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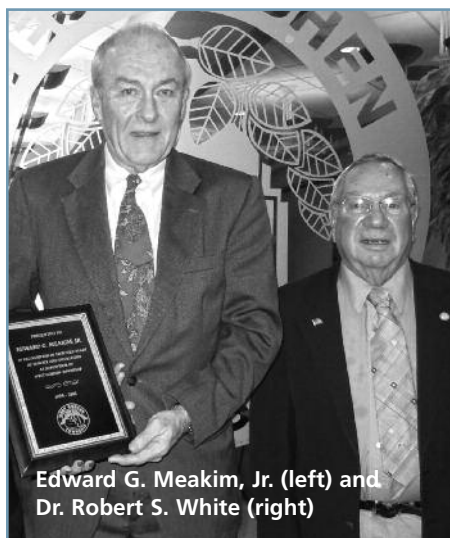


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Edward G. Meakim, Jr. Appointed to West Goshen Board of Supervisors



Edward G. Meakim, Jr. (left) and
Dr. Robert S. White (right)

On August 13, 2014, West Goshen Township suffered a tragic loss with the passing of Dr. Robert S. White in a traffic accident. Dr. White had served on the West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors since January 1996 after serving the previous sixteen years on the West Goshen Planning Commission. In addition to his long-time residence in West Goshen, Dr. White also managed a dental practice with his son Douglas in the Township.

The regularly scheduled August 13, 2014 Board of Supervisors Meeting

was postponed until August 27th, at which time Edward G. Meakim, Jr. was appointed to fill Dr. White's term as Supervisor, until a special election can be held in 2015. Meakim had served on the West Goshen Board of Supervisors from 1994 until January 2012.

"Even though the Township was continuing to run very well after I retired, I missed the opportunity to be involved on a daily basis," says Meakim.

Meakim said he hopes to continue the legacy of his friend's years of service. "Dr. Robert S. White and I were together for 16 of my 18 years on the West Goshen Board of Supervisors. I hope to fulfill his legacy by continuing to vote properly for the needs of our constituents." Meakim points to low taxes and outstanding public services as his goals in continuation of Dr. White's mission to West Goshen residents.

For personal reflections about Dr. Robert S. White, see the special section "Remembering Dr. White" on pages 7-10. ★

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West Goshen Township utilizes the **Connect-CTY** service to provide Township officials with the ability to communicate with all residents regarding time-sensitive incidents that may include planned and unforeseen public safety matters. West Chester Borough and the West Chester Area School District currently utilize the same service.

The **Connect-CTY** service allows Township officials to record, send, and track personalized voice messages to thousands of residents, businesses, and local agencies in just minutes through a single phone call. The Township can also send text messages to cell phones, PDAs, e-mail accounts, and TTY/TDD receiving devices for the hearing impaired. The service requires no additional hardware; it can be used from any computer with internet access or just a telephone, ensuring that officials can send vital messages from wherever they are located.

Having the ability to quickly communicate with all members of the West Goshen community is of utmost importance to Township officials. Whether we want to send a message about important issues in the public interest under discussion at an upcoming Township event or inform residents of important roadway closures, the **Connect-CTY** service helps us keep residents safe and informed.

Additional information and a link to register your information with **Connect-CTY** is available at www.westgoshen.org/Connect_CTY.cfm. ★

Subdivision and Land Development Report

The following plans remain under review:

Traditions of West Goshen

Location: 1299 Boot Road

A 43,671 square foot independent living facility, consisting of 114 units is proposed.

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 Bypass and Phoenixville Pike

The submitted plan proposes for the

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

Goshen Leisure Development II

Location: 21 Hagerty Boulevard:

East of Route 202, North of Hagerty Boulevard

The proposed plan reflects 164,150 square feet of flex office and warehouse buildings to be located at 21 Hagerty Boulevard.

415 Goshen Road Subdivision

Location: 415 Goshen Road

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

Pica's Pizza

Location: 1231 and 1233 West Chester Pike

This plan has been approved for an 8,896 square foot building with 4,380 square feet of restaurant, 900 square feet of outdoor dining, and 3,616 square feet of food preparation/ catering space for Frank Pica of Upper Darby.

The following plans have been approved for construction:

Fern Hill Elementary School

Location: 915 Lincoln Avenue

This plan has been approved for a 14,014 square foot classroom addition, a 2,040 square foot cafeteria addition, and enclosing the existing front entrance of the school. Also an additional 64 parking spaces will be

township information

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

6 year elected term

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THE FRIENDS OF WEST GOSHEN PARKS, INC.

