

# WEST GOSHEN



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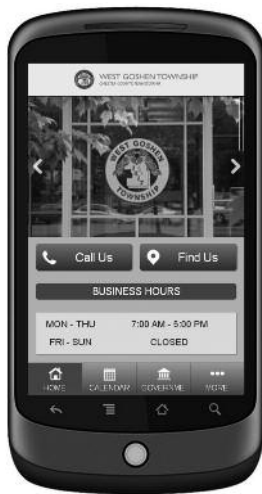
## West Goshen Township Police Officers Association Statement

The West Goshen Police Officer's Association, Inc. was organized as a Pennsylvania for-profit corporation in 2006. The Association is not affiliated with West Goshen Township or the West Goshen Township Police Department. The activities of the Association are not sponsored or funded by the Township or the Police Department.

## Online Features Help You Keep in Touch with Your Hometown Government

**W**est Goshen Township continues to commit itself to utilizing web-based resources to keep residents up-to-date with the latest news and important information.

Since its premier in 1998, the West Goshen Township website has expanded to be your go-to source for everything related to your local government. Beginning this June, West Goshen Township launched its mobile website for cellphone, tablets, and other portable devices. The web address, [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org), will remain the same, but now visitors on mobile devices will be redirected to the new mobile, or "m" site. Most of the content will be the same, but in an easier to use format for smaller, handheld web browsers. Many of the phone numbers on the site will be available for one-touch dialing—instead of exiting your web browser, opening up your phone, and dialing the number, just hit the button labeled "Call Us," and the site will open your phone and enter the number for you. All you have to do then is hit the "Send" button in your phone. Likewise, there is a "Find Us" button on numerous pages. This will open a map or your device's GPS to show you the location of a facility or event.



The mobile site also allows West Goshen Township to incorporate QR codes into fliers advertising upcoming events or other information. The QR code is the square you see on the right of this page. By scanning it with your smartphone, your phone will automatically be directed to the page with further information. So, if you were visiting West Goshen Community Park and wanted to find out more information about a bus trip you saw on a flier

in the bulletin board, just scan the QR code and the information will be loaded onto your phone. Would you like to vote for the films to be shown in the Fall Movie Series? Just scan the QR code on page 7 to be taken to the webpage where you can select your movie choices.

The website's new "m" format is designed to be compatible with iPhones, Androids, Blackberries, and Windows Mobile devices.

Some Township departments are also using social media to communicate more directly with Township residents. The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department started a Facebook page for the Summer Teen Program in the summer

of 2009. In December 2012, a Facebook page was added for the Summer Recreation Program and one was created with general information for the Park and Recreation Department. (For more information, see the Winter 2013 issue of the Township Newsletter at [www.westgoshen.org/PDFs/Newsletters/WGTWinter13.pdf](http://www.westgoshen.org/PDFs/Newsletters/WGTWinter13.pdf).) In June, the Township's Office of Emergency Management started a Facebook page and a Twitter feed. (See the article on page 8 for more information.) And, beginning in July, the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department will launch its Twitter feed @wgoshenrec.

"We realize that different people turn to different sources for information about activities and upcoming events," explains Park and Recreation Director Kenneth

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Get to the Township mobile site the easy way! Simply scan this QR code with your smartphone.

This issue focuses on keeping you connected with West Goshen Township electronically. Look on page 8 for some useful online resources as well as a statement by the West Goshen Board of Supervisors regarding the use of social media to enhance interactive, transparent communications.

# Subdivision and Land Development Report

**The following plan has been approved for development:**

## **PICA's Restaurant**

*Location: 1231 & 1233 West Chester Pike*  
This plan proposes to combine two lots into one for the construction of an 8,000 square foot building. 5,000 square feet of the new building will be dedicated to a restaurant use, with the remaining 3,000 square feet for food preparation and catering services. Also proposed is 1,200 square feet of outdoor dining.

**The following plans remain under review:**

## **Three-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 By-Pass 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.

## **McDonald's Restaurant Expansion**

*Location: 927 South High Street*  
The plan presented reflects a 4,285 square foot building addition/remodel for the existing restaurant.

