department in conjunction with Fairman's Skate, Surf, and Snow Shop.

Go Skateboarding Day

On Thursday, June 21st, join the crew from Fairman's in a celebration of International Go Skateboarding Day. Learn from the experts, compete in contests, win prizes, and skate to live music. Festivities begin at 1:00 PM.

Fairman's Skate Jams

Join the staff of Fairman's to practice new moves and get pointers from the pros. The monthly Skate Jams take place at Robert Lambert Park on the following Tuesdays beginning at 5:00 PM:

May 8th	August 14th
June 12th	September 11th
July 10th	October 9th

Go Skateboarding Day and the Fairman's Skate Jams are FREE OF CHARGE. For more information, visit the skatepark page of the West Goshen Township website at www.westgoshe.org/Departments/Events/Skatepark/skatepark.html.

Skateboarding not Permitted in "NO SKATE ZONE"

Skateboarders are reminded that the moveable boxes, ramps, and other elements at the skatepark at Robert E. Lambert Park must remain in the blue skate zone and are not permitted in the gray area labeled "NO SKATE ZONE." The "NO SKATE ZONE" serves two vital purposes:

- 1) Skatepark design requires that there be a safety area around the perimeter where skateboarding is prohibited. This decreases the risk of injury from boarders crashing into fences, posts, walls, or gates.
- 2) Skateboarders and inline skaters who slam into the fence surrounding the skatepark can cause the fence to bow. This weakens the integrity of the fence, leading to dangerous conditions and costly repairs. The fencing surrounding the skatepark has already been replaced once since the skatepark opened in 2006.

West Goshen Township is committed to keeping the skatepark open as a safe venue for boarders and inline skaters

For a complete list of the Rules and Regulations for the skatepark at Robert E. Lambert Park, visit www.westgoshe.org/Departments/Events/Skatepark/Skatepark_Rules/skatepark_rules.html. ★

to practice their sport. If elements designed to be in the blue skate area are moved into the "NO SKATE ZONE," the West Goshen Parks staff may remove them and place them in storage.

You can help keep the park safe and prevent it from becoming cost prohibitive by adhering to the following practices:

- Keep all equipment in the designated blue skate area.
- Do not skateboard or inline skate in the "NO SKATE ZONE."
- Remove all garbage from the skatepark and place in the nearby trash or recycling receptacles.
- Keep food, gum, and beverages (except bottled water) outside of the fenced-in area of the skatepark.

Helmets, kneepads, and elbow pads are recommended for visitors to the skatepark.

Skateboarding Camps Return

The popular West Goshen Park and Recreation Department skateboarding camps return this summer.

Taught by experienced skateboarders from Fairman's Skate, Surf, and Snow Shop, this year's skatecamps will offer opportunities for boarders' to learn with their specific age groups:

June 11-15: Ages 8 through 12
July 9-13: Ages 10 through 14
August 13-17: Ages 8 through 12

Skateboarding camps take place between 9:00 AM and noon each morning. In the event of rain, there will be indoor activities and instruction at the skatepark. 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.westgoshe.org.

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The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department also contracts with Fairman's to offer private one-on-one or small group (up to three people) skateboarding lessons. For more information, visit the skatepark page of the West Goshen website or contact Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at 610-696-5266. ★





A Decorated Bicycle Parade Primer

When is the Decorated Bicycle Parade?

The Decorated Bicycle Parade will be held on Wednesday, July 4th at 10:00 AM at West Goshen Community Park. In the event of rain, the Parade would be postponed to Saturday, July 7th. Rain notification will be posted on the West Goshen website by 9:00 AM.

What categories can children enter in?

The Parade will be divided into the following categories:

- Strollers, wagons, and wheelchairs
- Big wheels and tricycles
- Training wheels
- Bicycles

What about rollerblades, skateboards, or scooters?

Inline skates, skateboards, and scooters are NOT permitted in the Decorated Bicycle Parade.

How old must children be to participate?

Children one month through eleven years old can participate. Make sure to enter your child in the age-appropriate category.

Do my children need to reside in West Goshen Township to participate?