Non-profit group assisting the Park and Recreation Board; meets bimonthly

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Larue Morgan, *Vice-President*

(Vacant), *Secretary*

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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

created adjacent to the proposed classroom addition with a pick-up and drop-off area. A new ten foot wide bus stacking lane is to be created for pick up and drop off in front of the cafeteria.

WAWA/CVS/Bank

Location: 1010 West Chester Pike

The plan has been approved to demolish the existing building (Thomas Chevrolet) and construct a 5,102 square foot convenience store, a 14,600 square foot pharmacy, and a 3,650 square foot bank.

Glenn M. White Subdivision

Location: 1320 Pottstown Pike

A seventeen-lot single-family detached residential subdivision has been approved on the western side of Route 100 (Pottstown Pike) just north of Burke Road.

TEVA Pharmaceuticals

Location: 145 Brandywine Parkway

This plan has been approved for a 1,240 square foot building addition for TEVA Pharmaceuticals.

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

ROAD RULES

Fall Driving Safety

As weather changes, so do the road conditions. The autumn leaves are a staple of the season and can create hazardous conditions on the roadway. When leaves accumulate on the roadway and become wet, they can get extremely slippery, making the driving conditions similar to driving on ice. In addition to reducing the car's traction, causing skidding and increasing the chances of losing control of the vehicle, leaves often cover the painted road markings, making it difficult to know the locations of the lanes.

Here are a few safety tips to keep in mind:

- Slow down if you are driving on a road covered with leaves, especially when encountering turns.
- Allow yourself plenty of room to stop in an emergency. Keep a greater distance between you and the car in front of you.
- Leaves make it difficult to see potholes and bumps in the road,

so proceed with caution over any leaves covering the roadway.

- A pile of leaves raked to the side of the road is an inviting place to a child. Children enjoy jumping into the leaf piles or burrowing down into them and hiding. Never drive through a leaf pile. Use caution going around turns and where children are playing.
- Impaired visibility can create a driving hazard. Keep your windshield leaf free to avoid wet leaves getting stuck under the windshield wiper blades.
- In order to avoid the possibility of a fire hazard from the exhaust system or catalytic converter, never park your vehicle over a pile of leaves. ★



Public Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors (7:00 PM, second Wednesday of each month, except January): November 12; December 10; Annual Organization Meeting—Monday, January 5.

Park and Recreation Board (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month, except when otherwise indicated; no December meeting): November 19; January 21.

Planning Commission (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month): November 18; December 16; January 20.

Sewer Authority (7:30 PM, first Wednesday of each month): November 5; December 3; January 7.

Zoning Hearing Board Scheduled as needed. (Visit www.westgoshen.org to confirm hearings.)

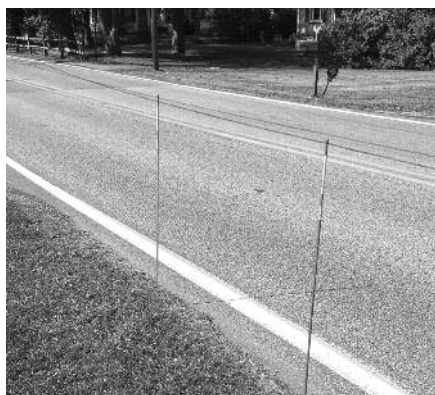
All meetings are held in the Township Administration building except the Sewer Authority, which is conducted at the Sewer Treatment Plant at 848 South Concord Road. There is a public comment period at each meeting. Additional Zoning Hearing Board Meetings may be added as needed. Check www.westgoshen.org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

Updated Snow Removal Information

The West Goshen Public Works Department takes great pride in its ability to quickly and safely clear snow from the Township's 93 miles of roadways. West Goshen residents play a key role in the Township's snow removal efforts. Each year, the West Goshen Township Newsletter publishes an updated snow removal guide for property owners, with important information about snow removal and simple steps you can take to ensure our plow operators have safe access to your neighborhood. Please keep this guide handy before, during, and after each snowfall.

Before the Snow Falls...

- **Make sure the front of your mailbox is at least a four to six inches behind the front of the curb and mounted at a height of four feet.** Mailboxes closer to the curb and lower to the ground are most likely to be damaged by the weight of snow being pushed from a plow. Take time to make sure your mailbox is sturdy enough to withstand the weight of snow being pushed into it. Make sure to clear snow from all walkways, stairs, and paths to mailboxes. For confirmed cases of mailboxes being damaged by plowing operations, West Goshen Township will provide a new black or white mailbox and a wooden post.
- **Trim tree branches hanging over the road.** All tree limbs, shrubs, etc. that are protruding into a roadway, must be cleared by the property owners of the trees. Trees may not extend closer than a distance of three feet from the road and fifteen feet up.
- **Consider installing driveway markers.** If your property does not have a curb or other method to