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

## township information

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

*6 year elected term*  
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### **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  
Fax 610.429.9360  
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### **THE FRIENDS OF WEST GOSHEN PARKS, INC.**

*Non-profit group assisting the Park and Recreation Board; meets bimonthly*  
John Herley, *President*  
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Gerald L. Napiecek, *Member*  
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William Gale, *Secretary*  
William Christman, *Member*

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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*

*“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

Earlier in 2013, the **West Goshen Historical Committee** was formed. A group of Township residents attended a meeting with Heritage Preservation Coordinator Karen Marshall of Chester County's Planning Commission to discuss the County's ongoing research regarding the Battle of the Clouds, a Revolutionary War skirmish that took place on September 16, 1777 and was fought between Generals George Washington and Sir William Howe as the British were marching on Philadelphia. This project builds upon the Chester County's research on both the Battle of Brandywine and the Paoli Massacre and is intended to map the battlefield landscape of this sparsely documented battle. Chester County has been working with historical committees, societies, and commissions in numerous municipalities throughout the county on the research project. However, West Goshen Township did not have a Historical Committee. So, the residents meeting with Karen Marshall decided to form one, naming Township resident Nancy McCabe as chair.

West Goshen Historical Committee members attended a workshop for historical research coordinated by Chester County. Members have conducted research at the Chester County Historical Society, the Archives located in the Government Services Building, and at the County's Recorder of Deeds.

The committee is also working on creating a West Goshen Historic Resource Atlas and wall map.

On June 19th members attended the Chester County Historic Preservation Network's 2013 Volunteer Recognition Celebration in Historic Sugartown where the West Goshen Historical Committee was recognized as a newly formed committee.

Because many of the properties of historical significance are privately owned, members of the Historical Committee were issued identification cards by West Goshen Township so they could identify themselves when approaching homeowners to ask about their properties.

The Committee meets at the Community Room of the West Goshen Township Administrative Building on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. The Committee is looking to increase membership, and encourages



George Washington was one of participants in The Battle of the Clouds which took place in Chester County

anyone interested in enjoying the discovery of the rich historic resources in West Goshen Township to attend their meetings.

As for the Battle of the Clouds? The battle was called off prematurely due to a large storm which destroyed most of Washington's ammunition and forced him to withdraw.

*Anyone interested in learning more about the West Goshen Historical Committee may contact Nancy McCabe at 484-667-0534 or by email at [nmccabewc@gmail.com](mailto:nmccabewc@gmail.com). ★*

## Public Township Meetings

**Board of Supervisors** (7:00 PM, second Wednesday of each month): August 14; September 11; October 9.

**Park and Recreation Board** (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month): August 21; September 18; October 16.

**Planning Commission** (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month): August 20; September 17; October 15.

**Sewer Authority** (7:30 PM, first Wednesday of each month): August 7; September 4; October 2.

**Zoning Hearing Board** (7:00 PM, first Thursday after the second Wednesday each month, except where otherwise noted): August 15; September 12; October 10.

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.

# 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).

## Websites You can Visit for Stormwater Information

Pennsylvania state law requires municipalities to have a public education program about stormwater, in an effort to reduce the noxious effects of unmitigated stormwater runoff. West Goshen Township fulfills this mandate by including information about stormwater in each issue of The West Goshen Township Newsletter, and by maintaining a stormwater information page at [www.westgoshen.org/Stormwater.cfm](http://www.westgoshen.org/Stormwater.cfm). The West Goshen stormwater page also provides links to the following useful sites:

**The Chester County Conservation District** at [www.chesco.org/index.aspx?nid=205](http://www.chesco.org/index.aspx?nid=205): Promoting sustainable use of natural resources through educational and technical assistance for the citizens of Chester County.

**The Chester County Water Resources Authority** at [www.chesco.org/index.aspx?nid=158](http://www.chesco.org/index.aspx?nid=158): Providing flood protection, reservoir water supplies, and water science, information and planning to the citizens of Chester County so that they may live in safe, healthy and prosperous communities that sustain the natural quality, quantity and biodiversity of the County's water resources.

**Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association** at [www.crcwatersheds.org](http://www.crcwatersheds.org): A nonprofit environmental organization dedicated to the protection of the water resources of the Chester, Ridley, and Crum Creek Valleys in Chester and Delaware Counties.

**Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection** at [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us): Includes numerous helpful resources, including pages for Stormwater Management Programs at [www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/stormwater\\_management/10628](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/stormwater_management/10628), the Bureau of Conservation and Restoration at [www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/watershed\\_management/10593](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/watershed_management/10593), environmental complaints at [www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/southeast\\_regional\\_office/13778/environmental\\_complaints/617089](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/southeast_regional_office/13778/environmental_complaints/617089), and the Southeast Regional Office at [www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/southeast\\_regional\\_office/13778](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/southeast_regional_office/13778).

**StormwaterPA** at [www.stormwaterpa.org](http://www.stormwaterpa.org): Providing the most current information and effective, proven techniques in stormwater management. ★

## You Can Help Stop Water Polluters

Citizens are encouraged to be on the lookout for illicit (illegal) discharges to our creeks and to report them. All of our storm drains lead to creeks, and there should be only rain going into these drains.

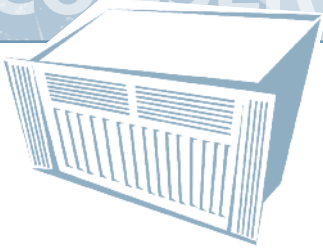
Over the past four months, residents in your watersheds have called the phone numbers on the right side of this page to report the following illicit discharges and practices which can foul our creeks and drinking water: leaking sanitary sewer manhole covers (especially during dry weather), soapy or power washing water entering storm drains, strong sewage odors, odors of gasoline, swimming pool discharges into streets, broken water mains, drainage of sump pumps directly into creeks, dumping of trash and yard waste near creeks, running hoses into creeks or storm drains, and fish kills. Please save these numbers for future reference.

In the event of a sanitary sewer backup at

<b>Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Water Quality Complaint Hotline</b>	<b>484-254-5991</b>
<b>Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection 24-hour Water Quality Hotline</b>	<b>484-250-5900</b>
<b>Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Emergencies Hotline</b>	<b>484-250-5990</b>
<b>Clogged or leaking sanitary sewer line, West Goshen Wastewater Treatment Plant</b>	<b>610-696-0900</b>
<b>Fish kills or illegal fishing, Pennsylvania Fish Commission</b>	<b>855-FISHKILL</b>
<b>Broken water mains, Aqua Pennsylvania</b>	<b>610-525-1402</b>

your property, please call the West Goshen Wastewater Treatment Plant first at 610-696-0900. If you are unable to reach anyone at that number, call 911 and someone will be dispatched to check the line. Although West Goshen Township conscientiously maintains its sewer system, periodic backups into homes or businesses inevitably occur. In most cases, the Township's responsibility ends when the

line is cleared and the problem causing the blockage as been addressed. Responsibility for cleanup and damage to the premises rests with the resident. West Goshen Township will not reimburse a property owner for plumbing fees. Most homeowners insurance policies have optional riders that, if purchased, will provide financial coverage for sewer backups ★



## Maximizing Your Air Conditioner's Efficiency

You can save money, help the environment, and keep your house cool by ensuring that your air conditioner is operating as efficiently as possible. Here are some tips to ensure your air conditioner is running smoothly while keeping your energy bills down:

1. Keep appliances away from the air conditioner. The heat they generate will make the air conditioning unit's thermostat think the room is hotter than it really is.
2. Install a programmable thermostat.
3. If installing an air conditioner, make sure it is properly sized by getting an energy audit. Several studies have shown that most central air conditioning systems are oversized by 50% or more.
4. Do not use a dehumidifier while the air conditioner is running. The dehumidifier will increase the cooling load and force the air conditioner to work harder.
5. Seal all air conditioner ducts and insulate ducts that run through unheated basements, crawl spaces, and attics.
6. Provide shade for room air conditioners, or for the outside half of the central air conditioner if possible. This will increase the unit's efficiency by 5% - 10%.
7. Clean your air conditioner's filter once every month during the cooling season.
8. Turn off the air conditioner when you leave for more than one hour. ★

## You're Never Too Old or Young to Participate in the West Goshen Resident Art Exhibit



Amateur and professional artists living in West Goshen Township are encouraged to bring their works to the West Goshen Township Administration Building through the month of August for the fourteenth annual West Goshen Resident Art Exhibit. Participating artists typically range in age from 6 through 90 years old, working in media such as oil paints, watercolors, digital photography, black and white photography, pencil, ink, and charcoal drawings, jewelry, quilts, sculptures, clothing, and more! The exhibit will be on display through the months of September and October at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Participating artists would need to complete a registration form (available at [www.westgoshe.org](http://www.westgoshe.org)) for each work of art to be displayed, and submit artwork by August 29, 2013 at 3:00 PM.

