

# **Stormwater and Clean Stream Management**

### Why is stormwater management important?

Unlike water that enters your municipal sewage system, stormwater is NOT cleaned and treated at a wastewater plant before it re-enters our streams and waterways. Stormwater runoff from roads and other impervious areas comes into contact with pollutants and allows those pollutants into our waters. It is essential that municipalities put in place a focused Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) to combat polluted stormwater runoff.

### **West Goshen's Responsibility**

The stormwater requirements of the federal Clean Water Act and the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) are administered under the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and implemented by DEP through the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Program. Almost all municipalities in Pennsylvania must have an MS4 permit. West Goshen Township must comply with its MS4 permit through a robust stormwater management program.

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The West Goshen Township website now has a dedicated section for clean stream management. Click on this icon or scan this QR code for more information and useful links.

# YOU CAN HELP keep our water clean!

Municipalities cannot do this alone. Public participation is vital to our clean stream program. Here are some ways that you can make a difference:



- · Organize a stream cleanup event.
- Form a stormwater pollution watch.
- Mark storm drains with warnings about dumping. (Call township building to get a marker.)
- "Adopt-an-Inlet" if a stormwater inlet exists near or on your property. Ensure that the inlet is clear and unobstructed.

- Have a wetland planting event.
- Remove impervious surface from your property and replace with green space.
- Practice good household habits (pick up pet waste, properly dispose of grass clipping, use commercial carwash, etc.).
- If you suspect or witness illegal dumping or an illicit discharge into stormwater inlets, call the West Goshen Township Administration Building at 610-696-5266 during regular business hours, or 911 after business hours.

# Township Information

# 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 threelot 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.

### The following plans have been approved for construction:

### 11 Wilson Avenue Land Development

Location: 11 Wilson Avenue
The plan has been approved to demolish
an existing dwelling and construct a new
two-story office building.

### **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 created adjacent to the

proposed classroom addition with a pickup 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.

### Pica's Pizza

Location: 1231 & 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.

### 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.

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

6 year elected term Patricia B. McIlvaine, *Chairman* Theodore J. Murphy, Esq., *Vice-Chairman* Philip J. Corvo, *Member* Raymond H. Halvorsen, *Member* Edward G. Meakim, Jr., *Member* 

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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 John M. Scott, *Sewer Plant Manager* 

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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* Larue Morgan, *Vice-President* (Vacant), *Secretary* Marilyn Reich, *Treasurer* Gerald L. Napiecek, *Member* Peggy Niemeyer, *Member* 

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### **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

### **TEVA Pharmaceuticals**

Location: 145 Brandywine Parkway
This plan has been approved for a 1,240 square foot building addition for TEVA
Pharmaceuticals.

### Philip Neff, Jr.

Location: 829 West Chester Pike
The approved plan will move a lot line.

### **Fame Fire Company Expansion**

Location: 200 Rosedale Avenue
The approved plan is a for a two story
drive-through addition to the existing
building.

A plan or zoning file may be viewed, by request, by contacting West Goshen Township.

### **Public Township Meetings**

**Board of Supervisors** (7:00 PM, second Wednesday of each month): May 13; June 10; July 8.

Park and Recreation Board (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month): May 20; June 17; July 15.

Planning Commission (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month): May 19; June 16; July 21.

Sewer Authority (7:30 PM, first Wednesday of each month): May 6; June 3; July 1.

**Zoning Hearing Board** (7:00 PM, first Thursday after the second Wednesday each month, except where otherwise noted): May 14; June 11; July 9.

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.



### Miss Teen Pennsylvania se United States Hails from

The current reigning Miss Teen Pennsylvania United States is proud to call West Goshen home.

**West Goshen Township** 

Dani Doran, a Kutztown University student who grew up in West Goshen Township, was crowned Miss Teen Pennsylvania United States in March 2014 in Ocean City, New Jersey. Just



### **Part of Our Community**

seventeen years-old and a student at Villa Maria Academy at the time, Miss Doran was participating in her second pageant. After winning the Pennsylvania title, Doran competed in the national competition for Miss Teen United States in Washington, DC.

As Miss Teen Pennsylvania United States, Miss Doran is required to juggle monthly public appearances with her studies in elementary education. Over the past year, she has read to children at a YMCA, participated in two Relays for Life, joined a Christmas wrapping party for Ronald McDonald House, made mastectomy pillows for breast cancer patients with Paoli hospital, participated in New York's Fashion Week, the Mummers Parade in Manayunk, and the Downingtown Christmas Parade, and served as the official chaperone of the Easter Bunny at West Goshen's own Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade.

Miss Doran says she enjoys her responsibilities as Miss Teen Pennsylvania United States. "Spreading joy and happiness, and inspiring young children is something that I will always cherish about this experience."



"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.

### You Are Eligible for a Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate If:

Eligible senior citizens are advised to apply now for the Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate in order to be eligible for the West Goshen Township Trash Rebate Program. To determine eligibility, seniors must meet the following requirements:

- You are 65 or older as of December 31, 2014.
- Your 2014 household income, including 50% of Social Security payments, equals \$35,000 or less.
- You complete an Application for the Pennsylvania Tax/Rent Rebate Program by June 30, 2015. Applications may be obtained from the Chester County Department of Aging Services, 601 Westtown Road, Suite 320, West Chester, PA 19382 (610-344-6350), or by visiting www.revenue.pa.gov and downloading forms and instructions for 2014 PA-1000 in the "Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program Forms" section under "Forms for Individuals."

### You Are Eligible for a West Goshen Township Trash Rebate If:

- You reside in West Goshen Township.
- You have received a Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate.
- You complete the West Goshen Township Trash Rebate Program Application and return it to West Goshen Township with a photocopy of the Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate check attached by October 30, 2015. The Trash Rebate Program Application is available at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. First time applicants may receive copies of the West Goshen Trash Rebate Program by calling 610-696-5266, ext. 4108.
- If a first time applicant for the West Goshen Township Trash Rebate Program, you must bring identification along with a copy of the Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate check. Your social security number and date of birth may be used if the rebate was paid via direct deposit instead of check.

Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebates will be mailed or direct deposited beginning July 1, 2015. West Goshen Township Trash Rebate checks will be mailed in December 2015.



### Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a deadly, colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. It is produced by the incomplete burning of various fuels including coal, wood, charcoal, oil, kerosene, propane, and natural gas. Products and equipment powered by internal combustion engines such as portable generators, cars, lawn mowers, etc. also produce CO.

