



West Goshen

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West Goshen Township Welcomes Two New Supervisors

Christopher Pielli, Esq. and Hugh J. Purnell, Jr. joined the West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors at the January 4, 2016 Township Organization Meeting after each was elected in November 2015.



“My advice to West Goshen residents is to get to know your neighbors. They are a treasure!”

—Christopher Pielli, Esq.

A native New Yorker, Chris Pielli moved to the West Chester area in 1981 when his father, a retired firefighter, became a teacher at Fugett Middle School. Except for a stint in the U.S. Army and studies at Temple University, Pielli has lived in the West Chester area since then, moving into West Goshen thirteen years ago, where he and his wife Christine have raised their two children, Andy and Angelina. A practicing lawyer since 2000, Pielli opened his own practice in 2004 to serve the community’s legal needs in the areas of criminal, family, traffic, and various civil law matters. He is a long time arbitrator

for the Chester County Court of Common Pleas arbitration panel and a substitute Solicitor for the Chester County Mental Health Court. Elected a Democratic State Committeeman in 2014, Pielli ran for Supervisor in 2015 to protect the quality of life West Goshen residents deserve and have come to expect by properly planning for the future both fiscally and developmentally.

“During the campaign, I knocked on over 1,300 doors and had the opportunity to meet a lot of fantastic and interesting people,” says Pielli. “No matter if they were Republicans, Democrats, or Independents, they all seemed to share a strong sense of community and a willingness to engage in meaningful dialogue.”

Pielli adds: “To me it’s simple: It’s not about politics, it’s about families and homes.”

Hugh J. Purnell, Jr., a lifelong resident of the West Chester area, has, with his wife Shelagh, called West Goshen Township home since 1969. Hugh



“My goal is to maintain the high quality of life in this Township.”

—Hugh J. Purnell, Jr.

Purnell graduated from Widener University, and he and Shelagh raised their son Hugh III and daughter Kelcie in West Goshen Township. His numerous civic engagements have included involvement with the West Chester and Chester County Chambers of Commerce, the Good Will, First West Chester, and Lionville Fire Companies, the Jaycees, the West Chester Players, the North Hills Civic Association, FOP Lodge 11 Home Association, Elks Lodge #853, F & AM

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Christopher Pielli, Esq. and Hugh J. Purnell, Jr. join Philip J. Corvo, Jr., Raymond H. Halvorsen, and Edward G. Meakim, Jr. on the West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors.

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.

Chester County Hospital

Location: 701 E. Marshall Street

The proposed plan will add a new parking structure and continue with Penn Medicines expansion of the Chester County Hospital.

Andrews Bridge Associates

Location: 1075 Andrews Drive

The proposed plan will seek to allow mobile storage units to be stored on-site.

The following plans have been approved for construction:

415 Goshen Road Subdivision

Location: 415 Goshen Road

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

612 Willowbrook Lane

Location: 612 Willowbrook Lane

The approved plan allows for the redevelopment of an existing warehouse facility into additional upscale office space.

A plan or zoning file may be viewed, by request, by contacting Bill Webb, Zoning Officer at 610-696-5266, ext. 4120 or by email at bwebb@westgoshen.org.

Township Information

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

6 year elected term

Raymond H. Halvorsen, *Chairman*

Edward G. Meakim, Jr., *Vice-Chairman*

Philip J. Corvo, Jr., *Member*

Christopher Pielli, Esq., *Member*

Hugh J. Purnell, Jr., *Member*

ADMINISTRATION

Casey LaLonde, *Township Manager*

Derek J. Davis, *Assistant Township Manager*

Jeanne M. Denham, *Finance Director*

Raymond H. Halvorsen,

Director of Public Works

J. David Woodward,

Assistant Director of Public Works

Richard J. Craig, *Township Engineer*

Mark Bertolami, *Streets Superintendent*

Dorine A. McClune, *Parks Superintendent*

WEST GOSHEN POLICE

1025 Paoli Pike, W.C., 19380

Police 911 or 610.696.7400

Fax 610.696.3935

police@westgoshen.org

Joseph J. Gleason, *Chief of Police*

SEWER TREATMENT PLANT

848 S. Concord Rd., W.C., 19382

610.696.0900

Fax 610.429.9360

Michael Moffa, *Wastewater Superintendent*

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Gerald L. Napiecek

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Michael McKinley, *Alternate*

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Julie Potts, *Secretary*

Monica Drowniany

Vito Genua

Robert Holland

Will Morrison

John T. Wildrick

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Dan Tierney, *Treasurer*

Theodore J. Murphy, Esq., *Member*

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Raymond H. Halvorsen

Robert Holland

Bill Keenan

Thomas A. Teneza

Walker Tompkins

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*

Susan Batten, *Member*

Maria Janoski, *Member*

Andrew Mosier, *Member*

Gerald L. Napiecek, *Member*

Peggy Niemeyer, *Member*

AUDITORS

William Gale, *Chairman*

Len Iacono, *Secretary*

Paul Linkmeyer, *Member*

TAX COLLECTOR

William R. Keenan

TOWNSHIP PARKS

Barker Park

Falcon Lane by Westtown Way

Coopersmith Park

Spring Lane, off West Chester Pike

Lambert Park

1145 Pottstown Pike

West Goshen Community Park

Fern Hill & North Five Points Roads



Part of Our Community

With the election of two new Supervisors, West Goshen bids farewell to two experienced Township officials.