A free public reception will be held on Thursday, September 5th between 7:00 and 8:00 PM to meet the artists. All are welcome to attend! ★



The Friends of West Goshen Parks donated a rock-climbing wall to Coopersmith Park in June 2013. Thanks to all who contributed to this park improvement!

SUMMER FUN!

## Online Features *continued from cover...*

Lehr. "We want to make it as easy as possible for West Goshen residents to get the information they want in the format they are most comfortable with."

The Park and Recreation Department also sends "The Rec Room," a monthly ezine of upcoming events. If you would like to receive "The Rec Room," please send an email to Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at [klehr@westgoshe.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshe.org) with "Send Rec Room" on the "Subject" Line. ★

*The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department announces its lineup of bus trips for Fall 2013, with returns to favorite destinations and a special weekend trip for wine aficionados.*

Information about all of these bus trips is available at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org).

## The World Trade Center Memorial, Statue of Liberty, and Ellis Island

After Hurricane Sandy forced a postponement of this favorite trio of destinations, the Park and Recreation Department plans a return visit to three significant American landmarks on Saturday, September 21st. Travel by luxury motorcoach to Battery Park in New York City and catch a ferry to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. After returning to Battery Park, walk to the World Trade Center Memorial commemorating the victims of September 11, 2001. Conclude your stay in the Big Apple with a family-style Italian dinner at Inatesso Pizzabar in downtown Manhattan. Cost of the trip is \$109 per person and includes bus and ferry transportation, entrance to the World Trade Center Memorial, Ellis Island, and Liberty Island, a Monument Pass for the Statue of Liberty, dinner, and server and driver tips. A limited number of \$99 admissions for children under 12 are available.

Includes three historic landmarks and dinner in New York City

### THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THIS TRIP:

- As of the time of this Newsletter's publishing, the interpretive exhibits inside the main building of Ellis Island are still closed due to storm damage. The National Park Service has not announced a reopening date for the building. The Wall of Honor and the grounds around the building are open to the public.
- All visitors to the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and the World Trade Center Memorial will have to pass through security check points at Battery Park, the entrance to the Statue, and at the World Trade Center site. Penknives, scissors and other sharp objects, mace, strollers, umbrellas, and large bags will be prohibited at sites. Lockers will not be available for storage at any of the locations. For more detailed information, visit [www.nps.gov/stli/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm](http://www.nps.gov/stli/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm) or [www.statuecruises.com/security.aspx](http://www.statuecruises.com/security.aspx).

- The National Park Service does not allow large groups to visit the crown of the Statue of Liberty. Participants on this bus trip will be able to visit the interpretive exhibit inside the pedestal and go to the top of the pedestal for a panoramic view from the New York Harbor.
- The walk from Battery Park to the World Trade Center Memorial site is approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile. Please plan on walking a minimum of two miles over the course of the day.

## New York's Finger Lakes Wine Country

Spend the weekend of Saturday, October 19th and Sunday, October 20th seeing the fall foliage as you tour the beautiful New York Finger Lake region. Visit wineries (and a meadery or brewery!) in the region including Lakewood Hills, Fulkerson, Earle Estates, Tory Ridge, and Three Brothers. Enjoy Sunday brunch at The Belhurst, a luxurious mansion on the shores of Seneca Lake with the romance of the past and the comforts of the present. Cost of the trip is \$389 per person for single-room occupancy, \$319 per person for double-room occupancy, \$299 per person for triple-room occupancy, or \$289 per person for a quad room and includes transportation, admissions and tastings for wineries, a Saturday box lunch, Saturday evening dinner, Sunday brunch, and Saturday night accommodations at the Holiday Inn Waterloo.

A wine lover's delight

### THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THIS TRIP:

- The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is partnering with West Chester Recreation and the Downingtown Area Recreation Consortium on this trip.
- The bus will depart and return from the West Chester Borough Building at 401 E. Gay Street.

## Radio City Music Hall

See the Rockettes in the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular, tour midtown Manhattan on your own, and conclude your day with a family-style Italian dinner at Carmine's Restaurant. This year, the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is offering two dates to choose from: Sunday, November 24th and Monday, December 9th. Cost of this trip is \$159 per person and

includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, a ticket to the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular, dinner at Carmine's, and driver and server tips.

