



West Goshen

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We're Going Digital!

The West Goshen Township newsletter will be going into a digital format starting in the Spring of 2019. Residents will be able to read the digitized version in one of two ways. Either provide us with your email so that you may receive it directly in your inbox OR simply go to our website where it will be available at any time for the general public to view.

For those that still prefer a print form, you will be given the ability to "opt-in" to such a version so that you can continue to receive the printed newsletter in the mail. As part of this change, the printed version of the Township Newsletter will have a new look. A communication will be going out to all residents after the New Year in order to give everyone the opportunity to provide their emails for the digital version or allow you to stay with the print version.

We encourage as many residents as possible to enjoy the new digital version. If you would like to get a head start in giving us your preference, please send an email to the following address:

newsletter@westgoshen.org

Your email should contain **ONE** of the following messages:

- 1) I would like the digital version sent directly to my email (include desired email address)
- 2) I would prefer to continue the print version (Include full name and physical address)

Thank you and we hope you enjoy our new digital newsletter!

Sewer Rates to Increase in 2019

Dear Residents,

This communication is to inform you that, as of January 2019, the sewer rate for West Goshen will be increasing by \$40 per quarter for a new quarterly rate of \$105. Since sewer and trash services are billed together, the new residential bill for trash and sewer service will increase to \$190 per quarter.

Due to the fact that these quarterly bills are always delivered for the previous 3 months after service has already been provided, your new bill with the increase will not be mailed out until April 2019. You will still receive your January 2019 bill, but it will be for the current amount of \$150 per quarter. The entire increase is solely from sewer service. Trash service will not be increasing. Commercial rates will be increasing as well but require different calculations so more information for that will be given in the near future.

As has been discussed at public meetings extensively over the past year, needed infrastructure upgrades to the West Goshen Wastewater Plant as well as to the entire sewer collections system prompted the majority of the Board of Supervisors to approve the increase.

We encourage you to read the articles on pages 6 and 7 of this Newsletter, providing you with a history of the West Goshen Wastewater Treatment Plant as well as a brief overview of the ongoing projects.

Any questions or concerns, feel free to call the township office at 610-696-5266.

Sincerely,

Casey LaLonde
Township Manager

Derek Davis
Asst. Township Manager

Can You Spot Historic Markers Around West Goshen?

When we travel around Chester County and Pennsylvania, we often discover historic markers along our journeys. The large, navy blue signs perched on the edge of the road call out to us in hopes that we will stop and admire the historic sites. West Goshen Township is home to a historic marker honoring the Minquas Trail.

The Minquas Trail was a seventeenth century Native American trade route used by fur traders. This trail began near the intersection of the Susquehanna River and the Conestoga River in present day Lancaster County. It traveled through Chester County to settlements near Philadelphia's Schuylkill River as well as Dutch and Swedish settlements along the Delaware River. Over the past three-hundred and fifty years, the Minquas Trail has been paved over by roads, farms, and neighborhoods. One of the few remaining sites marking the historic trail is located in West Goshen Township. The site is situated on the west side of South High Street at Church Avenue.

On Saturday, November 14th, 1925, a dedication ceremony honored the

Minquas Trail. The historic marker was brought to life through the efforts of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission and the Chester County Historical Society. This historic marker is unique compared to the markers we see today. It consists of a bronze plaque embedded into a large, vertical boulder. The natural monument explains, "The Great Trail of the Minquas or Susquehanna Indians from the Susquehanna to the Schuylkill. Crossed the present road about this point. It was the path prior to 1670 for their conquest of the Lenni-Lenape or Delaware Indians and for trade with the first Dutch and Swedish settlers on the Delaware River. Thousands of beaver skins yearly being carried down over this 'Beversrede' or Beaver Road to Fort Beversrede on the site of Philadelphia and to other neighboring trading posts."

Many years later on Tuesday, June 26th, 1951, a second historic marker was installed near the same location. A rededication of the site was marked with the well-known navy blue sign from the



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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

Police Academy Returns

The West Goshen Township Police Department is hosting its second Citizens' Police Academy. The primary objective is to afford an opportunity for community, business, and religious leaders to become informed about the many aspects of police work. The Academy is designed to give the attendees an understanding why police respond to various situations in a particular way and how they ultimately handle those situations. It will give attendees the opportunity to see the benefits of public service and learn about the challenges and demands associated with law enforcement.

We believe the academy experience will be a pleasant introduction to the role of policing and its role in society. Our attendees will gain a greater understanding of the safety procedures required in policing and will learn some of the techniques used in addressing crime in our community.

Our ultimate goal is to foster relationships between law enforcement, communities, and businesses. We hope to create a partnership with the community, thus creating a better quality of life for those we serve.