Patricia B. McIlvaine has served on the West Goshen Board of Supervisors since 2002, after her election as the Township's first female supervisor in November 2001. Prior to that, she had served as West Goshen's tax collector, and had served on the West Chester Borough Council prior to moving to West Goshen Township. A nurse by training, McIlvaine also served as a legislative aide to State Representative Elinor Z. Taylor between 2000 and 2007.

McIlvaine's responsibilities on the Board of Supervisors included serving as the first female Board Chair, and representing West Goshen Township on the West Chester Counsel of Governments (WCCOG).

"She loved interacting with officials from surrounding townships," says

current Board Chair Raymond H. Halvorsen. "She always believed you accomplished great things from sharing common interests."

Theodore J. Murphy joined the West Goshen Board of Supervisors in January 2011. Having moved into West Goshen Township in 2000, Murphy had served in the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne, graduated from Georgetown University with a degree in history and government, and earned his law degree from Temple in 1994, with a Master's in International Law from there in 2007.

"He's very intelligent," says Vice-Chairman Edwards G. Meakim, Jr., emphasizing Murphy's work on the Roslyn neighborhood traffic control and the Sunoco pipeline.

"Ted's very cerebral," agrees Chairman Halvorsen. "He's an incredible deep thinker. He really understands the mechanisms of business decisions."



Theodore J. Murphy, Esq. and Patricia B. McIlvaine

Murphy will continue to serve West Goshen Township on the Sewer Authority. "I'm sure he'll help us in any other way," says Halvorsen.

Patricia McIlvaine will spend more time with her grandchildren and with her husband Dick, and continue her involvement in causes and organizations she has been associated with including the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 106.

Public Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors (7:00 PM, second Wednesday of each month): February 10; March 9; April 13.

Park and Recreation Board (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month): February 17; March 16; April 20.

Planning Commission (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month): February 16; March 15; April 19.

Sewer Authority (7:30 PM, first Wednesday of each month): February 3; March 2; April 6.

Zoning Hearing Board (7:00 PM, first Thursday after the second Wednesday each month, except where otherwise noted): February 11; March 10; April 14.

All meetings are held in the Township Administration Building. There is a public comment period at each meeting. Additional Zoning Hearing Board Meetings may be added as needed. Check www.westgoshe.org for updates.

2016 Annual Budget

The West Goshen Board of Supervisors approved the 2016 General Fund Budget, Sewer Fund Budget, and Waste and Recycling Fund Budget at their December 9, 2015 meeting. Detailed budget information is available for review at www.westgoshen.org/PDFs/Finance/2016_Budget.pdf.

2016 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

REVENUES

Taxes	\$13,327,648
Licenses	547,054
Fines & Forfeits	195,000
Interest & Rents	59,224
Intergovernmental Revenue	619,051
Departmental Earnings	596,025
Miscellaneous Revenue	227,180
Fund Equity & Other	9,995,004
Total Revenues	\$25,566,186

EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$2,636,637
Public Safety	6,918,150
Highways	3,214,283
Parks & Recreation	1,894,309
Libraries	20,000
Debt Service & Capital Projects	566,948
Misc.	-
Other Financing Uses	2,143,276
Reserved for Future Year's Expenses	8,172,583
Total Expenditures	\$25,566,186

2016 SEWER FUND BUDGET

REVENUES

Interest Earnings	\$6,000
State Aid Employee Pension	77,485
Connection Fees	2,000
Sewer Rents	4,725,646
Misc. Revenue & IWP	38,200
Fund Equity & Other	4,509,887
Total Revenues	\$9,359,218

EXPENDITURES

Administrative Expenses	\$808,766
Rent to Authority	445,000
Collection	876,561
Treatment Plant	2,914,066
Transfers	50,621
Reserved for Future Year's Expense	4,264,204
Total Expenditures	\$9,359,218

2016 WASTE AND RECYCLING BUDGET

REVENUES

Interest Earnings	\$2,000
Grants	75,000
Waste & Recycling Income	2,164,750
Miscellaneous Revenue	8,000
Fund Equity & Other	1,852,894
Total Revenues	\$4,102,644

EXPENDITURES

Administrative Expenses	\$146,567
Professional Services	12,970
Contracted & Other Services	1,780,336
Reserved for Future Year's Expenses	2,162,771
Total Expenditures	\$4,102,644

File Your Local Taxes Online

Remember to file your local taxes online by April 18th at www.KeystoneCollects.com. Keystone Collections Group's e-file is easy, fast, secure, and accessible 24 hours a day. Filers will need a 2015 W-2, Social Security Number, and any other income documents that may apply (such as a PA-UE or a Schedule C). Anyone working in Philadelphia or claiming an out-of-state tax credit may be eligible for a local earned income tax credit up to the amount owed to West Goshen Township. The worksheet on the back of the form will help calculate out-of-state tax credit.

Questions regarding local tax filing can be addressed to Keystone's Taxpayer Helpline at 1-888-328-0565 or via email to "Taxpayer Resources Support" at www.KeystoneCollects.com.

Township Auditors Sworn In, Board and Committee Members Appointed at Annual Meeting

In addition to Supervisors Edward G. Meakim, Jr., Chris Pielli, Esq., and Hugh J. Purnell, Jr. Len Iacono and Paul Linkmeyer were also sworn into their elected positions as Township Auditors at the January 4, 2016 Annual Organization Meeting.

The West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors made the following appointments for Township boards, authorities, committees and commissions:

- Planning Commission: Monica Drewniansy and Vito Genua
- Park and Recreation Board: Joseph Waters
- Sewer Authority: Frank Biasi (Alternate)

- Vacancy Board: William Keenan.
- Pension Committee: William Keenan; Thomas A. Teneza; Walker Tompkins; Robert Holland; and David B. Brune. Raymond H. Halvorsen will serve as the committee's Board liaison.