### **Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning**

Headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea, and dizziness are all signs of low to moderate CO poisoning. Mental confusion, vomiting, loss of muscle coordination, loss of consciousness, and ultimately death are symptoms of high level CO poisoning. Symptom severity is related to both the CO level and the duration of the exposure. Because CO is odorless, colorless, and otherwise undetectable to the human senses, people may not know that they are being exposed.

If you suspect symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, get outside to fresh air immediately and call 911.

### Protecting Your Home from a Silent Killer

For new construction, West Goshen Township requires an approved CO alarm to be installed outside of each sleeping area in dwelling units that have fuel-fired appliances and/or those that have an attached garage. For existing construction where work is being done that requires a permit, the same requirements apply as with new construction.

For existing structures where CO detectors are not required, they are still recommended to be placed outside each sleeping area. The alarms can be either hardwired, battery or plug-in. For exact locations please refer to the manufacturer's instructions.

To help keep your home safe from carbon monoxide, make sure appliances are installed and operated according to manufacturer's instructions. Most appliances should be installed by qualified professionals and serviced annually. Installing a CO alarm can provide added protection, but it is no substitute for proper use and upkeep of appliances that can produce CO.

If you have any questions about carbon monoxide, please contact Fire Marshal Andrea Testa at 610-696-5266, ext. 4113 or via email at atesta@westgoshen.org.

# **Your Donation Can Help Save Lives**

The need for blood supplies for medical emergencies is constant. To help meet this need, the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the West Goshen Township Administration Building on Wednesday, July 29th between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM. To register, call Kate Meinhardt at 610-696-5266, or visit www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood and enter sponsor code 0228510.



More than 41,000 blood donations are needed every day. Eighty percent of this total is collected at mobile blood drives in the community, such as the one at the West Goshen Township Administration Building on Wednesday, July 29th.



Federal standards require that occupant compartments of vehicles be designed to protect occupants during a crash.

The beds of pickup trucks are designed to carry cargo, not people, and are not designed to provide protection in a crash. In addition, children and adults can be easily ejected from cargo areas at relatively low speeds as a result of a sharp turn to avoid an obstacle or crash.

The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code provides that an open-bed pickup truck or open flatbed truck may not be driven at a speed of more than 35 miles per hour if any person is occupying the bed of the truck. Such a truck may not be driven at any speed if a child less than eighteen years of age is occupying the bed of the truck or trailer.

# **Open House at Good Fellowship Ambulance**

In celebration of National EMS Week. Good Fellowship Ambulance Company and EMS Training Institute will host an open house at their headquarters on Saturday, May 16th between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Take a tour of the ambulance station and climb aboard rescue vehicles and the Kohl's Injury Prevention Van. Learn about training and other services offered by Good Fellowship at information sessions, and see demonstrations in vehicle rescue. search and rescue, helicopter evacuation, and equipment use. Snacks and other giveaways will be provided at this free event.

The Good Fellowship Ambulance Company and EMS Training Institute is located at 600 Montgomery Avenue in West Goshen Township. For more information about Good Fellowship, visit www.goodfellowship.com.

### **FAST FACTS ABOUT DISTRICT COURT 15-2-03**

William D. Kraut, Magisterial District Judge for District Court 15-2-03, recently presented his 2015 State of the Court. He provides the following facts about the court in his address:

- More than 90% of all litigation in Pennsylvania occurs in the courtooms of Magisterial District Judges.
- Chester County has seventeen Magisterial District Courts.
- District Court 15-2-03 has jurisdiction over West Goshen, Westtown, and Thornbury Townships.
- District Court 15-2-03 is located at the Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Road, Suite 110, West Chester, PA 19380.
- The telephone number for District Court 15-2-03 is 610-436-5757, the fax number is 610-431-5755, and the website is www.chesco.org/ judgekraut.

- Standard operating hours for District Court 15-2-03 are Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM.
- All summary misdemeanor and felony criminal cases originate at the Magisterial District Court level, as well as the filing and disposition of minor criminal cases (summary cases) such as traffic violations, disorderly conduct, public drunkenness, truancy, game law violations, and parking tickets.
- Magisterial District Courts are the venue for lawsuits in civil cases for matters up to \$12,000.
- As Magisterial District Judge, Judge Kraut conducts preliminary hearings for all serious criminal offenders to determine which cases should be held for trial at the Court of Common Pleas (the trial court), sets and accepts bail and arraigns defendants after arrest, and issues search warrants based

- upon testimony from local police, state police, and the state's Attorney General's office.
- 6,205 cases were filed in District Court 15-2-03 in 2014, with 339 criminal cases, 246 civil cases, 4,531 traffic cases, 231 Landlord Tenant cases, and 858 summary cases.
- District Court 15-2-03 took in \$775,413 of fines and other revenues in 2014. Of that total, West Goshen Township received \$118,690.75.
- Judge Kraut encourages the public to offer suggestions on making the court run more efficiently or ideas for the court to better serve the public. However, neither he nor the court staff are permitted to give legal advice.
- Judge Kraut is available to speak to civic groups, scouts, and schools, and tours of the court are available for schools and scouting groups.

### Historical Committee Reflects on

The Life of Thomas Loopes

The West Goshen Historical Committee meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Community Room of the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Anyone is welcome to attend or join. Information about the West Goshen Historical Committee is available on Facebook or by contacting Nancy McCabe, Historical Committee Chairman at nmccabewc@gmail.com.

Projects undertaken by the West Goshen Historical Committee include studies into the lives of early West Goshen residents. Thomas Hoopes, a prominent Township resident and businessman, was born in West Goshen Township on November 27, 1834. The following biography is excerpted from Biographical sketches of the prominent men and leading citizens of the county by Garner, Winfred Scott b 1848 ed, Wiley, Samual T. Published in 1893.

homas Hoopes, an able business man of many years successful experience, and a member of the well known firm Hoopes, Brother, & Darlington, who own and operate the largest wheel factory east of the Allegheny mountains, is a son of Thomas, sr., and Elizabeth (Darlington) Hoopes, and was born in West Goshen township, Chester county, Pennsylvania, November 27, 1834. The Hoopes family is among the oldest and most respectable families of Pennsylvania, and was founded in 1683 in Bucks county by Joshua Hoopes, who, with his wife Isabel, came in that year from Cleveland in Yorkshire, England.