Now you can choose to go on a Sunday or a Monday

### THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THIS TRIP:

- Because the Carmine's Times Square location is unable to accommodate large bus groups, the group will go to Carmine's uptown location on Broadway between 90th and 91st Streets. Motorcoach transportation will be provided from midtown to dinner.
- Carmine's serves a large family-style dinner. A light lunch after the show is recommended.

## New York on Your Own

Take a luxury motorcoach to Times Square on Saturday, December 7th and see the Big Apple all decorated for the holidays! Spend the afternoon touring, dining, shopping, seeing a show, or however else you please! Cost of this trip is \$35 per person and includes round-trip motorcoach transportation and driver tip.

Tour the Big Apple on your own for the holidays

### THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THIS TRIP:

- Buses are not permitted to stop at Times Square itself. Buses will drop off and pick up within two blocks of Times Square, based on drivers' discretion. Typically, this means a dropoff location on 8th Avenue between 42nd and 50th Streets. ★

## Hey, Baseball Fans... Don't Miss Out!

A limited number of seats are still available for the Sunday, July 21st trip to see the Phillies play the Mets at Citi Field and the Friday, August 9th trip to Yankee Stadium to see the Yanks vs. the A's. Cost for each trip is \$60 per person and includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, a ticket to the game, and bus driver tip.

# Free Fall Fun for Families

Celebrate the arrival of autumn with the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department. This fall, two favorite autumn traditions continue with the Fall Movie Series and the annual Harvest Festival.

## Fall Movie Series

This year's Saturday evening movies will take place on September 28th, October 5th, October 12th, and October 19th. As always, the movies FREE OF CHARGE, and begin at the J. Leon Hagerty Amphitheater at West Goshen Community Park at 7:00 PM. Once again, this year's Fall Movie Series is sponsored by Fred Beans Ford Lincoln Mercury of West Chester.

As part of the tradition of the Fall Movie Series, West Goshen residents can vote on the films to be shown. This year, the choices are:

**Brave** (PG)  
**Hotel Transylvania** (PG)  
**Monsters University** (G)  
**Oz the Great and Powerful** (PG)  
**Rise of the Guardians** (PG)  
**Wreck-It Ralph** (PG)

Township residents may complete a ballot at the West Goshen Township Administration Building or at one of the summer concerts. This year, votes will also be accepted via mobile devices. Just scan the QR code on the right, and vote online from your phone or tablet. Votes will be accepted through Monday, September 2nd with the final schedule posted on the West Goshen Township website later that week.



Guests are encouraged to bring dry good items (e.g., soap, toilet paper, shampoo, diapers, laundry detergent, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.) for the West Chester Food Cupboard.

In the event of rain, movies would be shown in the West Goshen Township Administration Building. ★



Andrew Albitz, Eric Scotolati, and Jamison Foreman star in the Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company's production of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) [revised]" at 7:00 PM on Saturday, July 20th at West Goshen Community Park.

Photo by Kathryn Raines for Plate 3 Photography

## Harvest Festival

The autumn fun continues after the Fall Movie Series ends! On Sunday, October 20th, West Goshen Township celebrates its annual Harvest Festival. Children can take a hayride to the pumpkin patch to get a free pumpkin, then design faces for their pumpkins under the picnic pavilion and have their own faces painted. Snacks and beverages will be available for all participants. Families can bring old clothes and enter the decorated scarecrow contest, or guess the weight of West Goshen's largest pumpkin for a prize! This year's Harvest Festival will also feature a moonbounce and a giant slide.



Festivities take place at West Goshen Community Park between 2:00 and 4:00 PM. In the event of rain, the Harvest Festival would be held on Sunday, October 27th. Visit [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) or call 610-696-5266 on October 20th for rain determination.