Raymond H. Halvorsen will chair the Board of Supervisors in 2016. Edward G. Meakim, Jr. will serve as vice-chair.

Anyone interested in serving West Goshen Township by joining a board or commission is encouraged to contact Township Manager Casey LaLonde at 610-696-5266, ext. 4126 for information.

Keeping West Goshen's 93 Miles of Roads Snow Free

Each year, the West Goshen Township Newsletter publishes an updated snow removal guide for property owners, with important information you should know 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. which 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.

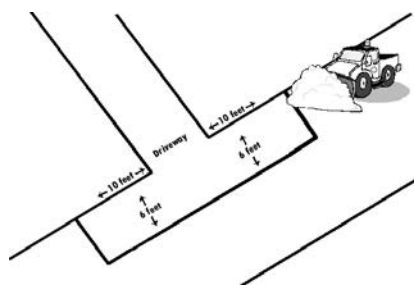
■ **Keep cul-de-sacs and roads free of parked cars from the time snow starts until the roads are cleared.** In the case of steep driveways, park at the mouth of the drive, but off the road. If a car is parked on a roadside or cul-de-sac, we may not finish plowing that street, but return several hours 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 above illustration as a guide for shoveling before the roadways have been cleared.

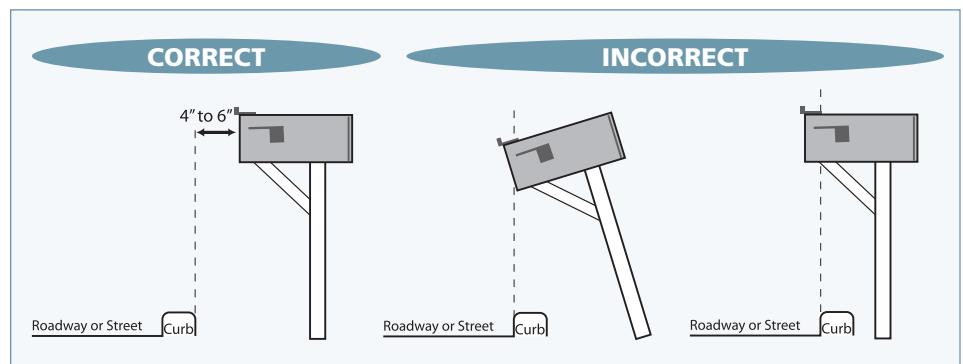
■ **Be patient. Snow removal does take time, especially in heavy snowfall.** West Goshen Township will usually plow potentially dangerous and heavily travelled areas first. Drivers begin one pass in each direction on streets and one pass into and out of cul-de-sacs. Once an initial clearance is made 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.** The following streets are cleared by the developer or property owner: Cougar Lane, Derry Lane, Furr Avenue, Gated Lane, Hicks Road, Honeysuckle Court, Hydrangia Court, Kimes Avenue, Links Drive, Llewlyn Circle, Morning Glory 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.



Police Swear In Two New Officers, Promote Four

At a public swearing-in ceremony on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, the West Goshen Township Police Department welcomed two new officers and promoted four others.

Magisterial District Justice William D. Kraut administered the oath of office to Officers Robert Story, Jr. and Kyle Maye. Story comes to West Goshen Township after serving for eleven years in the Parkesburg Police Department. He also worked for the East Fallowfield and Kennett Square Police Departments prior to that. Officer Maye is a 2014 graduate of the Police Academy, and has earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Delaware. He also serves in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard as a First Lieutenant.

Two sergeants, Michael Carroll and Justin DiMedio, were promoted to the rank of lieutenant.

Lt. DiMedio had previously supervised the Traffic Safety Division. He first came to the West Goshen Police Department in 1995, and was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2010. He has a bachelor's degree from West Chester University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. "He's highly regarded throughout the law enforcement community in the region for his expertise in accident reconstruction, his professionalism, and his work ethic," says West Goshen Police Chief Joseph Gleason.

Lt. DiMedio's new responsibilities will include overseeing patrol, administration, and accreditation.

Lt. Carroll worked with the detectives prior to his promotion, as well as serving as an active threat instructor for the county under the Chester County Chiefs of Police and the District Attorney's Office. Carroll began working for the West Goshen Police Department in 1996, and joined the Criminal Investigations Division in 1999. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2008. He also has a bachelor's degree from West Chester University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Chief Gleason emphasizes the qualities Carroll will bring to his new position: "He's probably one of the most intelligent officers I've ever met," he said, adding, "He has excellent leadership skills." As a lieutenant, Carroll will supervise operations with regard to investigations, juvenile and community relations, the emergency response team, and training with an emphasis on firearms training.

Officer Darren Sedlak was promoted to the rank of sergeant at the ceremony. He will oversee the Criminal Investigations Division. Sedlak has served on the Patrol, Traffic Safety, and Criminal Investigation Divisions since joining the West Goshen Police Department in 1997.

"If I were ever to commit a crime, Darren is the last officer I would want on my case," says Chief Gleason. "Darren is relentless."



Officer Robert Story, Jr.



Lt. Justin DiMedio



Officer Kyle Maye



Lt. Michael Carroll

"He has a gift for criminal investigation," adds Captain Greg Stone.

Newly promoted Sgt. Brian Griesser will oversee the Traffic Safety Division. Since joining the West Goshen Police Department in 1999, Griesser has worked with the Patrol and Traffic Safety Divisions. According to Chief Gleason, Sgt. Griesser will bring his trademark quiet leadership to his new role: "He's very low-key. He doesn't look for the spotlight."