They brought with them their three children: Daniel, Margaret and Christian. Daniel Hoopes came to Westtown township in 1696, and on December 10th of that year, he married Jane Worrilow, daughter of Thomas and Jane Worrilow, of Edgmont. His son, Thomas Hoopes, (great-grandfather)

was born October 22, 1714, and settled on a portion of the six hundred and thirty acre tract of land in Goshen township which his father had purchased from a sea captain, who had bought it from the Penns. He was a farmer by occupation, and died May 21, 1803, aged eighty-nine years. He married Susa Davies, and after her death, Amy Cope. A son by his second marriage was Jesse Cope (grandfather), who died in 1825. One of his sons was Thomas Hoopes, sr. (father), born in 1794, on the old homestead where he died in May, 1880, at eighty-six years of age. He was a farmer by occupation, and a member of the Society of Friends. He was a useful man, and a whig and republican in politics, and in 1816, married Eliza Darlington, who was born in 1797, and passed away in 1878, when in the eighty-first year of her age. Mr. and Mrs. Hoopes had nine children, seven sons and two daughters.

Thomas Hoopes grew to manhood on the paternal acres, and received his education in the public and high schools of West Chester. At the early age of sixteen years he commenced farming, which he followed until he was twentythree, when he went west, where he was engaged for five years in Colorado and Iowa in mining and the lumber business. At the end of that time, in 1862, he returned to Chester county and was engaged in farming until 1868, when he removed with his brother William to West Chester, and organized the present celebrated West Chester spoke and wheel manufacturing firm of Hoopes, Bro. & Darlington. Their plant, which is known as the West Chester wheel works, occupies three acres of ground, on which are erected large and commodious frame and brick buildings, embracing engine house, work shops, finishing factory, and a neat and tasteful office building.

The company has 100,000 square feet of floor surface in their buildings. They employ from one hundred and

fifty to two hundred men, and have an output of forty thousand sets of wheels per year. Mr. Hoopes' is one of the leading industrial establishments of the eastern part of the State, and he has made for himself a name as an honorable and first class manufacturer in the many different sections of the State and country where the products of his works are used.

On June 14, 1864, Mr. Hoopes was united in marriage with Amanda Russell, daughter of Thomas Russell, of the city of Baltimore. To their union have been born six children, five sons and one daughter: Charles R., who is in charge of the office of Hoopes, Brother & Darlington; William, superintendent of the Bala & Merion Electric Company; Herbert, deceased; Maurice, superintendent of the electric light plant of West Chester; Arthur, now a student in Edison's laboratory in Orange, New Jersey; and Emily.

Thomas Hoopes is a republican, and has cast his vote for every presidential candidate of that party since its organization in 1856. He is interested in the industrial progress and general prosperity of his native city, and has served for some time as the president of the board of trade. His time and attention are chiefly given to the extensive business which has been built up during the last quarter of a century. He is now in the line of his proper life-work, and the results of his labor are those of substantial success, as attested by the existence of the splendidly equipped factory and extensive trade over a wide area of territory. He is modest and reserved, yet affable and pleasant.

Mr. Hoopes' success and reputation have come, not as the result of accident, by as the fruits of excellence of work and special ability of management.



### **Spring and Summer at a Glance**

May 9 May 12 May 16 May 17	Summer Recreation Program and Summer Teen Program registration Skate Jam Summer Recreation Program and Summer Teen Program registration West Chester East High School's <b>Jazz Lab Band</b> and <b>Jazz Ensemble</b> concert
June 9 June 13 – June 14 June 14 June 21 June 24 June 22 – June 26 June 22 – Aug. 14 June 28 June 29 – Aug. 13	Skate Jam Bus trip to Pittsburgh Summer Concert: Children's performance by <b>Cat's Pajamas</b> International Go Skateboarding Day Celebration Bus trip to Yankee Stadium Skatecamp, ages 8-12 years old Summer Recreation Program and Summer Teen Program Summer Concert: Party favorites with <b>The Greaseband</b> Summer sports clinics
July 4 July 12 July 13 – July 17 July 14 July 18  July 25 July 26 July 27 – July 31	Decorated Bike Parade (Raindate: July 5) Summer Concert: A visit to the Louisiana bayou with <b>Zydeco-a-Go</b> Skatecamp, ages 8-12 years old Skate Jam Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company presents "The Tempest" (Raindate: July 19) Bus trip to The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Summer Concert: Motown celebration with <b>Love's Magic</b> Skatecamp, ages 10-14 years old
August 8 August 9 August 11 August 17 – Aug. 21 August 23	Bus trip to Lower Manhattan and the World Trade Center Memorial and Museum Summer Concert: Country-western music of <b>Hometown Boyz</b> Skate Jam Skatecamp, ages 8-12 years old Summer Concert: Singer/songwriter <b>John Flynn</b>

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

The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department is committed to providing a variety of highquality free or low-cost recreational events to residents of West Goshen Township. Guests to these events are encouraged to bring a dry good item (e.g., soap, toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo, etc.) to be donated to the West Chester Food Cupboard and the Coatesville Veterans Affairs Medical Center for distribution to lowincome families and veterans in Chester County.

To find out if an event is moved to an alternate location or changed to a raindate, visit www.westgoshen.org or call 610-696-5266 within the two hours preceding the event. To receive monthly email updates about upcoming events from the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department, contact Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org.

# Saturday in the Park: The Fourth of July





This year's decorated bicycle parade will take place on Saturday, July 4th at 10:00 AM at West Goshen Community Park. Children one month through eleven years living in the Township are invited to decorate their bicycles, tricycles, big wheels, strollers, wagons, and wheelchairs and enter by registering online at www.westgoshen.org. Prizes will be awarded to the top entries in each category, and every participating child will receive a commemorative medal

Please keep in mind that children on bicycles MUST were protective

bicycle helmets. Inline skates, skateboard, and scooters are NOT permitted. Please be mindful if your child may be upset by not winning a grand prize. The Decorated Bicycle Parade is part of the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department's ongoing commitment to providing safe and fun activities for the residents of West Goshen Township.

In the event of rain, the Bike Parade would be postponed until Sunday, July 5th at 10:00 AM. Visit www. westgoshen.org after 9:00 AM on the morning of July 4th for rain determination.

# Skate Jams, Go Skateboarding Day, Skateboarding Clinics, Skatecamps, & More!

West Goshen's Robert Lambert Park continues to be a destination for skateboarding enthusiasts, with a wide variety of programs and activities taking place through the spring and summer!

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department continues it's partnership with Fairman's Skate, Surf, and Snow Shop by offering free Skate Jams on the second Tuesday of each month. The Skate Jams are an awesome way to get pointers from Fairman's staff of professionals. The 2015 Skate Jams are scheduled from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM on the following Tuesdays: May 12th, June 9th, July 14th, August 11th, September 8th, and October 13th. In the event of rain, the Skate Jam would be held on the following day between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department will also partner with Fairman's again on Sunday, June 21st to celebrate the annual Go Skateboarding Day beginning at 1:00 PM. Boarders can learn from experts from Fairman's Skate, Surf, and Snow Shop, compete in contests, win prizes, and skate to live music. All activities on this day are FREE OF CHARGE.