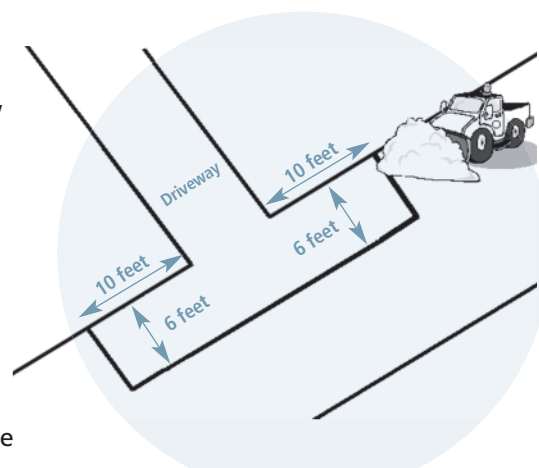


delineate the edge of the street, orange driveway markers, available at home repair stores, can help plow drivers know where the edge of the road is and avoid damage to your property.

- **Keep cul-de-sacs and roads free of parked cars from the time snow starts until the roads are cleared.** In the case of steep driveways, park at the mouth of the drive, but off the road. If a car is parked on a roadside or cul-de-sac, we may not finish plowing that street, but return several hours or even the next day to complete the work.

While Roads are Being Plowed...

- **Do not place shoveled, blown, or plowed snow from driveways, sidewalks, or parking lots onto public streets.** This is extremely dangerous and is a violation of Chapter 70 ("Streets and Sidewalks") of the West Goshen Code, punishable by fines up to \$1,000 per day. The ordinance also prohibits piling snow into storm gutters.
- **When shoveling your driveway, leave the last six feet of your drive unshoveled until the plowing has ceased.** This unshoveled part will allow the snow being pushed by the plow to remain on the plow and not dumped into your drive. If you must shovel out your drive, clear a six foot area of the road that is directly in front of the mouth of your drive. In addition clear an area ten feet before and after the mouth of your drive, so that when the plow comes through, it will unload snow that it is pushing



in the cleared area and not in the mouth of your driveway. Use the illustration above as a guide for shoveling before the roadways have been cleared.

- **Be patient.** Snow removal does take time, especially in heavy snowfall. West Goshen Township will usually plow potentially dangerous and heavily travelled areas first. Drivers begin one pass in each direction on streets and one pass into and out of cul-de-sacs. Once an initial clearance is made on each roadway, drivers commence with the process of pushing snow back to the road's edge and cleaning out cul-de-sacs. We may not finish plowing that street, but will return several hours or even the next day to complete the work. Any residual snow will be pushed back from streets when the storm has ended.
- **Note that West Goshen Township does not clear all streets within the Township.** Developers and property owners are responsible for the following streets: Cougar Lane, Derry Lane, Furr Avenue, Gated Lane, Hicks Road, Honeysuckle Court, Hydrangia Court, Kimes Avenue,

Lintell Drive, Links Drive, Llewlyn Circle, Morning Glory Drive, Mantel Drive, McDermott Drive, Oak Circle, Peaceful Lane, Pine Circle, Prospect Avenue, Sorber Drive, Thomas Avenue, Turner Avenue, Turner Lane between Paoli Pike and West Chester Pike, S. Walnut Street, E. Washington Street between Garfield and the dead end, Woodcrest Circle, Wrights Lane, and Wisteria Lane. **PennDOT clears the following streets:** Boot Road, Fern Hill Road, S. Five Points Road between Westtown Road and Little Shiloh Road, Garfield Avenue between Lincoln Avenue and Paoli Pike, Goshen Road east of North Hills, Greenhill Road, S. High Street (Business Route 322), E. Marshall Street, Lincoln Avenue, Montgomery Avenue, Paoli Pike, Phoenixville Pike, Pottstown Pike, Strasburg Road, West Chester Pike (Route 3), Westtown Road, and Routes 100, 202, and 322.

After Roads have been Plowed...

Report any problems to West Goshen Township at 610-696-5266 between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM on Mondays through Fridays. Please leave your name, address, phone number, and the nature of the problem. Calls received after 3:00 PM may not be acted upon until the next business day. On Saturdays, and Sundays or after 5:00 PM, emergencies may be reported to the Police Department at 610-696-7400. ★

Have a Fun and Safe Halloween!

For Halloween safety tips, visit www.westgosheh.org/News/Halloween.cfm.



Police Department Announces Passing of Dispatcher Donald Dougherty

The West Goshen Township Police Department bids a sad farewell to retired dispatcher Donald Dougherty who died in September. Known to friends and coworkers at "Doc," Dougherty served the Township from 2005 until his retirement in 2014.



Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa

All About Smoke Detectors

The smoke detector was invented in 1930 by a Swiss physicist who was trying to make a device to detect poisonous gas. Although it failed in its originally intended purpose, its alarm sounded when its inventor lit a cigarette, thus giving rise to the first smoke detector.

Today, there are two primary types of smoke detectors—ionization detectors and photoelectric detectors.

In ionization detectors, ionized air molecules attach to the smoke particles. When smoke fills the chamber it disrupts the ionization current which triggers the alarm. These are best used in detecting flaming fires.

For photoelectric detectors, light projects into a chamber. Smoke disrupting the flow of light causes an alarm to sound. These detectors are best used in detecting smoldering fires.

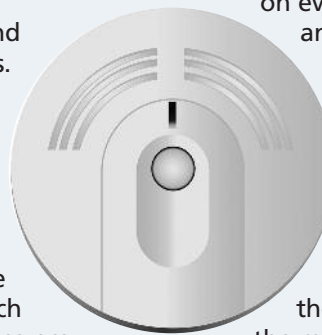
Both detectors work well in detecting fires. The ionization detector tests the air for small combustible particles so it can be

fooled by other things in the atmosphere. The photoelectric detector needs to "see" the fire. It can be fooled by dust, steam or even spider webs. Ionization detectors are more common but the photoelectric detectors are less susceptible to false alarms.

Smoke detectors should be installed on every floor of your home and outside and inside every sleeping room. They should be installed on the ceiling not less than four inches from the wall or on the wall between four inches and twelve inches from the ceiling. Always follow the manufacturer's installation instructions.

Detectors normally last about eight to ten years, after which time they should be replaced. You may want to write the purchase date with a marker on the inside so you'll know when to replace it.

If you have any questions about the placement of your smoke detectors, please call Fire Marshal Andrea Testa at 610-696-5266 ext. 4113. ★





Part of Our Community



Cuddle My Kids

Providing free support services
for families with cancer

In 2003, 32 year old Cathy Gabrielsen found out she had breast cancer. Her treatments included a mastectomy and radiation. In addition to the physical and emotional scars her illness and its care left her with, Gabrielsen had to face another trauma when she lacked the strength to provide the care to her one and three year old sons that both she and they craved.

"She had a big social network of friends from the area," says Cuddle My Kids Vice-President and Director of Development Colleen Bucci. "But even with a group of friends, you are still limited with what you can do with young kids. There are basic needs you need to fulfill."

After conversations with other breast cancer survivors, Gabrielsen founded Cuddle My Kids, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in 2007 to provide a network of support for families of cancer patients. In that first year, the organization served fifteen people. This past year, Cuddle My Kids provided assistance to 700 people.

Cuddle my Kids has numerous no-cost programs to benefit the families of cancer patients. Cuddle

In-Home Creative Play provides Program Administrators who visit family homes twice per week over a six week period, leading children in organized activities. For families not able to take advantage of In-Home Creative Play, Cuddle Creative Play Backpacks are filled with craft items for kids to explore and play with, and Cuddle Cares allows parents to drop their kids off with Program Administrators at a local Paint Your Own Pottery or other creative location. Cuddle Wellness Support provides patients with access to massage therapist, nutritionists, psychologists, and other wellness opportunities. Cuddle Cancer Care Resources offers educational books about parenting with cancer, advice for talking with children about



cancer, and age appropriate books about having a parent or loved one with cancer for children and teens. The Cuddle Home program offers hospice patients assistance with simple and necessary daily activities that are often impossible for post-surgical patients and parents with cancer including shopping, light housekeeping, organizing reminders for appointments or children's schedules, and companionship.

Most service recipients are referred to Cuddle My Kids by local hospitals



or hospice centers, although some clients are referred by previous service recipients. Families can apply online for services at www.cuddlemykids.org. A Nurse Navigator will talk with clients and find out which programs best fit their needs.

According to Bucci, almost all of Cuddle My Kids' funding comes from private donations. To help support their operations, Cuddle My Kids hosts two major fundraisers each year: a fashion show in the fall and an awards dinner in the spring.

Cuddle My Kids' staff of four is overseen by a Board of Directors of area professionals. In addition, an Advisory Board of medical professionals helps provide expertise to the organization.

Volunteers help with the mission of Cuddle My Kids. Program administrators must have background clearances to work with children. Education majors from The West Chester University Honors Program help tutor children and staff fundraising events.