The Citizens Police Academy is free. Acceptance to the academy is not guaranteed. Applications shall be thoroughly reviewed and, if accepted, you will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement. Acceptance is at the sole discretion of the Chief of Police.

Applications are available on the Police Department section of the West Goshen website or by stopping into the Police Department. The application must be completed and submitted no later than Thursday, February 28th, 2019 before 3:00 PM to Lieutenant Michael Carroll. Electronic submissions are permitted for consideration; however, if accepted into the program, the original hand-signed application shall be required by the police department.

The Academy will be held every Wednesday evening, beginning on March 20th, 2019 for nine consecutive weeks through May 15th, 2019. Classes will begin at 7:00 PM and last approximately two hours.



Public Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors

(7:00 PM, third Tuesday of each month):
December 18; January 15;
Annual Organization Meeting—
Monday, January 7, 5:00 PM.

Historical Commission

(7:00 PM, fourth Thursday of each month):
December 27; January 24.

Park and Recreation Board

(7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month, no meeting in December):
January 17.

Planning Commission

(7:00 PM second Tuesday of each month):
December 11; January 8.

Sewer Authority

(7:00 PM, first Wednesday of each month):
December 5; January 2.

Zoning Hearing Board

(7:00 PM, as needed.
Visit www.westgoshen.org
to confirm hearings.)

All meetings are held in the Township Administration Building.

There is a public comment period at each meeting.

Check www.westgoshen.org for updates.

Plowing Through Winter Storms

To help you ensure your property and West Goshen's roadways are safely and adequately cleared during a snowfall, the West Goshen Township Public Works Department annually publishes its snow removal guide with steps you can take before the snow arrives, while removing snow from your driveway and sidewalks, and while the Township's Publics Works Department is plowing the streets.

Before the snow arrives...

Place mailboxes correctly behind curbs. Take the time to make sure the front of your mailbox is at least 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 roadways. Tree branches over roadways not only impede driving sightlines, but also pose an extreme hazard during snowfalls, as they may droop into traffic or break from the weight of snow, potentially landing on vehicles or blocking roadways. 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.

Remove parked cars from roadways and cul-de-sacs prior to snow storm 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.

Be informed. For information about

preparing your property for snowfall, visit the West Goshen Winter Operations Guide at www.westgoshen.org/download/Public_Works/SnowPlan.pdf.

When removing snow from your driveway and sidewalk...

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 Township Code, punishable by fines up to \$1,000 per day. The ordinance also prohibits piling snow into storm gutters.

Leave the last six feet of your drive unshoveled until the plowing has ceased. This unshoveled part will allow the snow being pushed by the plow to remain on the plow and not dumped into your drive. If you must shovel out your drive, clear a six-foot area of the road that is directly in front of the mouth of your drive. In addition, clear an area ten feet before and after the mouth of your drive, so that when the plow comes through, it will unload snow that it is pushing in the cleared area and not in the mouth of your driveway. Use the illustration below as a guide for shoveling before the roadways have been cleared.

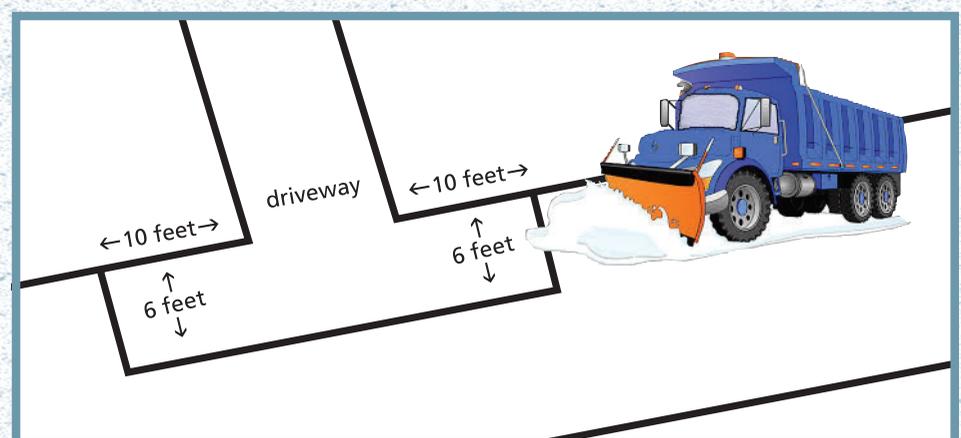
While West Goshen Township is plowing the roads...

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, 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, 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.

Report any problems to West Goshen Township at 610-696-5266, ext. 4305 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.



Can You Spot Historic Markers Around West Goshen?

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. This marker reads, "Great Minquas Path: An important Indian trail, key to Pennsylvania's fur trade in the 17th century, crossed the present highway near here. It linked trading posts on the lower Schuylkill with Indian towns to the west. The Dutch, Swedes, and English fought one another for control of path."