For kids looking to learn the sport of skateboarding or to improve their skills, the Park and Recreation Department will offer beginner skateboarding clinics and skateboarding camps during the summer.



Beginners can participate in seven weekly skateboarding clinics between 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM on Mondays as part of the Summer Recreation Program's series of sports clinics. These clinics are taught by a team of West Goshen's experienced summer counselors. Additional information is available on page 11.

For more experienced skateboarders, the Park and Recreation Department and Fairman's offer week-long skateboarding camps, taught by the crew of experienced Fairman's staff. This year's skatecamps will be offered on the following dates for participants eight through twelve years old:

- Monday, June 22nd through Friday, June 26th, 9:00 AM until noon.
- Monday, July 13th through Friday, July 17th, 9:00 AM until noon.
- Monday, August 17th through Friday, August 21st, 9:00 AM until noon.

In addition, a session will take place from Monday, July 27th through Friday, July 31st between 9:00 AM and noon for children ages ten through fourteen years old.



Cost for each one-week skatecamp is \$175 per registration, or \$165 for residents of West Goshen Township. Information and registration forms are available at www.westgoshen.org/PDFs/Events/Skatecamp.pdf. Register early, as space is limited and tends to fill up!

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

For more information, visit the skatepark page of the West Goshen Township website at http://www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Park\_Rec/Skatepark.cfm. Additional information about Go Skateboarding Day, Skate Jams, and summer skateboarding camps is also available at www.fairmans.com.



# Something for Everyone at the SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The West Goshen Summer Concert Series offers a variety of musical performances for an ideal, FREE evening in the park over a series of six Sundays throughout the summer. This year's Summer Concert Series promises something for everyone!

### June 14th: Cat's Pajamas

The West Goshen Summer Concert Series begins with a performance for the children.

### June 28th: The Greaseband

One of Philadelphia's most popular bands returns to West Goshen Community Park with an evening of party favorites.

### July 12th: Zydeco-a-Go-Go

The Cajun-zydeco sound of the Louisiana bayou comes to West Goshen Community Park.

### July 26th: Love's Magic

These masters of harmony make their second appearance in the Summer Concert Series for an unforgettable night of Motown hits.



John Flynn

### **August 9th: Hometown Boyz**

Enjoy an evening of country-western music at West Goshen Community Park.

### **August 23rd: John Flynn**

The local songwriter and singing legend closes out the Summer Concert Series with his third appearance at West Goshen Community Park.

As always, thanks to The Friends of West Goshen Parks and the generous support of our local sponsors, all of the West Goshen Summer Concerts are FREE of charge. Concerts begin at 6:30 PM. In the event of rain, concerts would be moved to the West Chester East High School Auditorium on Ellis Lane. Rain determination will be made after 3:00 PM on the date of the concert. Visit www.westgoshen.org for directions and rain determination.

In addition to the Summer Concert Series, West Goshen Community Park will again host the popular annual FREE concert featuring West Chester East High School's **Jazz Lab Band** and **Jazz Ensemble** on Sunday, May 17th at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to come see some of the area's top young performers perform outdoors in the park.



Zydeco-a-Go-Go



Love's Magic



The Greaseband



# A Fun, Memorable Summer Outside with the Summer Recreation Program

# 2015 Summer Recreation Program:

- June 22nd August 14th
- Ages 5 12
- 9:00 AM Noon
- Three Park Locations: West
   Goshen Community Park, Barker
   Park, or Coopersmith Park
- Supervised games, sports, field trips, and more!

Children between the ages of five and twelve are invited to join us this summer for a great combination of structured outdoor activities and free play in a safe and fun environment supervised and facilitated by our adult counselors! The 2015 Summer Recreation Program will begin on Monday, June 22nd and continue eight weeks through Friday, August 14th being held weekday mornings between 9 AM and 12 Noon at three beautiful West Goshen park locations. Parents may choose between Barker Park, Coopersmith Park, and West Goshen Community Park for their child(ren) to participate in a variety of fun, safe, and memorable activities supervised by our counselors!

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department takes great pride in our counselor team who supervise and facilitate a fun, safe, and memorable recreational environment for the children in our popular Summer Recreation Program. Counselors are carefully selected individuals who have various educational and life experience backgrounds in areas such as elementary, secondary, physical, and art education, physical/behavioral therapy, psychology, and more. All of our summer counselors have hands on experience supervising and facilitating recreation programs. Each park location is supervised by a head counselor who oversees daily operations, is the main contact for parents, emphasizes and enforces park rules and behavior expectations, and mostly, ensures the safety, well-being and enjoyment of all participants at their location.

Many West Goshen Summer
Recreation Program counselors grew
up going to camp at one of the the
three park locations. Coopersmith Park
counselor Kristina Rowshan reminisced,
"Growing up going to Coopersmith
I looked forward to each and every
summer spent at camp. Now that I am
back as a counselor I get to experience
all the same fun and friendships but with
the added benefit of seeing the joy on
the campers' faces whenever we plan a
new activity or craft!"

With safety being the number one priority for our programs, the Park and Recreation Department conducts background checks with the Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare, and the FBI for each summer counselor and junior counselor. Each counselor is first aid and CPR certified, with first aid kits and ice packs for minor medical maladies onsite at each park and field trip location.

"The need for supervised and safe outdoor recreation (structured and free play) for children has never been as important as it is now (or in today's world)," points out Summer Program Coordinator Tom Steines. "Our children need (and deserve) a safe place outside in nature to run, play, imagine, create and socialize. Our counselors are inspired, experienced, trained, and ready to provide a safe, fun, and memorable experience for the children of West Goshen and our neighboring communities."

The Summer Recreation Program provides children with opportunities to play games such as tag and dodgeball, play sports such as soccer and lacrosse, enjoy the playground and allow opportunities to make craft projects on a daily basis. Participants are encouraged to try new group activities while being active in a social environment outdoors with other children.

Participants are invited to join us for eight weekly field trips with enjoyable and supervised activities including swimming, bowling, roller skating, ice skating, and more. Four of the trips are included in the registration fee and the remaining four require an additional fee per trip which includes the activity, adult supervision, and bus transportation (for most trips). A few field trips will run longer than the regular 9:00 AM through noon schedule.