Information about volunteering, applying for services, attending or sponsoring fundraising events, or making donations to Cuddle My Kids is available at www.cuddlemykids.org. ★



Remembering Dr. Robert White

*The Noblest Gesture
Is for the Public Good*

Doc was so kind and full of character. His integrity and hard work for the township transcended decades of public service and true love for the area that he lived in.

West Goshen is certainly in the top ten places to live due to a major part of his hard work in the Township.

— Sara Franco, West Goshen Township
Park and Recreation Board



A Few Feet Apart—Always

Stunned, shocked, saddened. Was once a member of West Goshen's Planning Commission (circa 1970–1975, and during that tenure also West Goshen's representative to the West Chester Regional Planning Commission). Bob and I were also neighbors in the early 70's, just yards apart around the corner. He and his family moved to Caswallen, we later to Hershey's Mill — just a Township away and now serving on East Goshen's Planning Commission, and as East Goshen's representative to the WCRPC ('de ja vu' again), plus current chairman of the Commerce Commission. So Bob and I always had much to discuss over the decades since he was also my personal Dentist for 25 years—but our conversations were mostly one-sided with the saliva suction tube hooked in my mouth. The most fun I've had with Dr White were the occasions his office unknowingly, and mistakenly, scheduled Ray Halversen and I just minutes apart. We were both competitor sales representatives in our early careers in two large chemical corporations, and winding up in cubicles... a few feet apart, we roamed back and forth in our drool bibs during Bob's intermittent absences with other patients, and to his frustration (and his laughs). To the good times Bob...Rest in Peace.

— Al Zuccarello, Chairman, Commerce Commission
Member, Planning Commission, East Goshen Township



Dr. White always took the time to visit our West Goshen polling place on Election Days. He would answer any Township questions we had as Committee people and voters. He didn't shy away from any question, and if he didn't have the particular details, he was sure to follow up with the info soon after.

I can only imagine the time and efforts he put forth on behalf of all us residents. I hope the current and future Boards will continue his legacy by keeping us in good financial standings and living conditions. Dr. White will be greatly missed.

— Amy Ludwig, West Goshen Republican Committeewoman

Sixteen years ago, Dr. Robert White realized that there was a need for the uninsured in Chester County and became one of the first dentists to volunteer at Community Volunteers In Medicine (CVIM). He would volunteer one afternoon a week for us at CVIM and would perform extractions for those patients who did not have the means to go to an oral surgeon.

He loved to socialize with our other volunteer dentists and always had an interesting story to tell. Recently, I spoke with Dr. White at a continuing education course where he asked about the clinic and about the increased need for medical and dental care in our community.

Dr. White will be missed. He was indeed an asset to our dental clinic when he volunteered.

— Alberta D. Landis, Vice President of Dental Services,
Community Volunteers in Medicine





Dr. Robert S. White and I spent 16 enjoyable years together on the Board of Supervisors. It was a pleasure to be associated with him.

— *Edward G. Meakim, Jr., West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors*

I feel very fortunate to have known Dr. White.

Doc was my dentist for years and always was ready to chat about the township. Since I am a CPA, he especially liked to talk with me about the township finances. That conversation continued as I became a township auditor and then chair of the audit committee.

Anyhow, I was never sure if he was concentrating on my teeth or the budget in the township. I still wonder...

As the treasurer of his last campaign, it was a true pleasure to work with and for him. My best wishes to his family.

— *Hugh J Purnell, Jr., CPA, West Goshen Township Auditor*

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Our firm has represented West Goshen Township for over twenty years and over those many years with great pleasure worked with Dr. White in his role as a member of the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. He was always dedicated to making West Goshen Township a better place to live and work. His diligence, perseverance and tireless efforts on behalf of the residents and business owners in West Goshen Township played a large role in making West Goshen Township one of the most livable places in America.

With great admiration, we watched him spend endless hours overseeing the operation of all Township departments and make sound fiscal decisions which have allowed the residents of the Township to benefit from reasonable tax rates and valuable community amenities and recreational facilities.

We will miss working with Dr. White as a mentor, client and more importantly, a friend. He will be deeply missed.

— Joseph "Skip" Brion and Kristin S. Camp, Township Solicitors,
Buckley, Brion, McGuire & Morris LLP

Dr. White was the epitome of a Public Servant. He was a teacher and a mentor who took time to explain to me past and present issues involving the Board of Supervisors.

His knowledge was invaluable and he shared it so freely with both Constituents and Township staff.

His legacy will long be remembered.

— Patricia B. McIlvaine, West Goshen Township
Board of Supervisors

Doc White lived a life of public service

that positively affected the residents of West Goshen Township, and, by extension, all of Chester County. His example of dedication and service, over many decades, illustrated the true value of local citizens who are passionate about making their community a better place. He will be missed, but his leadership, his commitment and discernment have left a tremendous legacy of good government in West Goshen.