Yes—While anyone is encouraged to come and watch the Decorated Bicycle

Parade, participation is limited to West Goshen residents.

How can I register my child to participate?

There is an online registration form at www.westgoshen.org to sign your child up for the Parade.

Will there be prizes?

All participants will receive a commemorative medal, and prizes will be awarded to the top participants in each category. Please be mindful if your child may be upset by not winning a grand prize.

Can we take home decorations at the end of the event?

You may take home red, white, and blue balloons to decorate your house for the holiday. Other decorations will be reused at future parades.

Will photographs of my child taken by the Park and Recreation Department be used for future publicity?

Large group shots (four or more people) may be used for future publicity. For smaller groups, verbal permission will be sought from parents to confirm consent to use photos for future publicity. In all

circumstances, the names of minors (under 18 years old) will not be used in any form of publicity to protect the identity of children from search engines.

Is there anything else we need to know?

Children on bicycles MUST wear bicycle helmets to participate in the PARADE. ★



Walk Yourself to Fitness

The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department is partnering with Going Fit to offer Power Walking classes at Community Park. Find out how to maximize aerobic and cardiovascular benefits when you walk. Classes will meet on Tuesdays from May 22nd through June 26th between 7:00 and 7:45 AM. Cost of the series of six classes is \$60 for West Goshen residents or \$75 for non-residents. For more information, visit www.westgoshen.org or contact the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266. ★

Recycling Guide 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.

Please refer to the Homeowners Guide for Trash and Recycling on page 16 for a list of non-recyclable materials.

For more information on the recycling requirements, contact 610-696-5266, ext. 4304 or twp@westgoshen.org. ★

Seniors: Now is the Time to Apply for 2011 Pennsylvania Property Tax Rebate and West Goshen Township Trash Rebate

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

1. Qualified applicants must be 65 or older as of December 31, 2011.
2. Applicants' 2011 household income, including 50% of Social Security payments, must equal \$35,000 or less.
3. Applicants need to receive a Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate check for the year 2011. The deadline for the 2011 Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is June 30, 2012. 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.



4. Applicants must submit a completed Trash Rebate Program application to West Goshen Township by **October 31, 2012**.

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

Trash and recycling information is made available in the West Goshen Township Newsletter in the spring and fall issues each year. 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.

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.

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

Homeowners Guide for Trash and Recycling

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
- Styrofoam

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

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.

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 19th, June 9th, July 14th, August 11th, September 15th, and October 13th.

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 28th and Wednesday, July 4th. Trash will be picked up on Tuesday, May 29th and Friday, June 1st. Trash will be collected on July 6th instead of July 5th.

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. Collections begin at 9:00 AM and end PROMPTLY at 3:00 PM. The dates and locations for 2012 will be:

Saturday, May 19th: Owen J. Roberts High School, 981 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA 19465.

Friday, June 22nd: CAT Brandywine Campus, 1635 E. Lincoln, Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320. Computer components will also be accepted at this collection.

Saturday, September 8th: New Garden Township Building, 8934 Gap Newport Road, Landenberg, PA 19350.

Saturday, October 13th: 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.

For the Friday, June 22nd and Saturday, October 13th collections, the following electronic components will be accepted: CPU's; laptop computers; monitors; printers; copiers; televisions; answering machines; camcorders; cellular phones; docking stations; electric typewriters; fax machines; microwaves; pagers; radios; remote controls; gaming consoles and controllers; stereos; tape and CD players; telephones; toner and ink cartridges; VCR's; DVD players; and testing equipment.