The fee for West Goshen families is \$200 for the first child, \$350 for two children, and \$100 per additional sibling for the eight-week program. West Goshen residents are able to register children for both the Summer Recreation Program and the Summer Teen Program while taking advantage of the discounted rate structure. Proof of residency must be provided (e.g., drivers' license, sewer bill, address on check) to be eligible for resident rates. The registration fee for residents of other



municipalities is \$300 per participant. Only personal checks or cash will be accepted. Children must be five years old by September 1, 2015 to register and should be comfortable participating in a group environment.

Parents may register their child(ren) for one of the three park locations during the mornings of Saturday, May 9th between 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM or Saturday, May 16th from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM at the West Goshen Township Administration Building with Township residents having first priority. Beginning on Monday, May 18th, registration will continue during normal business hours, 7:00 AM until 5:00 PM, as space permits. Registration is for the entire eight-week program. Information is available online at www.westgoshen.org or by contacting **Summer Program Coordinator Tom** Steines at tsteines@westgoshen.org or at 610-696-5266, ext. 4103.





# **Learning Skills and Teamwork while Having Fun with Sports Clinics**

Young sports enthusiasts are invited to join sports clinics providing beginner level instruction in a variety sports activities. Experienced adult instructors will introduce beginners to the popular world of recreational sports by teaching the basic fundamentals of the activity while encouraging teamwork, trying new activities, healthy exercise, making friends, and most of all having fun.

Our 2015 afternoon sports clinics will begin the week of June 29th and will continue seven weeks through August 13th meeting one afternoon per week between 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM. The majority of clinics take place at West Goshen Community Park. Our popular skateboarding clinic will be held at the skatepark at Robert Lambert Park, and our newest clinic, ice hockey, will be held at Ice Line. Sports equipment will be provided for every clinic at Community Park, however participants are welcome to bring their own (e.g. lacrosse stick, tennis racquet). Participants in the skateboarding clinic are required to provide their own equipment including a skateboard, helmet, and knee and elbow pads.

### **MONDAYS:**

Skateboarding (ages 6 - 10) \* Lambert Skatepark Tennis (ages 9 & 10) \* Community Park

### **TUESDAYS:**

Ice Hockey (ages 6-10) \* Ice Line Quad Rinks Soccer (ages 5 – 8) \* Community Park Tennis (ages 11 & 12) \* Community Park

### **THURSDAYS:**

Basketball (ages 8 - 11) \* Community Park Lacrosse (ages 6 - 10) \* Community Park Tee-Ball (ages 5 - 8) \* Community Park Registration fee is \$60 per seven-session clinic for West Goshen residents and \$75 per sport for children living outside of West Goshen. Ice hockey clinic requires an additional \$35 ice fee which includes skate rental and use of hockey stick if needed. Registration will be held on Saturday, May 9th between 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM and Saturday, May 16th, from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Registration will resume during normal office hours beginning on Monday, May 18th as space permits. Participants will receive a West Goshen clinic t-shirt while supplies last. Cancellations due to inclement weather will be made up at a later date. Contact Summer Program Coordinator Tom Steines at tsteines@westgoshen. org or at 610-696-5266, ext. 4103 for more information.



### Join the Tenth Year of Teens

his year marks the tenth year of the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department providing supervised activities coordinated especially for teenagers. The program was originally developed with input from parents to provide quality supervised recreational activities for the unique age group who were too old to be in our Summer Recreation Program however too young to be employed as junior counselors. Over the past ten years, many satisfied participants have kicked, scored, splashed, ran, rode, climbed, and laughed with their counselors during activities and field trips and participated in approximately fifty community service projects assisting local nonprofit organizations throughout Chester County!

First held at West Goshen Community Park, the Summer Teen Program originally shared the park facilities and sports equipment with the Summer Recreation Program. Now the Summer Teen Program is based out of the Teen Clubhouse located at Lambert Park. The Teen Clubhouse offers participants a permanent indoor facility to call their own complete with a ping-pong table, a foosball table, art supplies, board games, video games, and more exclusively just for the teens. Participants are welcome to enjoy the various outdoor facilities at Lambert Park including sports fields (baseball,

soccer, and lacrosse), tennis courts, and our popular skatepark. Activities are supervised and facilitated by our all-star counselor team comprised of middle and high school teachers with the experience, motivation, and energy to keep up with this active and often competitive age group.

Teenagers between the ages of thirteen and fifteen are invited to register for this popular program which includes many great activities such as dodgeball, soccer and tennis games, indoor activities such as ping-pong, foosball, and video games, special events and weekly field trips. The popular eight-week program will be in session June 22nd through August 14th running weekday mornings between 9:00AM and noon. Some field trips and community service projects will run past noon.

One of the highlights of the summer is our eight weekly field trips. This year's weekly adventures will include a road trip to see the Phillies play at Yankee Stadium, a visit to an indoor trampoline center, a family fun center with laser tag and go-carts, tours of both Lincoln Financial Field and Citizen's Bank Park, and full day visits to both Dorney and Hershey Parks. In addition to enjoying daily activities at Lambert Park and our awesome weekly field trips, teens will continue to participate in community service projects assisting local nonprofit agencies.

Registration for the 2015 Summer
Teen Program will be held at the West
Goshen Township Administration
Building on Saturday, May 9th between
8:00 AM and 11:00 AM and again on
Saturday, May 16th from 9:00 AM until
11:00 AM. Beginning on Monday, May
18th, registration will continue during
normal business hours, 7:00 AM until
5:00 PM as space permits.

The registration fee for West Goshen residents is \$200 for one participant, \$350 for two, and \$100 per additional participant. West Goshen families are welcome to register children for both the Summer Teen Program and the Summer Recreation Program at these rates. The registration fee for families residing outside of West Goshen Township is \$300 per participant. Registration will resume during normal office hours beginning on Monday, May 18th as space permits. Teens must be thirteen years of age by September 1, 2015 to participate. Field trips will require and additional fee per trip of approximately \$20 to \$40 per trip.

### Questions and Additional Information

Questions may be direct to Summer Program Coordinator Tom Steines at tsteines@ westgoshen.org or at 610-696-5266 x 4103.





### **KICK-OFF - ALL AGES**

Saturday, June 13, 2015 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Registration, Crafts, Tattoos, Balloons, and More

### West Chester Public Library's Summer Reading Club June 13 - August 22

### **TEENS & TWEENS EVERY TUESDAY**

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

### **ONGOING PROGRAMS:**

Book Discussion: 3rd Wednesdays (Sept – July), 1:00 PM

Kids' Chess Club: Saturdays, 10 AM – 1:00 PM

**Lego Clubs:** 2nd Mondays – Ages 8+ 4th Mondays – Ages 5-7

For more programs and information visit www.wcpubliclibrary.org

415 N. Church Street, West Chester PA 610-696-1721 or 610-696-7985

### **Summer Bus Trips for Baseball and History Lovers**

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department offers the chances to see the Phillies play in two great ballparks this June, and July and August trips to see historic landmarks in New York City.