-- Chester County Commissioners
Ryan Costello, Kathi Cozzone and Terence Farrell

We will miss him.

It is an honor to pay tribute to my friend, Bob White, for his well-known dedication to West Goshen Township. Bob was committed to providing the highest quality services to our Township. He was an elected official who expected and delivered high standards in local government. We will miss him.

— Bonnie Dean



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.

Prepare Your Lawn for the Spring This Fall

A healthy lawn can help prevent erosion and filter harmful stormwater pollutants from making their way to our streams, ponds, and creeks. Fall is the perfect time to fill in bald patches and overseed. Make sure to choose grass varieties appropriate for the local climate. Fall is also a good time to feed your lawn with screened compost,

chopped leaves, or a thin coating of fresh soil. In addition to the grass, earthworms and other organisms that support the ecosystem of a healthy lawn would benefit from the nutrients of an organic lawn feeding. The application would also help to improve water retention and drainage.

For more information about maintaining a healthy, environmentally sound lawn, download the Environmental Protection Agency's "Healthy Lawn Healthy Environment" at www.epa.gov/oppfeed1/Publications/lawncare.pdf. ★

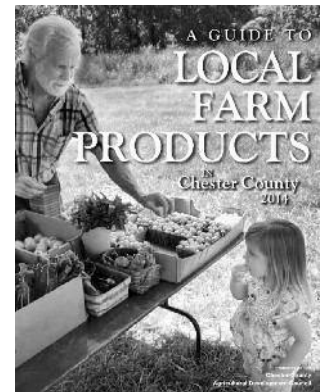
Eat Local, Eat Healthy, Eat Greener

By purchasing local produce, you not only support the local economy but also help make a positive difference for the environment. Because food purchased from local farmers at farm stands, produce shops, and farmers' markets do not need to be transported great distances, your purchase helps reduce fossil fuel emissions. Plus, you get the benefit of



freshly picked fruits and vegetables and the knowledge you are making a difference in your local community!

Chester County publishes a free guide to local farm products, including a farm product calendar for the region and a listing of farmers' markets and other places to purchase local produce. The guide is available at www.chesco.org/DocumentCenter/View/1350. ★

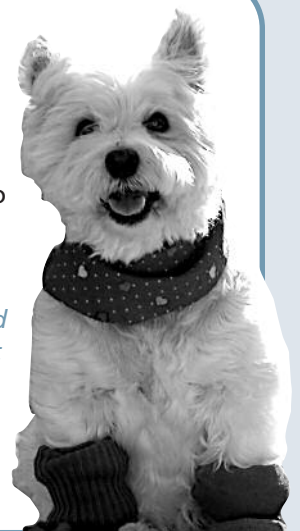


ROONIE SAYS...

Many people are unaware how often their pets should be vaccinated against rabies. Pennsylvania state law requires all dogs or cats over three months old to be vaccinated. If a dog or cat has been vaccinated before turning one year old, that pet must be revaccinated no later than one year after the first vaccination. If a dog or cat older than one year receives a three-year vaccination, it would need to be vaccinated again prior to three years from that date. If the pet receives a one-year vaccination, it must be vaccinated again before the first anniversary of the vaccination.

Remember that rabies is very dangerous and contagious especially if you pet goes outside. Indoor pets may also receive rabies from mice or other mammalian home invaders. Please do your part to prevent the spread of rabies and keep your pet and family safe.

Roonie, the West Goshen Township Westie and namesake of Roonie's Canine Corner at Robert E. Lambert Park, offers advice for dog owners and users of the dogpark in each issue of the Township Newsletter. ★



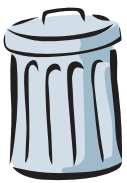
Check Here Before

The semiannual Waste and Recycling Guide published in the spring and fall issues of the West Goshen Township Newsletter is your source for information about proper disposal of trash, bulk trash, recyclables, and household hazardous waste in West Goshen Township. This fall guide also has information about leaf and Christmas tree disposal. Please note that guidelines for trash and recyclable collections and household hazardous waste disposal may change over time, and that individuals should make sure they are current on the latest information by referring to this guide or visiting www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Trash_Recycling/Trash_Recycling.cfm. Guidelines are divided into three property categories:

Single family homes: Houses that receive municipal trash collection from West Goshen Township's trash hauling contract with J.P. Mascaro and Sons.