The day's activities are FREE OF CHARGE. Guests are encouraged to bring donations of toiletries (soap, toilet paper, deodorant, laundry detergent, etc.) or new clean clothes (especially needed: socks and underwear) for the Veterans Administration Hospital in Coatesville. Children must live in West Goshen Township to receive a pumpkin or participate in any of the contests. ★

# Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa

West Goshen Township's Office of Emergency Management has established Twitter and Facebook pages. You can like us on Facebook @ West Goshen Office of Emergency Management ([www.facebook.com/#!/pages/West-Goshen-Office-of-Emergency-Management/578449735510244?fref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/West-Goshen-Office-of-Emergency-Management/578449735510244?fref=ts)) and follow on Twitter @ WGTOEM. These pages will be used to collect and disseminate information, educate the residents and businesses about preparedness and help plan and prepare for emergencies. The Township will also use these pages to announce natural and manmade disaster updates, road closures, and any other Emergency Management issues pertaining to the Township.



West Goshen Township believes that using social media with our residents and businesses for sharing of pertinent information before, during, and after an emergency will be beneficial to all concerned. ★

## Look for Red Alerts on Township Website

The news section of the West Goshen Township homepage at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) now features an alert icon. On most days, the icon will be green. However, the button will turn red if there are any alerts, such as street closures due to paving, snow or other weather emergencies, or alterations to trash services, administrative office hours, or special events. Just click on the red button to see the notification. In addition, West Goshen Township will continue to use the Connect CTY calling system for emergency notifications. ★

At their June 12, 2013 meeting, the West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors approved a Social Media Use Policy for the Office of Emergency Management and the Park and Recreation Department that states, in part:

*The role of technology in the 21st century workplace is constantly expanding and now includes social media communication tools that facilitate interactive information sharing, interoperability and collaboration. Commonly used social media Web sites, such as Facebook®, Twitter® and YouTube®, have large, loyal user bases and are, thus, increasingly important outreach and communication tools for government entities from the federal to the local level.*

*A social networking presence has become a hallmark of vibrant and transparent communications. Social networking improves interactivity between the local agency and the public, and it reaches populations that do not consume traditional media as frequently as others do. Therefore, local agencies and departments of all types are encouraged to enhance their communications strategies by using social networking web sites. ★*

## 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.*

### Emergency Contact Information – PennDOT

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has launched a website designed to allow Pennsylvania driver's license and identification (ID) holders the opportunity to easily and immediately upload their emergency contact information to an online database accessible only to law enforcement and emergency personnel.

The system was developed to ultimately save lives by cutting down on the time needed to locate an emergency contact for individuals involved in situations that render themselves unable to communicate.

The process begins when a user visits [www.dmv.state.pa.us](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us) and clicks on the Emergency Contact Information button. Customers will log-in using a secure process that requires the entry of their PA License or ID number, the last four digits of their social security number, and date of birth. Users will be taken to a secure page where they can add up to two emergency contacts. The information can be changed by the customer at any time by reentering the secure site. Access to the information is available only to law enforcement through a secure law enforcement connection to the system.







## ROONIE SAYS...

The ASPCA has helpful information for dogpark visitors on their website at [www.aspc.org/Pet-care/virtual-pet-behaviorist/dog-articles/dog-parks](http://www.aspc.org/Pet-care/virtual-pet-behaviorist/dog-articles/dog-parks). The next few issues of The West Goshen Township Newsletter will include some of the advice offered by the ASPCA. In this issue, we will focus on determining whether or not your dog may be an ideal candidate to visit Roonie's Canine Corner.

### Who benefits the most from visiting Roonie's Canine Corner?

**Well-socialized dogs:** Dogparks are best for dogs who *love* interacting with other dogs. They're *not* for dogs who simply tolerate other dogs, dogs who only get along with certain types of dogs or dogs who routinely fight with other dogs.

**Young dogs:** Although adult dogs can have fun at dogparks, young dogs (under the age of two) benefit most. They can burn some of their youthful energy and gain valuable social experience with other dogs and people. Younger dogs are also more likely to enjoy multiple playmates than older dogs, who often get more picky about their friends as they mature.

**Healthy dogs:** To be well protected at the dogpark, your dog should be fully vaccinated and have a good immune system. Since dogs do a lot of wrestling and running at the park, your dog should also be physically sound and free of chronic injuries or pain. Ask your veterinarian about your dog's health-readiness for going to dogparks.

**Altered dogs:** To avoid unwanted sexual behavior at the dogpark, it's best to spay or neuter your dog before visiting the dogpark.