### **Pittsburgh**

Explore the Steel City, including free time in the Strip District, a dinner cruise onboard the Gateway Clipper, and a ride on the Duquesne Incline. Then see the Phillies play the Pirates at beautiful PNC Park, rated the best ballpark in the country by ESPN.

Date: Saturday, June 13th - Sunday, June 14th

**Cost:** \$395 per adult in a single room. \$325 per adult or \$295 per child (12 or under) in a double room \$300 per adult or \$260 per child (12 or under) in a triple room

> \$290 per adult or \$250 per child (12 or under) in a quad room

Trip includes: Round-trip motorcoach transportation; guided tour or Pittsburgh; overnight stay at the Holiday Inn Express Pittsburgh-Greentree; dinner cruise onboard the Gateway Clipper; round-trip ride on the Duquesne Incline; ticket for Phillies vs. Pirates at PNC Park; driver tip.

### **Yankee Stadium**

See a midweek matinee between the Philadelphia Phillies and the New York Yankees at Yankee Stadium. You get to choose Upper Level Outfield seats or Lower Level Infield seats along first base.

Date: Wednesday, June 24th.

**Cost:** \$45 per person for **Upper Level Outfield** 

> \$85 per person for Lower Level Infield



Trip includes: Round-trip motorcoach transportation; ticket for Phillies vs. Yankees at Yankee Stadium; driver tip.



Ride the Ferry to Ellis and Liberty Islands where you can explore, visit the buildings and monument, and enjoy a pedestal view from the Statue of Liberty.

Date: Saturday, July 25th.

Cost: \$50 per adult

\$45 per senior 62 or over or child age 6-16



**Trip includes:** Round-trip motorcoach transportation; ferry transportation; admission to Ellis Island and Liberty Island; ticket to monument pedestal.

### **Lower Manhattan Tour and the World Trade Center Memorial** and Museum

Take a walking tour of historic sites in the Lower Manhattan Financial District, enjoy brunch at Brasserie Les Halles, and visit the World Trade Center Memorial and Museum. Please note that this tour includes approximately one mile of walking.

Date: Saturday, August 8th.

Cost: \$89 per adult

\$85 per senior 65 or over or child under 18



**Trip includes:** Round-trip motorcoach transportation; walking tour of Lower Manhattan: lunch at Brasserie Les Halles: admission to the World Trade Center Memorial and Museum; driver and server tips.



The West Goshen Township **Park and Recreation** Department has published a booklet featuring 2015 bus trip offerings, including complete itineraries for the trips listed in this article and information about fall trips to Boston, Niagara Falls, the New York Finger Lakes, Radio City Music Hall, and New York City. Copies of this booklet are available for free at the West Goshen **Township Administration** Building, at public events in the parks, or by contacting West Goshen Park and **Recreation Director Ken Lehr** at klehr@westgoshen.org or at 610-696-5266, ext. 4104.

# Shakespeare's Comedy "The Tempest" Comes to Community Park

We are such stuff that dreams are made on.

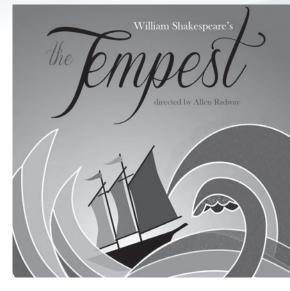
Ten years ago, Commonwealth Classic Theater Company (CCTC) began a mission of bringing outdoor theater to public parks with their production of George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man" at West Goshen Community Park in 2005. Since then, CCTC has become the Philadelphia area's preeminent touring outdoor theater company.

Once again, West Goshen Township is proud to welcome back CCTC with their production of "The Tempest" at West Goshen Community Park on Saturday, July 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM with a raindate of Sunday, July 19th at 7:00 PM. The performance is FREE OF CHARGE.

One of Shakespeare's most popular comedies, the play begins on a magical island where the wronged Prospero, a self-directed and self-taught Magus, and his daughter, Miranda, have been forced into exile by his usurping

brother, Antonio. Prospero, the former Duke of Milan, has become ruler of this small island, forcing its inhabitants to do his bidding. Directed by Allen Radway (director of CCTC's 2012 OUR TOWN, and Producing Artistic Director of Simpatico Theatre), this outdoor production charts a journey of self-discovery, romance and redemption, as Prospero lures those responsible for his exile to the lonely and remote island and makes the journey from revenge to forgiveness while Miranda learns to embrace her "Brave new world."

David Howey, Head of the Acting Program at the University of the Arts, stars as Prospero. He was an actor in England for 30 years, working with the Royal Shakespeare Company, the National Theatre, in London's West End and in innumerable TV series and films. He has appeared on Broadway twice and acted with the Walnut



Street Theatre, Bristol Riverside, the Arden, Interact, Simpatico, Lantern, Philadelphia Shakespeare Theatre, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Wilma Theatre, People's Light and Theatre and 1812 Productions.

Check www.westgoshen.org or call 610-696-5266 after 5:00 PM on the date of the performance for rain determination.

### **Barker Park to Receive New Playground Equipment**

New playground equipment will be installed at Barker Park this spring. We apologize for any inconvenience to park users while the new equipment is being installed.



We all know we should pick up after our dogs. However, you may not realize why it's so important, as dog waste can spread infectious diseases. In 1991, the Environmental Protection Agency labeled dog waste as a non-point source pollutant in the same category as herbicides, insecticides, oil, grease, and acid drainage from abandoned mines. Diseases from dog waste can be carried

with rainwater, contaminating our groundwater and streams. Contrary to some misconceptions, dog waste does not make a good fertilizer but instead is toxic to lawns.

A single gram of dog waste can contain 23,000,000 fecal coliform bacteria which are known to cause cramps, diarrhea, intestinal illness, and serious kidney disorders in humans.

Some diseases from dog feces can be spread directly to humans including hookworms, roundworms, tapeworms, threadworms, campylobacteriosis,

e. coli, salmonellosis, yersiniosis, cyclospora, cryptosporidium, giardiasis, toxoplasmosis. Parvo spread from dog feces can be deadly to canines.

Coccidia can cause diarrhea in puppies and kittens.

In addition to picking up after your pet, it is important to remember to have your dog up to date with vaccinations, fecal examinations, and deworming.