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

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



Trash

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

All trash (except bulk items) must be placed inside the Township-provided 96 gallon container, and the container must be placed at curbside before 6:00 AM or the night before with the front wheels against the curb and the handle and wheels facing away from the street. The container must be at least four feet away from mailboxes, cars, or any other obstacles, and at least three feet to the left or right of any recycling containers. Trash will not be picked up if it is put out after the truck has

arrived. We recommend that you write your address in permanent black marker on the trash container, and make note of its unique identification number (indicated on the trash container) assigned to your home to avoid any confusion with neighbors' trash containers.

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



Bulk Trash

Single family homes: A maximum of one bulk item will be collected per week.

A bulk item is an appliance or piece of furniture which two people can lift. Refrigerators, air conditioners, and other cooling units must be tagged that freon has been removed. No building materials, railroad ties; automotive parts, or tires will be accepted. A maximum of four carpet rolls, each no longer than four feet in length, will be collected. If you are unsure whether or not your bulk trash item will be collected, call 610-696-5266, ext. 4305 or email lcovatta@westgoshen.org.

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

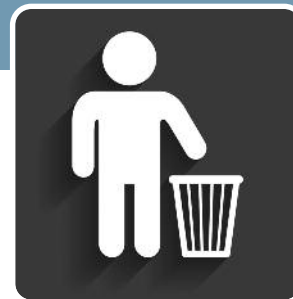


Recyclables

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

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

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paper, including junk mail, telephone books, catalogs, white paper, wrapping paper, magazines, and newspapers. Please note that all items must fit into your recycle bucket. Flattened boxes, including cereal boxes, corrugated cardboard, and other cardboard boxes may be bundled or placed into a cardboard box or brown paper bag next to your recycle bucket.

The following items are **NOT** recyclable, and should be disposed of with regular trash: tissues, paper towels, and napkins; food wrappers; wax or plastic coated boxes; tyvek envelopes; metallic wrapping paper; light bulbs; plate glass, window glass, drinking glasses, and mirrors; crystal; ceramics; aerosol paint cans; ovenware; plastics without identifying recycling numbers; styrofoam; and empty oil cans or bottles.

For more information on the recycling requirements, contact 610-696-5266, ext. 4305 or email lcovatta@westgoshen.org.

Multi-unit residences: Must provide written recycling program materials to occupants with instructions about what materials are to be recycled, how the materials are to be prepared, and how the collection system works. The owner, operator, or administrator must provide for collection of the following recycling materials at least once per month: Clear and colored glass; aluminum, steel, and bimetallic cans; #1 and #2 plastics; mixed paper including newspaper, junk mail, telephone books, catalogs, white paper, magazines, flattened boxes which do not come into direct contact with food, and noncorrugated cardboard; and any other recyclables determined by the apartment complex or condominium association. Recycling containers must be easily accessible and suitable for the type of material that is being collected.

Businesses: Must provide written recycling program materials to occupants and employees with instructions about what materials are to be recycled, how the materials are to be prepared, and how the collection system works. The property owner, operator, or administrator must provide for collection of the following recycling materials at least once per month: Computer paper and white bond/copier/letterhead paper; corrugated paper; and aluminum and steel or bimetallic cans. Recycling containers must be easily accessible and

suitable for the type of material that is being collected. Educational facilities must provide for separation and collection of recyclable materials in classrooms, administrative offices, cafeterias, and dormitories.



Leaves

Single family homes: Compost leaves whenever possible. Place leaves to be disposed of in biodegradable bags or trash cans curbside for collection on Saturday, November 15th, Saturday, December 6th, or Saturday, December 20th. **Leaves will not be collected from plastic bags.** There is no limit to the number of bags or cans for leaf collections. Small branches or twigs that fit into a paper yard waste bag may be included. Leaves may not be burned, raked into streets, or deposited into streams, ponds, or stream beds.

Multi-unit residences and businesses: Institutional properties are responsible for arranging for their own leaf disposal with their trash haulers. Leaves may not be burned, raked into streets, or deposited into streams, ponds, or stream beds.



Christmas Trees

Single family homes: Christmas trees may be dropped off at the designated area of the West Goshen Community Park main parking lot between December 26, 2014 and January 19, 2015, or may be placed curbside for collection on Saturday, January 17, 2015. Garland, tinsel and other decorations must be removed. Wire-framed wreaths will not be accepted.

Multi-unit residences: Residents may drop off Christmas trees with garland, tinsel, and other decorations removed at the designated area of the West Goshen Community Park main parking lot between December 26, 2014 and January 19, 2015, or may check with their property management for other disposal options.

Businesses: Businesses are responsible for disposing of their Christmas trees at their own expense, and may not dispose of them at the residential Christmas tree dropoff at West Goshen Community Park.