Historic markers throughout the county and the state are keepers of our history and a reminder that our past should never be forgotten, and provide an opportunity to learn about their connection to the surrounding areas.

As 2018 draws to a close, members of the Historical Commission are excited to see what emerges in the new year, and hope to create and install a West Goshen Township designated historic marker. Although our Township's history may be hidden behind our modern landscape, the installation of historic markers throughout the Township will validate and secure our history for current and future generations to admire.

Let us know if you have an idea for a historic marker location! Contact the Historical Commission at westgoshenhistory@gmail.com or leave us a comment on our Facebook page!

This article was written by Kevin Pistiner of the West Goshen Historical Commission.

New Rental Ordinance Takes Effect January 1st

A new Rental Ordinance takes effect in West Goshen Township beginning January 1st, 2019. The West Goshen Board of Supervisors approved the ordinance to provide additional safeguards to protect tenants while also ensuring that the Township receives earned income tax from those individuals who are renting in West Goshen. The new ordinance ensures that all non-owner occupied units shall be registered no later than December 30th of each year; Rental units shall be inspected at every tenant change and the property registration shall be updated. The inspection is a checklist inspection that requires basic safety items from the International Property Maintenance Code, including smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, handrails, and proper address identification. Township inspectors will also verify that there is no improper infiltration of stormwater into the public sewer system.

If you have any questions, please contact West Goshen Zoning Officer Bill Webb at bwebb@westgoshen.org.

Roonie Says...

Pet owners need to ensure the security of their pets when enjoying a nice winter fire. The ASPCA offers the following tips for pet owners using a fireplace:

- **Train your pet to stay away.** Most animals won't venture to areas that are too hot, but some animals are curious...especially if they see their human friends gathered around a fireplace. Make sure they know their boundaries and keep them a safe distance from the fire.
- **Supervise your pet by the fire.** Do not leave your pet unattended near the fireplace while a fire is burning.
- **Use a fireplace screen or glass door.** Not only is it best to keep a physical barrier between your pet and the fire, but the screen or glass door will also prevent embers from popping out of the fireplace.
- **Consider a pet gate.** If your pet is curious and will not keep away

from the fireplace, a pet gate will allow you to prevent your dog or cat from accessing the room with the fireplace while allowing you and your family to enjoy its warmth.

- **Keep the hearth area clear.** Flammable items should never be kept near the fireplace. Make sure your pet does not bring anything near the hearth.
- **Have a fire extinguisher handy.** Keep one on-hand near the fireplace just in case the fire grows out of control.
- **Store fire tools and accessories safely.** Often, fire tools are stored in stands next to the fireplace. Make sure yours are stably stored in a manner and location where your pet can not accidentally knock them over or burn his or her paws by brushing against hot fire tools.
- **Avoid roughhousing near the fire.** If your pet sees you playing near the fire, he or she will want to

join in. Choose a safer location to engage in physical activities with your family and pet.

- **Watch the mantle decorations.** Make sure evergreen branches, garland, and lights are out of reach of your pets. If your pet enjoys playing with these items, you may want to consider forgoing them along the fireplace mantle.
- **Inspect your fireplace.** As Fire Marshal Andrea Testa indicates, the best time to do this is before the first winter use.
- **Check the flue and damper.** Make sure the flue is open before beginning any fire.

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A History of West Goshen Township Sewer Authority

There is often confusion resulting from the misconception that a municipal authority is merely the child or instrumentality of the municipality incorporating it. For reason of public policy, municipal authorities are not the creature, agent or representative of the municipality organizing it, but rather, it is a separate and distinct legal entity. A municipal authority is an independent agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania exercising governmental, as well as private corporate power, in assisting the Commonwealth in meeting the needs of its residents.

West Goshen Township has a municipal authority, the West Goshen Sewer Authority (the "Authority"). Its governing body is a five-member board (the "Board"). Each member of the Board is appointed by the Board of Supervisors for a five-year term. The

expiration of the terms of the members is staggered so that the term of at least one member expires each year.

Under Pennsylvania's Municipal Authorities Act, the Authority was given the power to acquire, hold construct, improve, maintain, and operate a sewer system (the "Sewer System") and may borrow money, make and issue negotiable bonds, and secure the payment of such money or bonds. The Authority is the owner of the Sewer System and leases it to the Township who is responsible for operations, maintenance, and repair. Since the Authority is the owner of the Sewer System, only the Authority has the power to sell the Sewer System.

A Certificate of Incorporation dated September 22, 1958 was issued to the Authority by the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and was amended on October 30, 1986 to extend the existence of the Authority to the year 2036, and again amended on May 24, 2017 to extend its form of existence an additional 50 years.