# 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.

## The Life of Trash

he Environmental Protection Agency estimates that the average American generates 4.62 pounds of garbage every day. While this number represents an improvement from previous years due to improved packaging, increased recycling, and other reduction measures, individual choices can still result in greatly reduced trash tonnage.

While much organic waste can be safely composted, many components of garbage take much longer to decompose. See the table at right for the decomposition rates of some common garbage items.

Many of these items can be easily removed from the waste stream by composting or recycling. Organic items such as apple cores, orange peels, or other food scraps make up 12% of the weight of all garbage, making it the largest category or garbage by weight. If composted, these items can contribute valuable nutrients to soil. If left to decompose in an anaerobic environment like a landfill, this source of garbage produces methane, a gas 21 times more damaging to the environment than carbon dioxide. Landfills are the single largest source of methane in the world, accounting for over 34% of the methane released into the environment.

Some items that take long times to decompose—like glass bottles—can be readily recycled and reused instead. Other items, like paper, may not take long to decompose, but comprise the largest component of garbage based on volume. Nearly all of it is recyclable. Aluminum is readily recyclable, with more than 120,000 aluminum cans recycled in the United States each minute. However, every three months enough aluminum cans are disposed of with garbage in the United States to rebuild the entire American commercial air fleet.

Information about residential recycling in West Goshen Township may be found on page 18, and details about institutional recycling are available on page 17.

The next time you hear the expression "Reduce, reuse, recycle," remember: The alternatives could be long-lasting.

Train ticket:	2 weeks
Paper towel:	2-4 weeks
Apple core:	2-8 weeks
Newspaper:	2-6 weeks
White office paper:	2-4 weeks
Cereal box:	4-6 weeks
Banana peel:	1 month
Paper bag:	1-2 months
Corrugated cardboard:	2 months
Cotton shirt:	3 months
Waxed cardboard carton:	3 months
Cotton T-shirt:	3-6 months
Paperback book:	6-12 months
Canvas dropcloth:	l year
Orange peel:	1-2 years
Plywood panel:	1-3 years
Dental floss:	1-5 years
Wool sock:	1-5 years
Cigarette butt:	1-12 years
Plastic grocery bag:	10-20 years
Plastic film container:	20-30 years
Leather shoe:	25- 50 years
Disposable diaper:	20-550 years
Nylon carpet:	30-40 years
Coat hanger:	50 years
Tin can:	50 years
Rubber-soled sneakers:	50-80 years
Automobile tire:	50-80 years
Battery:	100+ years
Aluminum can:	100-250 years
Plastic six-pack ring:	100-400 years
Plastic water bottle:	450-1,000 years
Sanitary pad:	500-800 years
Monofilament fishing line:	600 years
Glass bottle:	1,000,000+ years
Compact disc:	Indefinite
Mirror:	Indefinite
Plastic shirt button:	Indefinite
Rubber band:	Indefinite



# West Goshen Adds Electronic Waste Disposal at Municipal Complex

### Saturday, October 24th 9:00 AM - Noon

Chester County will not be able to accept electronic waste at their Household Hazardous Waste Disposals this year. West Goshen Township has added an electronic waste disposal at the West Goshen Municipal Complex on Saturday, October 24th between 9:00 AM and noon. Plugin and electronic devices including laptops, computers and peripherals, electric typewriters, telephones, microwave ovens, cameras, cellular phones, calculators, dehumidifiers, small appliances, fax machines, keyboards and mice, printers, and air conditioners will be accepted. Smoke detectors, large appliances and projection televisions will not be accepted. A \$20 fee will be required for any glass (tube) televisions or computer monitors. All data media will be destroyed or wiped. Items will be broken down for their components and recycled by eForce Compliance.

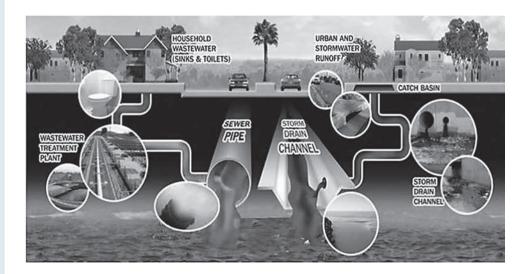
This service will be restricted to Chester County residents or to businesses with fewer than fifty employees.

West Goshen residents are reminded that electronic devices may not be disposed of with regular trash pickup in accordance with Pennsylvania's Covered Device Recycling Act of 2010.

The Township will also add another **Shred-It Saturday** event on Saturday, November 7, 2015. Look for more information in the Fall 2015 issue of The West Goshen Township Newsletter.

### **Stormwater and Clean Stream Management**

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### **Minimum Control Measures and Best Management Practices**

In order to improve stream and waterway quality, federal regulations establishes Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) that must be implemented through the MS4 program. The six regulations are:

- 1. Public Education and Outreach
- 2. Public Participation and Involvement
- 3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- 4. Construction Site Runoff Control
- 5. Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment
- 6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations and Maintenance

Municipalities meet these MCM requirements through a series of Best Management Practices (BMPs) which are schedules of activities, prohibition of practices, structural controls, design criteria, maintenance procedures, and other management practices that reduce pollution to the waters of the Commonwealth.

### **MS4 TMDL Plan**

The Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) is the maximum amount of a pollutant that a waterbody can receive in order to meet water quality standards. Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act requires that states develop impaired waters lists for rivers, lakes, coastal waters, and estuaries that do not meet water quality standards. If a municipality has an MS4 that discharges into an impaired waterbody with a TMDL, it is required to



have a TMDL control plan in order to control pollutants and to ensure incremental progress is made. West Goshen, along with many other municipalities in Southeastern PA, is required to have such a plan.

### **Recycling Requirements**

Homeowners in West Goshen Township who receive residential trash service will have curbside recycling collections on Mondays as described on page 18.

Each owner, operator, or administrator of a school, hospital, nursing home, public agency, restaurant, store, office building, factory, shopping center, condominium, apartment building, or homeowner association must provide for collection of the following recyclable materials at least once a month:

**Businesses:** Corrugated, white bond/ copier/letterhead, and computer paper; aluminum, steel, and bimetallic cans.

Multi-unit residences: 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; non-corrugated cardboard. Check with your apartment complex or homeowners association to determine which materials to recycle.

Owners, operators, or administrators of these properties must provide easily accessible and suitable recycling containers and written instructions to each occupant, employee, patron, or resident which clearly describe what materials are to be recycled, how the materials are to be prepared, and how the collection system works. Educational facilities must provide for separation and collection of recyclable materials in classrooms, administrative offices, cafeterias, and dormitories.

For more information about recycling requirements, contact 610-696-5266, ext. 4305.