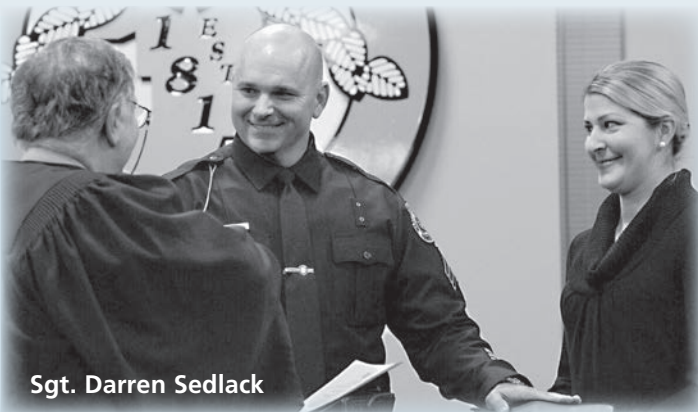
To achieve the rank of sergeant, officers must have a minimum of five years of non-disciplinary service, be evaluated by their supervisors, and take an oral exam with senior officers and a command staff officer from Harrisburg offering independent review. Lieutenants are executive appointments recommended by the Police Chief and approved by the Board of Supervisors.

"A police department is an investment in the safety and security of the residents who live within the community," said Chief Gleason at the ceremony. "These promotions are establishing a command structure that ensures the residents of West Goshen Township a present and future department of leadership, bar none!"

Second Annual Run Commemorates Sgt. Richard Geiger



The West Goshen Township Police Officers' Association is sponsoring the second annual "Run 2 Remember Richie" 5k run and 1 mile walk on Saturday, March 26, 2016. The race will begin and end at the VFW Post 106 Lodge at 837 Lincoln Avenue and will benefit the family of Sgt. Richard Geiger, who died from glioblastoma multiforme in July 2014, as well as adult brain cancer research through the Brad Kaminsky Foundation. Registration is \$35 through March 1st, or \$40 after that date. Participants will receive T-shirts and post-race refreshments at the VFW Lodge. Awards will be presented to age group winners as well as top male and female finishers. To register online, visit www.runccrs.com.



Sgt. Darren Sedlack



Sgt. Brian Griesser



Roonie Says...

While Roonie's Canine Corner offers dogs a great opportunity to run offleash, owners are reminded that a responsible person (age 12 or older) must be present with the dog to clean up any dog waste and to remove the dog if it displays any aggressive behaviors. After snowfalls, pet owners have been witnessed lifting their dogs over the dogpark fence and placing their canine friends inside to run in the park. This is dangerous and against the dogpark rules. While we realize our staff may not immediately clear the gated entrances to the dogpark due to their responsibilities as part of the plowing team, visitors to Roonie's Canine Corner may not use that as an excuse to have their dogs run inside the park while they stand outside.



For the complete list of dogpark rules, please visit www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Park_Rec/Dogpark.cfm.

ROAD RULES

Regardless of whether there's snow on the ground, you can take steps to prepare yourself for winter and all that it brings. Preparation is key to successfully navigating winter roads. Winter weather can bring unexpected conditions, so make sure that your vehicle is ready for ice and snow.

For the majority of Pennsylvania, all-season radial tires that are mud and snow rated are appropriate for winter driving. In areas of the state that experience more snow, motorists may choose to install dedicated winter tires or carry a set of tire chains or cables.

Motorists should bring with them an emergency kit with the following items: a flashlight and batteries; a battery-operated radio; jumper cables; a cell phone and charger; a snow shovel; matches and candles; first aid supplies; extra warm clothing and gloves; a blanket; an ice scraper; sand or cat litter; bottled water; non-perishable food; anything else you may need to accommodate family traveling with you (special

medication, baby supplies, pet food, etc.).

For more information on winter preparations, visit www.dot.state.pa.us/public/PubsForms/Publications/PUB%20650.pdf

As we experience inclement winter weather conditions, the West Goshen Police Department would like to remind you to be sure to clear your vehicles of snow and ice before taking to the roads.

Section 3720 of The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code states: "When snow or ice is dislodged or falls from a moving vehicle and strikes another vehicle or pedestrian causing death or serious bodily injury as defined in Section 3742 (relating to accidents involving death or personal injury), the operator of the vehicle from which the snow or ice is dislodged or falls shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000 for each offense."

Drive carefully and please allow for extra time when driving in inclement weather conditions.

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Lodge #322, West Chester Lions Club-Daytime, the Goshen Fair, the Chester County Hospital Fair, West Chester Recreation, the Friends of West Chester Parks and Recreation, the Friends of Marshall Square Park, and numerous automobile clubs. An accountant who has had his own business in West Goshen Township since 1983, Purnell has served on the Republican

Committee since 1982 and was elected to three terms (eighteen years) as an Auditor for West Goshen Township.

"I love West Goshen Township," says Purnell. "I've basically lived here all of my voting life."

Purnell says he decided to draw from his experience as an accountant and

as a Township Auditor and run for Supervisor shortly after the passing of his friend, West Goshen Supervisor Dr. Robert S. White. "I had a fairly close relationship with Dr. White, especially in regards to the Township finances. I honestly thought it was necessary to have someone on the Board with financial acumen."



Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa

Proper Disposal of Fireplace Ashes

Each year the Fire Departments serving West Goshen Township respond to fires that are caused by improper disposal of hot coals or ashes from fireplaces, wood stoves, pellet stoves, grills, or mobile fireplaces designed for use on decks or patios.