### Who's not an ideal candidate to visit Roonie's Canine Corner?

**Unvaccinated puppies:** It's essential for young puppies to meet and interact with a variety of different dogs during their socialization period, from about 3 to 16 weeks of age. However, before they've been fully vaccinated, puppies are extremely vulnerable to potentially deadly contagious diseases, such as parvovirus. Because so many dogs frequent a dogpark, the chances of exposure to dangerous pathogens are higher there. Until your puppy has had all her shots, don't take her to the dogpark. Instead, you can arrange play dates at the homes of friends and family who have healthy dogs and puppies. You can also enroll your puppy in a puppy class that includes off-leash playtime in a safe, hygienic area.

**Females in heat and unneutered males:** To avoid unwanted pregnancies, don't take an unsprayed female dog to the park when she's in heat. Avoid taking an unneutered male to the dogpark as well. In addition to siring accidental puppies, intact males can experience social problems. An unneutered dog's high testosterone level can make him the target of harassment or aggression from other male dogs.

**Undersocialized, fearful, anxious, or aggressive dogs:** Many people mistakenly believe that dogs who fear or dislike other dogs just need more socialization. However, if your dog is fearful or nervous around other dogs, exposing her to the hectic environment of a dogpark will only worsen her problems. Similarly, if your dog is aggressive toward other dogs, visits to a dogpark might exacerbate her behavior and put other people's pets at risk or ruin their enjoyment of the park.

**Bullies:** Some dogs, because of their personalities or learning experiences, just don't play well with others. Dogs who bully can traumatize their weaker or more timid playmates or provoke fights. If bullies are allowed to practice their behavior at the dogpark, their behavior often worsens over time—and bad experiences with bullies can cause aggression problems in *other* dogs.

**Dog dorks:** Some dogs don't bully other dogs on purpose, but they lack more refined social skills and just aren't capable of playing politely. Despite their good intentions, they seem socially clueless. They're usually high-energy dogs who enjoy play with lively wrestling, hard mouthing and crashing into other dogs like canine bumper cars. When their playmates dislike the rough treatment and try to communicate their desire to quit playing, these dogs don't seem to understand. They can also hurt or upset people at the dogpark if they jump up and mouth on hands, arms or legs. Because rough players can easily spoil the fun for other dogs and their people, they're not good candidates for dogparks either.



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# Newly Approved Ordinances

On June 12, 2013, the West Goshen Board of Supervisors approved several ordinances as follows:

## Student Homes/Student Rentals

An ordinance regulating student homes and student rentals in the Township was enacted whereby a "Student" is defined as "Any individual who is enrolled or has made application and been accepted at a University, college or trade school and is taking at least six credit hours and whose primary occupation is as a student or who is on semester or summer break from studies at a college, university or trade school." A "Student home" is defined as any living arrangement for at least two students up to a maximum of four. Student homes shall not include dormitories.

Student homes will be permitted by Special Exception approval from the Zoning Hearing Board in the R-4, Residential District only. The owner of a student home must annually register the student home. If the owner of a student home fails to maintain a current registration, the Zoning Officer has the discretion to revoke the rental permit.

The owners of existing student homes/rentals shall have 45 days to register their student homes with the Township. Once the student home has been confirmed as a lawful nonconforming student home, an annual registration will ensue. Likewise, should an owner neglect to register the home as a student home the home could lose its standing as an existing nonconformity.

**A Rental Registration Form follows on the next page. Please direct forms to the attention of the Township Zoning Officer, West Goshen Township, 1025 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380.**

## Bamboo, Weeds, Grass

The West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors passed a newly revised weed ordinance which addresses high grass, certain noxious weeds, and bamboo as follows:

The following plants are declared to be noxious weeds and shall be removed by the owner from each lot, as often as necessary to prohibit their growth: ragweed, poison ivy, poison oak, Canadian thistle, bull or spear thistle, jimsonweed, mile-a-minute, kudzu vine, Johnson grass, purple loosestrife, chicory, and blue daisy.

Bamboo and similar bamboo species shall not be planted, maintained or otherwise be permitted to exist within 40 feet of the edge of the pavement or traveled portion of any public roadway in West Goshen Township. Property owners whose property contains bamboo shall remove and abate the growth of the bamboo within 40 feet of the edge of the pavement or traveled portion of a public road in West Goshen.

The West Goshen Township Code requires that between May 1st and September 30th of each calendar year, the owner of each lot shall control excessive vegetation by mowing or cutting as often as is necessary to keep grass, brush, weeds, and similar vegetation from growing to a height not to exceed twelve inches.