In West Goshen Township, recyclables are comingled in a single recycling container. These comingled recyclables are brought to a sorting center in Valley Forge where they are separated and processed. Paper, cardboard, metals, and plastics are crushed and baled before further processing.

West Goshen residents can take two easy but important steps to facilitate processing of recyclables:

- ► Plastic bottles should have their caps removed and disposed of in the regular trash, as caps are made from a different type of plastic that are not recyclable.
- ➤ Also, newspapers and cardboards should not be stored in plastic shopping bags, as these bags are not recyclable with the paper products and often create additional waste.

# How, What, When, and Where for Trash and

Trash and recycling information is made available in the West Goshen Township Newsletter in the spring and fall issues each year. The following guide for disposing of recyclables, household hazardous wastes, and other trash items is for homeowners not affiliated with a homeowners association in West Goshen Township.

Residential establishments with four or more units and commercial, municipal, and institutional establishments are responsible for individually contracting at their sole cost and expense for the collection of waste and recyclables with any collector/hauler licensed by West Goshen Township.

### **RECYCLABLES**

### (Mondays)

There is no maximum limit. The following items are recyclable:

- Cans, including aluminum, steel or tin.
- Bottles and jars, including clear, brown, or green glass.
- Plastics, #1 through #7
- Flattened boxes, including cereal boxes, corrugated cardboard, and other cardboard boxes Please note that all cardboard items must fit into your recycling bucket. Cardboard must be cut into pieces no larger than two feet by two feet, and bagged (paper bags only) or bundled into stacks no larger than one foot thick.
- Paper, including junk mail, telephone books, catalogs, white paper, wrapping paper, magazines, and newspapers

All items must be placed in a West Goshen Township plastic recycling bucket or a trash can with a Township recycling sticker affixed to it. Recycling stickers are free and may be obtained from the Township. If you have moved into new construction, you may obtain a recycling bucket at no cost at the Township Administration Building. Twenty gallon recycling buckets are available for purchase (\$10 each) at the Township Administration Building. Mark each bucket with your street and house number. Place at curbside

before 6:00 AM or the night before. Recycling buckets must be placed to the left or right of trash cans, with at least three feet of clearance between the containers.

The following items are NOT recyclable and should be disposed of with regular trash:

- Tissues, paper towels, and napkins
- Food wrappers
- Wax or plastic coated boxes
- Tyvek envelopes
- Metallic wrapping paper
- Light bulbs
- Plate glass, window glass, drinking glasses, or mirrors
- Crystal
- Ceramics
- Aerosol paint cans
- Ovenware
- Plastics without identifying recycling numbers
- Empty oil cans or bottles
- Styrofoam
- Lids from plastic bottles

### TRASH

### (Mondays/Thursdays)

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

Please follow these guidelines to make sure your trash is being picked up safely and in a timely manner:

- Your trash container has a unique identification number assigned to your home. We recommend that you make note of your toter number and/or indicated your address in permanent black marker on it to avoid confusing your container with those of neighbors.
- All trash (except bulk items) must be placed inside the Township-provided container
- Place your container on the street with the front wheels against the curb and the handle and wheels facing away from the street.
- Make sure your recycling container is

- placed at least three feet to the left or right of the trash toter.
- Position your container so it is at least four feet away from mailboxes, cars, or any other obstacles.

### **BULK TRASH**

### (Thursdays)

A maximum of one bulk item will be collected per week. A bulk item is an object which two people can lift. Disabled refrigerators, air conditioners, and other cooling units must be tagged that freon has been removed. Refrigerators must have front doors removed. No building materials, railroad ties, automotive parts, or tires will be picked up. A maximum of four carpet rolls, each no longer than four feet in length, will be collected.

### **YARD WASTE**

West Goshen Township provides monthly yard waste service to residents between April and October on the dates in the chart on page 19. Homeowners may place leaves, branches, twigs, and other yard wastes in trashcans or biodegradable paper yard waste bags, or tied in bundles no more than four feet in length with branches no more than four inches in diameter at their curbside for collection. Yard waste will not be collected from plastic bags, and grass clippings will not be accepted. There is no limit to the number of trashcans, paper bags, or tied-up bundles that will be accepted.

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

### **NO TRASH SERVICE**

If a collection day for regular trash, recycling, or bulk pickup falls on a holiday, collection will occur on the very next day. If the holiday falls on a Monday, the second pickup that week will also be postponed to the following Friday. Midweek holidays may affect the regularly scheduled Thursday trash collection.

# Recycling



Chester County will
not accept electronic waste at their
HHW Disposals this year, but West Goshen
has added an e-waste dropoff!
See article on page 16.

### **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

Items labeled with any of the following words can not be disposed of with regular trash: CAUTION, TOXIC, DANGER, FLAMMABLE, WARNING, CORROSIVE, EXPLOSIVE, REACTIVE, COMBUSTIBLE, POISONOUS, or HAZARDOUS. Explosives, ammunition, radioactive wastes, and infectious or unidentified wastes will not be accepted for disposal. Please contact the proper authorities if you have a waste item that poses a significant danger. Use the chart below to determine items that may be brought to the Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Collection sites. Collections begin at 9:00 AM and end PROMPTLY at 3:00 PM.

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

Latex paints will not be accepted—they may be air dried or mixed with cat litter and disposed of with your regular trash pickup. Motor oil and tires will not be accepted, but may be brought to your local service station. Call 610-273-3771 for locations for automotive related materials.

Please pack all household hazardous wastes safely in original containers for transport.

# Keep this guide of **Yard Waste Collections** and **Household Hazardous** and **Electronic Waste Disposals** handy for future reference:

<b>Curbside Yard Waste Collection</b>
Saturday, May 16th
Saturday, June 13th
Saturday, July 11th
Saturday, August 15th
Saturday, September 12th
Saturday, October 10th
Saturday, November 14th (Fall Leaf Collection)
Saturday, December 5th (Fall Leaf Collection)
Saturday, December 19th (Fall Leaf Collection)

### **Household Hazardous Waste Disposal**

### Saturday, May 16th:

Owen J. Roberts Middle School 981 Ride Road, Pottstown, PA 19465

### Friday, June 26th:

Coatesville Learning Center 1425 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320

### Saturday, September 12th:

Oxford School District Admin. 125 Bell Tower Lane, Oxford, PA 19363

### Saturday, October 10th:

Chester County Government Services 601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19382



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TOWNSHIP HOLIDAYS: Township offices will be closed on Monday, May 25th and Friday, July 3rd. Trash will be picked up on Tuesday, May 26th and Friday, May 29th. Because the Independence Day holiday falls on a Friday, trash collection will not be affected that week.

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