The fact is that coals and ashes from fires can remain hot enough to start a fire for many days after you think the fire is out. The exact amount of time for complete extinguishment and cooling depends on many factors such as how hot the fire was, what was burning, how much unburned fuel remains, etc.

To be safe, simply treat all ashes and coals as hot, even when you think they had time enough to cool. If possible,

allow ashes and coals to cool in the area where you had the fire for several days. These devices are designed to contain their heat safely. When it is time to dispose of the ashes, transfer them to a metal container and wet them down. Keep the metal container outside your home and away from any combustibles until the refuse is hauled away. **DO NOT** place any other combustibles in the metal container. **DO NOT** use a combustible container. They should never be disposed of in a plastic garbage bag or can, a cardboard box, or a paper grocery bag.

More Fireplace Safety Tips

- Have your chimney inspected annually and cleaned as necessary by a professional chimney sweep to ensure it is clear of obstructions and creosote.

- Repair any cracks in your chimney and fireplace.
- Use fireplace screens to keep sparks and fire debris inside the fireplace.
- Do not use an accelerant to start a fire
- Ensure the fire is completely out before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Make sure the area around the fireplace is clear of all combustibles (Three feet away is a good rule).
- Keep all children and pets a safe distance from fireplaces.
- Install both smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Keep a fire extinguisher on hand.
- Observe all safety precautions when using outdoor fireplaces. They can be just as dangerous as indoor units.

Disposal Events

West Goshen residents looking to dispose of household hazardous wastes, electronic devices, or to shred home office papers may do so at the following events:

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: Chester County residents may bring household hazardous wastes for disposal to CAT Pickering, 15809 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville, PA, 19460 on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. **The county will NOT accept electronic devices at this disposal.** Proof of residency may be required. Household Hazardous Waste events start at 9:00 AM and end promptly at 3:00 PM. Information about future Household Hazardous and Electronics Waste disposals will be listed in the Waste and Recycling Guide in the Spring 2016 issue of The West Goshen Township Newsletter.

ELECTRONICS: West Goshen residents wishing to dispose of electronic items may do so at the West Goshen Municipal Complex on Saturday, April 9, 2016 between 9:00 AM and noon. Plug-in and electronic devices including laptops, computers and peripherals, electric typewriters, telephones, cameras, cellular phones, calculators, small appliances, fax machines, keyboards and mice, and printers will be accepted. Smoke detectors, large appliances and projection

televisions will not be accepted. A \$30 fee will be required for any glass (tube) televisions or computer monitors, and a \$10 fee will be charged for microwaves, dehumidifiers, and air conditioners. All data media will be destroyed or wiped. Items will be broken down for their components and recycled by eForce Compliance. West Goshen will also host an electronics dropoff on Saturday, November 5, 2016. This service will be restricted to West Goshen residents or to Township 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.

SHREDDING: On Saturday, April 2, 2016 between 9:00 AM and noon, West Goshen residents can bring personal documents to the West Goshen Municipal Complex to be securely shredded and recycled, watch their items being destroyed on the shredding truck's closed-circuit monitor, and rest assured that their documents will ultimately be recycled and not added to landfill space. Items from businesses will not be accepted. Each West Goshen resident may bring up to four file boxes (9" x 12" x 18") containing paper documents. Discs, credit cards, or other non-paper items will not be accepted. A fall shredding event will take place on Saturday, November 12, 2016.

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.

Take Advantage of a Natural Resource by Creating

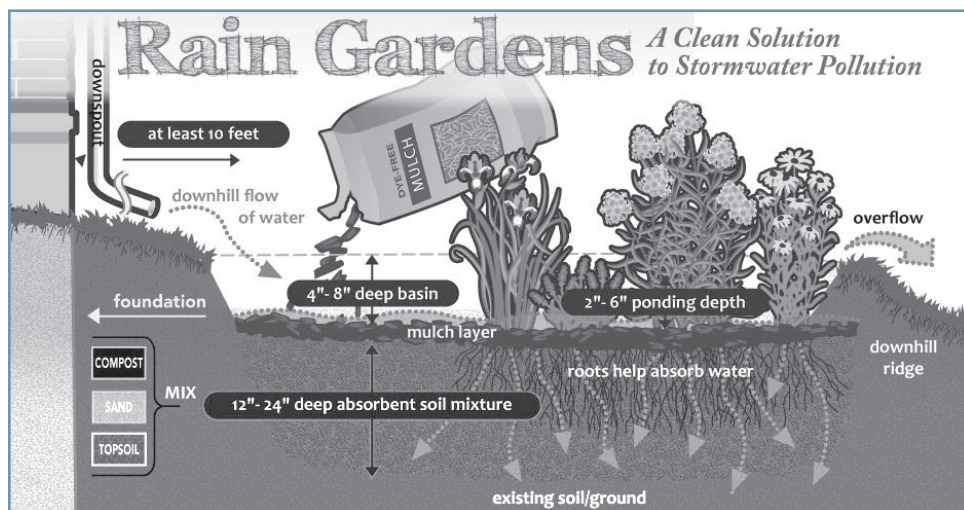
Rain gardens are a natural and beautiful way to help your streams while taking advantage of an abundant natural resource, rainwater. These gardens in slight depressions in the ground trap rainfall from a roof or driveway and prevent it from adding to the polluted runoff that damages streams. Trapped rainwater is allowed to slowly sink into the ground while supporting beautiful plants that attract birds and butterflies.