## Sidewalks and Curbs

Curbs on public roads and sidewalks open to the public for pedestrian travel or curbs and sidewalks located within a right of way of a public or private street shall be maintained by the property owner

who owns the abutting property. The abutting property owner shall keep such curbs and sidewalks immediately in front of their property in good order and repair and at all times free and clear of all obstructions to safe and convenient passage, including the accumulation of ice and snow.

## Travel Center

A definition for a travel center was added to the Township Code. A travel center is defined as "A facility which provides roadside assistance, travel planning and reservations, insurance sales, and other services incident to travel and transportation. Such use may also include as an accessory use an automobile repair shop." A travel center, as a use, is now permitted in the C-5 Commercial Zoning district by conditional use approval of the Board of Supervisors.

## Zoning Map Change

In 1995, an overlay district known as the Conversion Area was implemented for a small area of R-3 residential zoned lots near West Chester University. The overlay area allowed for the conversion of a single family home into a dormitory for students through Special Exception approval by the Zoning hearing Board. It also required the residences to be owner occupied. The Conversion Area overlay was deleted, and those properties which were affected remain R-3 Residential properties.

Copies of all ordinances are available upon request. ★



The West Goshen Township Police Department formed an Honor Guard within the agency. The Honor Guard had its debut at the Crime Victim Center of Chester County Annual Crime Victims Vigil held in Downingtown on Thursday April 25, 2013. They were requested to post and retrieve the National and State Colors. They performed with class, professionalism, and dignity. Numerous people in attendance complimented their performance. Five of the nine members attended the service. West Goshen Police is privileged to introduce the newest function of the department. ★

## West Goshen Township Rental Registration Form

1025 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380

Phone: 610-696-5266

Fax: 610-429-0616

Please complete the applicable information below. Attach additional sheets if needed.

1. New Registration       New Owner       New Tenant       Change of Address, etc.       Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Rental Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
**NUMBER                      N/S/E/W                      STREET NAME & (Ave., Ct., Sq., Dr., Row, Way, Place, Circle, St., Blvd., Lane, Etc.)**

3. Owner(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do NOT give a PO Box.

Phones:      Day ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. / Evening ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Ext.

Emergency Phone: (If different from above) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Ext.

Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ / Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Property Manager Name(s): If different than above. \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do NOT give a PO Box.

Phones:      Day ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. / Evening ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Ext.

Emergency Phone: (If different from above) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Ext.

Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ / Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Dwelling Unit Information:

Type of Dwelling: Single Family       Duplex       Townhouse       Other (be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

Year Built \_\_\_\_\_      Number of levels \_\_\_\_\_      No. of sleeping rooms rented \_\_\_\_\_      Basement: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Smoke Detectors \_\_\_\_\_      Type of Smoke Detector(s):  Hard Wired & Battery Backed      Inter-connected per regulation: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Carbon Monoxide Alarms installed:  Battery       Plug-In       Hard Wired

6. Tenant Registration

Does the Property Owner reside in the residence?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are any of the tenants students? A student is an individual enrolled or has been accepted to a university, college or trade school and is taking at least 6 credits.      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

How Many tenants are students? \_\_\_\_\_ Designate each student listed below with an (S) after their name.

Please list all unit numbers of every rental unit whether the unit was occupied or vacant during the calendar year. Provide the names of all tenants who were 18 years of age or older and who resided in that specific unit at any time during the calendar year.

Rental Unit Number	Tenant(s) Names (18+ Years Old)	Occupancy Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Total Number of Occupants in Each Rental Unit \_\_\_\_\_

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### Township Holiday

Township offices will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day. Trash and recyclables will be collected on Tuesday, September 3rd and trash and bulk items will be collected on Friday, September 6th that week.

### Give Blood. Save a Life. Eat Ice Cream.

Over five-million Americans need blood transfusions each year. There is no synthetic substitute for blood—it can only come from the generosity of blood donors. Due to age, health, and other restrictions, only 38% of Americans are eligible to give blood.



Anyone interested in giving blood may come to the West Goshen Township Administration Building on Wednesday, July 31st between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Each donor will receive a coupon for \$2.50 off the purchase of a 48 ounce container of Turkey Hill All Natural Ice Cream. To schedule a donation appointment, contact Kate Meinhart at 610-696-5266, or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code 0228510. ★