Household Hazardous Waste

Acceptable Household Hazardous Waste

PAINT PRODUCTS	OUTDOOR	AUTOMOTIVE	HOUSEHOLD	OTHER
Oil-Based Paints Turpentine/Thinners Stain/Varnish/Shellac Strippers/Removers Adhesives Wallpaper Cement Other Solvent Based Paint Products	Pool Chemicals Weed Killers Septic Tank Degreasers Asphalt Sealers Caulking Compounds Joint Compounds Roof Cements Rodent Poison	Grease/Rust Solvents Fuel Additives Carburetor Cleaners Transmission/Brake Fluid Antifreeze Gasoline/Gas & Oil Mixtures Car (lead-acid), Truck Motorcycle, or Marine Batteries	Drain Openers Rug/Wood/Metal Cleaners Mothballs/Flakes Spot Remover Dry Cleaning Fluid Kerosene Toilet Bowl Cleaners Rechargeable Batteries: Lithium, NiCad, Button	Acids/Caustics/Solvents Flammables/Oxidizers Lead/Mercury Pesticides/Poisons Organic Peroxide Reactive Metals Propane Cylinders under 20 pounds

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Infectious/Medical Waste
Explosives/Ammunition
Asbestos
Latex/Water Based Paints
PCB's

Pressurized CFAs & HCFs
Commercial/Industrial Waste
Radioactive Waste
Unidentified Waste
Freon

Appliances/White Goods
*Tires
Alkaline Batteries
*Used Motor Oil
Gas Cylinders (non-propane
or over 20 pounds)

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



Part of Our Community

The Chester County Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing free Adult Basic Literacy Education and essential life skills programs that prepare individuals for employment and self-sufficiency. Since 1979, the OIC has helped over 10,000 men and women in Chester County improve their lives through increased knowledge and training. Currently, Chester County OIC serves over 700 students per year speaking nineteen different languages.

"Our mission is to give people the education and tools they need for independence and self-sufficiency," says Gina Venuti, Deputy Director of Chester County OIC.



Chester County OIC is an independent agency affiliated with the Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America, which was founded in 1964 in Philadelphia by the Reverend Dr. Leon Sullivan, who drew international acclaim for his focus on social justice. Chester County OIC focuses on education and life skills training for low-income and disadvantaged adults.

In 2003, Chester County OIC moved into its current location on West Market Street in West Goshen Township.

Programs sponsored by Chester County OIC include education in the following fields:

- Child Care Certification
- Certified Nurse Assistant
- General Education Diploma (GED)
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Lifelong Learning Program (LLP) for developmentally disabled adults
- Workforce Literacy (WLP), with

one-on-one tutoring for specific advancement examinations

- Preparing for Independence (PFI)
- Microsoft Office Specialist (MOUS).

Chester County OIC is a Certiport authorized testing center for Microsoft Office Specialist Certification exams.



Venuti points out "One of our biggest programs is Preparing for Independence, which includes resume preparation, workshops for everything you need to look for a job, and online job searches. We have a 35 to 40 percent hire rate with those who stick with the program."

Many of the programs are taught onsite at the Chester County OIC offices. Chester County OIC collaborates with the West Chester Area School District for the GED program and holds those classes at Henderson High School. Chester County OIC also partners with La Comunidad Hispana in Kennett Square to provide ESL classes in southern and western Chester County, and with the Volunteer English Program to provide ESL tutors. Chester County Library in Exton provides work space as part of their long standing partnership with OIC to provide literacy services. OIC program staff matches tutors and students in the Workforce Literacy Program, tests students, and conducts tutor training for the program. Tutors and students can then arrange to meet at times and locations that fit their mutually agreeable schedules.

"Our services are free if you meet eligibility requirements," says Venuti. The Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Services Block Grant funds services for people earning less than 125% of the federal poverty level. Pennsylvania's Office of Vocational Rehabilitation provides funding for people with disabilities.

The federal Workforce Investment Act helps fund job training for unemployed or dislocated workers earning less than 235% of the federal poverty level.

Clients are referred to Chester County OIC from Chester County's network of educational and social services agencies. "For example," says Venuti, "schools can refer parents who don't speak English well, or seniors in high school." She also notes that the Chester County Department of Children, Youth, and Families also refers numerous clients to the OIC.

Chester County OIC is funded entirely by grants, private donations, and fundraisers. Each fall, the OIC hosts an awards gala to raise funds and recognize outstanding community members and OIC students.