You can create your own rain garden in three easy steps...

1.

Pick the Right Location and Size

The best locations are in natural depressions or low lying areas where water flows naturally from a downspout, driveway, patio, or sidewalk. Avoid steep slopes and areas near septic systems or drinking water wells. You must be able to move water from the hard surface (roof, etc.) to the garden location, either by directing a downspout with an extended tube towards it, or simply by following contours and capturing water that is naturally flowing downhill. The rain garden should be at least ten feet away from any foundations or utilities and have well-drained soils that water can infiltrate within one day (thus preventing mosquitos from breeding in puddles). To test your soil, dig a small six to eight inch deep hole and fill it with water. The site should drain within six hours. The site should be large enough to handle the amount of water it will receive, and be positioned so that overflow during large storms moves away from your house.



A properly sited and prepared rain garden will not allow mosquitoes to breed. Your rain garden will drain within 24-48 hours after a storm. Mosquitoes need seven days or more to complete a breeding cycle.

2.

Create a Design and Select Plants

Once you have a location and size for your garden, sketch it out on paper. Determine the mix of species you would like to use, including flowers, grasses, and shrubs that are drought tolerant but can withstand wet conditions. Native plants are adapted to local conditions, easy to maintain and attract birds and butterflies. Fill in your sketch with your selected plants. If you are planting a mix of shrubs, flowers, and grasses, make sure that you are accounting for the location of the sun during the summer months. Shrubs and taller grasses should be positioned so that they are not blocking the sun from lower growing

sun-loving species. Most grasses and flowers should be spaced 10-12 inches apart on center.

3.

Construct and Plant your Garden

Spray paint or otherwise mark on the ground the exact shape of your rain garden. Excavate to a depth of 4-8 inches, creating a berm on the downslope side of your garden using the removed sod. If the soil at the bottom of your basin is the same color and consistency as the top layer you removed, you can plant right into it. If it looks lighter, you will need to add compost, topsoil and mulch. If the soil appears compacted, you can use a tiller to loosen it. Try to keep the bottom of the basin as flat as possible to increase the area that will come in contact with water regularly. Add plants following your design, placing species that need the most water in the lowest lying areas or in the most direct path from the downspout. Water regularly during

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a Rain Garden

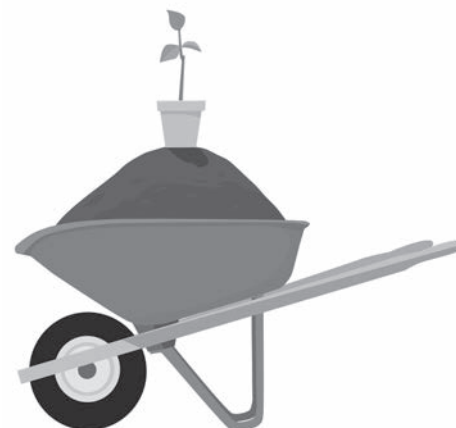
the first year if there are long stretches without rain. Once established, your garden will not need watering or mowing. Monitor your garden regularly so that you can remove any weeds that may grow up before they spread. Mulching and planting grasses and flowers in tight bunches can minimize weed growth.

If you are using power equipment to dig you must call 811 to have utility lines marked. Calling 811 is recommended even for hand digging. Homeowners performing work on their property are not charged for this service. Allow three business days to have lines marked.

Information courtesy of the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association. For more information, visit www.crcwatersheds.org/rain-gardens.html.

Master Your Organic Waste by Composting

Learn how to compost, construct various compost bins, grasscycle, leafcycle, and reduce food waste by vermi-composting by registering for the Master Composter Class with the Chester County Solid Waste Authority. These free classes meet one evening per week over three weeks at the Chester County Library in Exton (450 Exton Square Parkway, Exton, PA between 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM promptly on Wednesday, March 2nd, Wednesday, March 9th, and Wednesday, March 16th. The Chester County Solid Waste Authority will provide training, materials, volunteer opportunities, and support. Participants who attend all three classes and perform six hours of volunteer service will receive a Master Composter Certification. Call 484-796-4041 to register or for more information.



Yard Waste Collection Dates

West Goshen Township announces the following 2016 yard waste collection dates for homeowners:

March 19th
May 21st
July 16th
September 17th

April 16th
June 11th
August 13th
October 15th

In addition, leaves will be collected on Saturday, November 12th, Saturday, December 3rd, and Saturday, December 17th.

Yard waste and leaves can be placed in biodegradable paper bags or trash cans. **Yard waste will not be collected from plastic bags.** Branches not exceeding four feet in length may be bundled together. There is no limit to the number of paper bags or bundles to be collected.

Visit www.westgoshen.org or check the West Goshen Township Newsletter Waste and Recycling Guide in the Spring 2016 issue for more information about yard waste collection.

Keeping Our Local Creek Clean

This year's annual cleanup of the Goose Creek in West Goshen Township will take place on Saturday, April 30th, between 9:00 AM and noon. The cleanup is coordinated by the Chester-Ridley Crum Watersheds Association with assistance from the West Goshen Public Works Department. Volunteers are needed to help with the effort. Interested individuals or groups interested in volunteering to help with the effort can contact the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association at 610-359-1440 or via email at crc@nni.com. Gloves, coffee, and bagels will be provided. Volunteers with boots and waders are encouraged to bring them.



Don't Miss Out! Come Early for the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade

This year's Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade will take place at 10:30 AM on Saturday, March 19th at West Goshen Community Park. Make sure your family does not miss out on the fun by following these simple guidelines:

- Arrive early and allow time for parking, as the Easter Bunny arrives promptly by fire engine at 10:30 AM.