Harvest Festival

Don't forget to register online for the West Goshen Harvest Festival, taking place at West Goshen Community Park on Sunday, October 26th between 2:00 and 4:00 PM. Information and online registration is available at www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Harvest_Festival.cfm, or by scanning the below QR code with your mobile device. ★



Buy Your West Goshen Holiday Greeting Cards

For the second year in a row, The Friends of West Goshen Parks will sell holiday greeting cards featuring winter scenes from Coopersmith Park, Barker Park, and West Goshen Community Park this fall. Each pack costs \$10 and contains three sets of four different designs (total of twelve cards) and matching envelopes. Choose from blank notecards or greeting cards with the message "Happy Holidays." Cards may be purchased at the West Goshen Township Administration Building, Mondays through Fridays, 7:00 AM until 5:00 PM, or at the West Goshen Harvest Festival on October 26th. Proceeds from card sales benefit The Friends of West Goshen Parks. ★



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Household Hazardous And Electronic Waste



Single family homes and multi-unit residences: Check back in the Spring 2015 issue of the West Goshen Township Newsletter for dates and locations to dispose of the following items with the Chester County Solid Waste Authority:

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

pesticides; organic peroxide; reactive metals; and propane cylinders under twenty pounds.

- **Home electronics:** 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.

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

Single family homes, multi-unit residences, and businesses: Items labeled with any of the following words can not be disposed of with regular trash: CAUTION, TOXIC, DANGER, FLAMMABLE, WARNING, CORROSIVE, EXPLOSIVE, REACTIVE, COMBUSTIBLE, POISONOUS, or HAZARDOUS. ★

A HOLIDAY VISIT

with the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department

**'Twas the month before Christmas when all through West Goshen
Plenty of holiday plans were set forth in motion
By the Department of Park and Recreation
To guarantee a season full of elation.**

**For those who want to visit New York City
To see the town all decorated pretty
For forty-five dollars, you won't need a loan
On December sixth, see New York on your own.**

**A bus trip to Radio City Music Hall
For the Christmas Spectacular, we'll go this Fall!
Monday, December eighth our bus will arrive
For the low low cost of one seventy-five.**

**Those December bus trips are not all that's in store
This holiday season. No we have so much more!
A decorations workshop on
December ninth
Or on the tenth, with
centerpieces of pine.**

**With holly, with berries,
With fir, cones, and spruce,
With boxwood, with ribbons,
Just channel your muse.
Decorate and bring home
Your own centerpiece
Or make from fresh greens
Your own Christmas wreath!**



**But that's not all Park and Rec is doing for you;
On December twentieth a special breakfast too,
At Timothy's in Parkway on South High Street
Saint Nick'las will be there for a meet and greet.**

**Have breakfast with the big guy and all of your neighbors
To celebrate the fruits of another year's labors.
Children will get gingerbread men to decorate.
Time for West Goshen residents to celebrate!**

**At five dollars a head the price is just right
For families to join in a holiday bite.
We hope you can join us in this year's celebration.
Best wishes from West Goshen Park and Recreation.**

Bus Trip to New York City
Saturday, December 6th
\$45 per person includes round-trip motorcoach transportation and driver tip.
www.westgoshe.org/Departments/Events/New_York.cfm



Bus Trip to Radio City Music Hall
Monday, December 8th
\$175 per person includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, free time in New York, dinner, and driver and server tips.
www.westgoshe.org/Departments/Events/Radio_City.cfm

Holiday Decorations Workshop
Tuesday, December 9th or
Wednesday, December 10th,
7:00 PM
\$10 per centerpiece or
\$15 per wreath
www.westgoshe.org/Departments/Events/Holiday_Crafts.cfm

Holiday Breakfast
Saturday,
December 20th,
9:00 AM
\$5 per person.
*Must reside in
West Goshen
Township.*



www.westgoshe.org/Departments/Events/Holiday_Breakfast.cfm

For more information about any of these events, contact the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266, ext. 4104 or via email at klehr@westgoshe.org.

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TOWNSHIP HOLIDAYS & TRASH SCHEDULE

Township offices will be closed on:

Veterans' Day: Tuesday, November 11th
(will not affect trash pickup)

Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 27th and
Friday, November 28th (trash collected on Friday,
November 28th instead of Thursday, November 27th)

Christmas: Thursday, December 25th
(trash collected on Friday, December 26th instead
of Thursday, December 25th)

New Year's Day: Thursday, January 1st
(trash collected on Friday, January 2nd instead
of Thursday, January 1st)

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Important Traffic Notice

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has begun maintenance of the Fern Hill Road overpass over Route 202. Due to this construction, Fern Hill Road will be closed between N. Five Points Road and Old Fern Hill Road until December 20th.