Volunteers are essential to Chester County OIC. The staff of five full-time employees and twenty part-time instructors and employees rely on the help of 60 volunteers, most involved as tutors in the Workforce Literacy Program. According to Venuti, volunteers can come from numerous groups representing West Chester University, the Rotary Club, seniors with the Family Service of Chester County's Retired Seniors Volunteer Program



(RSVP). Chester County OIC also has three Goodwill senior program employees who are assigned to help them.

In addition to tutoring and teaching assistance, volunteers can help with administrative support, technological expertise, fundraising, and event planning. Anyone interested in volunteering or learning more about Chester County OIC can visit www.ccoic.org, email Executive Director Joyce Chester at jchester@cc-oic.org, or call 610-692-2344. ★

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sections of their local creeks for the presence and non-presence of mussels and report back to Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association and the Partnership to be included in their survey.

One or two group "Flex Your Mussels" survey days will be held in June and July to cover specific reaches of Ridley, Chester, and Crum Creeks, and

volunteers can also sign up to survey tributaries and additional sections on their own sometime this summer. Two likely meeting places will be Okehocking Preserve with Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association and Supplee Valley Preserve with the East Goshen Conservancy Board. Please pre-register for the free training with Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association at CRC@nni.com or 610-892-8731. ★

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such as high-efficiency lighting and hybrid technologies. See an exhibit coordinated by West Goshen Township and the Chester County Art Association featuring the works of local artists.

Parks Building

The Parks Building is the oldest structure in the West Goshen Municipal Complex, originally built and dedicated in 1964 as the "West Goshen Township Building" to house Administration, Police, and Public Works. In 1999, with the opening of the Administration and Police Buildings, the older building was renovated to house the offices, equipment, storage, and maintenance shops for Public Works. At the Open House, Park Department trucks, vehicles, and other equipment will be on display for the public to see and children to explore.

Roads Building

Check out newest addition to the Municipal Complex, the Roads Building which opened in the fall of 2011. Learn how the latest technologies are being utilized to keep West Goshen Township's 93 miles of municipally-maintained roads safe. Discover green technologies incorporated into construction of the building. See the full-service maintenance shop, specially designed to handle large equipment. Find out how the new salt shed—which more than doubles the Township's salt capacity—and the brining equipment improve the Public Works' Department efforts to keep West Goshen's roads free of snow and ice. Kids can hop on excavators, backhoes, plowing trucks, and other large equipment. Tour the offices, training facilities, and Emergency Operations Center housed in the new building.

In addition to touring the buildings,



The West Goshen Township Roads Building and the new salt shed



The new West Goshen Township Roads Building

visitors can see demonstrations of a camera truck and a jet truck from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Police cars and the Fire Marshal's response vehicle will also be available for touring in the parking lots. Members of the Police Department will show visitors the West Chester Regional Emergency Response Team's armored vehicles and robot.

Free hot dogs, soft pretzels, and beverages will be available throughout the day.

For more information about the West Goshen Open House, visit www.westgoshe.org. ★

2011 District Court Cases

Pennsylvania's Magisterial District Court 15-2-03 encompasses West Goshen Township and the townships of Westtown and Thornbury. In 2011, Magisterial District Judge William Kraut handled 5,617 cases. The breakdown of 2011 cases is as follows:

- 413 criminal cases
- 1,017 summary cases
- 3,654 traffic cases
- 307 civil cases
- 226 landlord/tenant cases

The Magisterial District Court collected \$859,545.69 in fines. Of that, West Goshen Township received \$117,455.22.

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, is one of the busiest district courts in Chester County based on its caseload. Judge Kraut reports that District Court 15-2-03 is also one of the safest in the county.

All summary misdemeanor and felony criminal cases begin at the Magisterial District Court Level, as do lawsuits in civil cases for matters up to \$12,000. Minor criminal cases (summary cases) filed in Magisterial District Courts include traffic violations, disorderly conduct, public drunkenness, truancy, game law violations, and parking tickets.

Judge Kraut encourages continued 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. ★



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Township Holidays

Township offices will be closed on Monday, May 28th and Wednesday, July 4th. Trash will be picked up on Tuesday, May 29th and Friday, June 1st. Trash will be collected on July 6th instead of July 5th.

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