- **The event is FREE of charge for children age two through nine years old who live in West Goshen Township.** Guests are encouraged to bring a dry good donation (soap, toilet paper, diapers, shampoo, deodorant, laundry detergent, etc.) to go to the West Chester Food Cupboard, or gifts of new socks, t-shirts, and men's underwear for the Coatesville Veterans' Administration Hospital.

- Children are divided by age group. Please make sure your children participate in the correct age grouping. The starting times for the different ages are staggered,

so parents may see their children participate even if they are in different age groups.

- Please make sure children are with a responsible adult, and are paying attention to all instructions for the safety of all participants.

- Parents are encouraged to check contents of Easter Eggs before children put anything in their mouths. Eggs contain candy and, for the older children, coins and small toys. Some candy may have peanut content.

- After the Egg Hunt, children wearing decorated hats can join in the parade with the Easter Bunny! Prizes will be awarded for the most original hats. Every child participating in the Decorated Hat Parade will receive a commemorative medal.

- West Goshen residents can register their children for the West Goshen Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade online at www.westgoshen.org.



- In the event of rain or snow, the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade would be postponed until Saturday, March 26th. Check www.westgoshen.org on the morning of March 19th for weather determination.



Learn About Future Bus Trips

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department offers two ways for you to receive advance notice about upcoming bus trips. To receive the latest updates sent directly to your email inbox, visit the Park and Recreation page of the West Goshen Township website at www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Park_Rec/Park_Rec.cfm and sign up for your free monthly subscription to "The Rec Room." You'll receive advance notification of bus trips, special events, programs, and activities throughout the year. Or email Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org with your name and address and type "Bus Trip Brochure" in the subject line to receive your guide to the Park and Recreation Department's 2016 bus trips.

West Goshen Partners with East Goshen for

Yard Sale!

West Goshen will partner with East Goshen for a Community Yard Sale spanning the two Townships.

The Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, May 7th between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Participating residents can register to add their own sites to the official Yard Sale Map. Up to thirty spaces will be at the West Goshen Municipal Complex for West Goshen residents living in apartments or condominiums.

This will be the first time West Goshen partners with East Goshen Township on the Community Yard Sale. Please follow these tips to help make it successful:

- All participating vendors must reside in East Goshen or West Goshen Township. East Goshen residents must contact the East Goshen Park and Recreation Department at

610-692-7171. West Goshen residents must contact the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266 or via email at klehr@westgoshen.org

- Neighbors are encouraged to partner out of one neighborhood location where possible.
- There is no charge to add your location to the Yard Sale Map and listing. In order to do so, please complete and return a Community Yard Sale Site Form to the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department by May 1, 2016.
- There will be a \$10 charge per space for West Goshen residents reserving spaces at the West Goshen Municipal Complex location. Due to a limit of thirty spaces at this location, registration will be limited to one space per household on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Participating vendors are responsible for their own tables, chairs, canopies, or any other items related to sales.
- Sales are limited to personal effects or handcrafted items by West Goshen residents. Businesses are not permitted to participate.
- Explosives, firearms and weapons, medications, food items, drug paraphernalia, and pornographic materials will not be permitted. (Food and beverages will be available at the West Goshen Municipal Complex location.)

A map and listing of participating locations in both East and West Goshen Townships will be made available at www.westgoshen.org and at the West Goshen Township Administration Building the week before the Community Yard Sale.

Park and Recreation Department Trips to New York and Washington

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department announces Spring 2016 bus trips, with return visits to New York and Washington, DC, and a chance to see one of the hottest shows on Broadway!

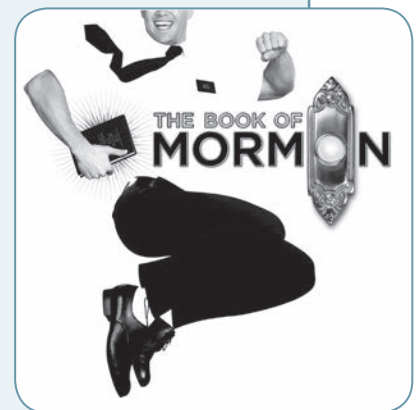
Join a tradition and welcome in spring by visiting Washington, DC for the **Cherry Blossom Festival** on Sunday, March 20th. See the blossoms or visit the monuments and museums (many free!) around the National Mall. \$45 per person includes round-trip motorcoach transportation and driver tip.

On Sunday, April 10th, spend some free time in New York City before seeing the smash hit **"Book of Mormon"** (winner of nine Tony Awards!) and concluding the day with a memorable Italian dinner at Carmine's. \$225 per person includes a mezzanine seat for the show, dinner, motorcoach

transportation, and driver and server tips.

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department hosts its **annual spring New York trip** on Sunday, May 8th. Get dropped off in the Times Square area, and spend the day touring the Big Apple as you see fit. \$40 per person includes round-trip motorcoach transportation and driver tip.

For more information and registration forms, visit www.westgoshen.org or contact Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at 610-696-5266, ext. 4104.



New Year, New You!

Work Outdoors with Summer Programs

Did you make any New Year's resolutions such as to get in better shape, to spend more time outdoors, to take on new challenges, by helping out in your community, or just to have more fun? If so, then we encourage you to keep your resolutions by joining our team of summer counselors who proudly provide safe and fun children's programs in West Goshen!

Being a summer counselor is a rewarding part-time position which is ideal for high school graduates and college students or anyone seeking hands-on experience working with children outdoors. Counselors are assigned to one of four park locations in West Goshen Township for the duration of the eight-week programs working weekday mornings between June 20th and August 12th. The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is currently seeking enthusiastic individuals to plan, facilitate, and supervise safe and enjoyable outdoor activities for participants of West Goshen's Summer Recreation Program, Summer Teen Program, and Afternoon Sports Clinics.

Summer Recreation Program: Summer Counselor (Age 18 +)

Summer counselors are responsible for the direct supervision and well-being of the participants while communicating and enforcing program rules and expectations outdoors in a team environment. Summer counselors are required to plan, lead, and actively

"This will be my sixth summer with West Goshen. I keep coming back because it's been such a great experience every year. The kids are great, the field trips are awesome and Ken, Tom, and my co-counselors make it such a great environment to work in." —Stephanie Doran

supervise a variety of age appropriate recreational activities such as sports, games, crafts, special events, and field trips for children between the ages of five and twelve. In addition to working weekday mornings, summer counselors are assigned to one Afternoon Sports Clinic per week instructing activities such as lacrosse, tennis, soccer, or tee-ball. Summer counselor applicants are required to be eighteen or older and have a high school diploma by June 20, 2016. Applications must be submitted by Monday, March 16, 2016 to be scheduled for an interview.

Summer Recreation Program: Junior Counselor Positions (Ages 16 & 17)

The junior counselor position provides support to the summer counselors while gaining introductory experience working with children in a recreational group setting. Junior counselors are required to perform physical activity outdoors such as activity set up/clean up in addition to a variety of daily responsibilities as directed by the summer counselors / program directors. Applicants must be sixteen years old by June 20, 2016, be willing and able to work maturely in a group environment, and submit a completed Application for Employment by Monday, April 13, 2016.

Summer Teen Program: Summer Teen Counselors (Age 18+)

The Park and Recreation Department is accepting counselor applications for our Summer Teen Program supervising participants between the ages of thirteen and fifteen. Summer Teen Program counselors are responsible for planning, facilitating, and supervising sports, games, and special events for participants at Lambert Park. Summer Teen Program counselors also attend weekly field trips and participate in community service projects. Applicants are required to be eighteen or older



"Working as a counselor in the summer teen program has been an extremely valuable and fun experience. It has strengthened my interest in the field of education and has enabled me to become a better teacher." —Brian Kraeer

and have a high school diploma by June 20, 2016. Applications for the position of summer teen counselor are to be submitted by Monday, March 16, 2016.

For more information on position requirements, responsibilities and expectations contact Summer Program Coordinator Tom Steines at 610-696-5266 ext. 4103 or at tsteines@westgoshen.org. Applications for Employment are available at the West Goshen Township Administrative Building or may be downloaded from www.westgoshen.org/PDFs/Forms/Employment_Application.pdf. West Goshen Township is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Friends of West Goshen Parks Invite You to Get Involved in Your in the Community

The Friends of West Goshen Parks celebrate exciting new developments in 2016. The Board of Directors has expanded to eight members with the additions of West Goshen residents Susan Batten, Maria Janoski, and Andrew Mosier. Batten, a local artist, has begun work on a series of paintings featuring West Goshen parks to be made available as a series of notecards later this year. And, of course, the Friends of West Goshen Parks is busily preparing for another year of fun in West Goshen's parks, with preparations for the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade and fundraising for the Summer Concert Series well under way.

The Friends of West Goshen Parks welcomes your involvement in the community by helping at events, attending planning meetings, or joining

the Board of Directors of The Friends of West Goshen Parks. Involvement in the Board of Directors is open to anyone, and would require a commitment to attend six meetings per year and lend assistance at events.

If you would like to support the mission of The Friends of West Goshen but are unable to devote the time to volunteer, you can show your support by joining The Friends of West Goshen Parks as an active member by completing the registration form below and returning it with a \$10 annual membership fee or greater contribution.

For more information about The Friends of West Goshen Parks contact West Goshen Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at 610-696-5266 or via email at klehr@westgoshen.org.

Support Local Businesses Who Support the West Goshen Summer Concert Series

The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department thanks the following businesses for supporting the 2015 Summer Concert Series: Park Valley Associates, TD Bank, Buckley, Brion, McGuire, and Morris, LLP, and Krapf's Coaches. In addition, Ice Line, McDonald's of Parkway Center, and The Palace Bowling and Entertainment Center provided prizes for the 2015 Harvest Festival.

If your business would like to help support the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department's free public events, contact Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org.

The Friends of West Goshen Parks, Inc. Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Indicate email address if you would like to receive information about upcoming events: _____

Please check if you would like to receive information about:

Joining the Board of Directors as an Officer

Helping with publicity

Volunteering at events

Helping with fundraising

Make your \$10.00 check payable to: "The Friends of West Goshen Parks, Inc.", P.O. Box 441, West Chester, PA 19381



William Quinn (left), Vice-President of Operations for Krapf's Coaches, and Linda Verno (center), Vice-President of Park Valley Associates were recognized at the December 9, 2015 meeting of the West Goshen Board of Supervisors for their sponsorship of the West Goshen Summer Concert Series. Presenting them with their certificates is Edward T. Smith (right) of the West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board.

Walk for Paws with the SPCA

The Chester County SPCA is sponsoring a 5K "Walk for Paws" at West Goshen Community Park on Saturday, April 30, 2016 to raise funds for homeless animals. For information, visit www.walkforpaws.com, or for information about the Chester County SPCA visit www.ccsPCA.org or call 610-692-6113.



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Township Holidays

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