The Sewer System was constructed by the Authority at the request of the

Board of Supervisors in 1959. In 1963, the Authority constructed the Sewer System in the Township. In 1978 and 2000, the Authority completed major system upgrades and expansions, which increased the system's average design capacity from 4.5 MGD to 6.0 MGD. The Sewer System currently has a monthly average design capacity of 9.0 MGD and a peak flow capacity of 15.0 MGD. The Sewer System utilizes trickling filtration followed by activated sludge and permits the Authority to treat sewage to a level considerably more advanced than currently required by its existing NPDES permit.

The Sewer System includes 10 pumping stations and over 120 miles of sewer lines and force mains with 5,986 connections and includes an extensive interceptor/pumping system to collect and transport sewage to the treatment plant. The Sewer System provides service to all of the Township as well as portions of four other municipalities. These Chester County municipalities include East Goshen Township, West Whiteland Township, Westtown Township, and Thornbury Township.

Ongoing Wastewater Improvement Projects

A comprehensive review of the West Goshen Township wastewater collection, conveyance, and treatment systems was conducted in 2015. The review indicated that significant improvements and capital investments were required to replace aged and deteriorated infrastructure, to improve operations and personnel safety, and to prepare for future treatment requirements. The capital improvement plan was carefully developed to ensure that the improvements made would not impact the wastewater treatment plant's ability to meet pending effluent discharge limits. Rather, improvements were designed to enhance the ability to make future improvements to meet future limitations if necessary.

Below is a brief overview of what has transpired since 2015 and improvements that are currently ongoing:

Generator – The approximately 40 year old emergency generator for the wastewater treatment plant was replaced with a parallel, dual generator configuration. In addition, a portable docking station was installed to allow for a towed generator unit to be utilized

for added redundancy. The original generator's 4,000 gallon underground storage tank was removed. Remediation of the old tank site was done in accordance with Pennsylvania storage tank requirements.

Headworks – The headworks improvement project consisted of replacement of an existing non-



Headworks before improvements



Headworks after improvements

functional aerated grit removal system with a new vortex style system. Also included was the replacement of a worn and deteriorated mechanical fine screen. The screen was replaced with two, smaller units for added redundancy. A portable docking station was added to allow for a towed generator unit to be utilized in case of



Prior to installation of pH Adjustment System

planned or emergency power loss to the building. The project also included upgrades to the building's ventilation system and the relocation of non-hazardous rated electrical equipment from within the hazardous rated area in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 820 standards. This project was important as the headworks facility protects downstream equipment and processes by removing rags, grit, and other debris from the influent wastewater.

Total Phosphorus TMDL – The West Goshen Sewer Authority has entered into a Second Interim Settlement Agreement with EPA whereby increasingly stringent effluent discharge limitations for total phosphorus must be met. The initial discharge limitation of 0.8 mg/L will be in effect from November 1, 2018 until December 1st, 2022. To reach the new limit, the plant's chemical system has been upgraded to include new chemical feed pumps, a new pH adjustment system, and new controls. Beginning December 1st, 2022 the effluent discharge limit for total phosphorus will be 0.1 mg/L. To meet this limit major construction is being planned to include the installation of a CoMag[®] system providing enhanced tertiary treatment, replacement and upgrades to the existing sludge dewatering facility, and modifications and upgrades to the existing aeration system.

Digester Building – Much of the digester building equipment, including the primary digester steel cover, the draft tube mixing equipment, concrete tanks, waste gas burner, much of the piping, valves and controls are original to the complex and have reached the

end of their useful service life. Some are non-functional or underperforming. A majority of the building's electrical equipment is not rated for hazardous area and does not meet the standards identified in NFPA 820.

Upgrades include replacement and/or relocation of the MCCs (Motor Control Centers), control panels, lighting, outlets, junction boxes, conduits, HVAC equipment, and the waste gas burner. Various piping, valves and pumps are also being replaced as part of the improvements. Similar to the Headworks building, a portable docking station will be added to allow for a towed generator unit to be utilized in case of planned or emergency power loss to the building.

The primary digester tank (350,000 gallon concrete tank with steel cover) has deteriorated and it was decided to replace the digesters and to relocate

the new tanks to provide a physical separation from the building. By eliminating the common wall between the digesters where the combustible gases are formed and stored, areas within the building are able to be de-rated to less significant code requirements, will reduce the amount of air exchanges required, and will be made safer for employees.

Collection System – West Goshen has over 120 miles of underground sewer pipe and over 3,000 manholes. As part of the capital program, each year, areas identified by inspection as in need of attention will be addressed. Improvements include cured-in-place pipe lining, pipe replacement, manhole lining, and manhole replacement. The goal of the collection system program is to minimize inflow and infiltration and to prevent emergency sewer blockages.

Lift Stations – West Goshen currently has ten Lift (or pump) stations, four of which are planned for improvement. Upgrades will be based on various needs relating to NFPA 820 code compliance, equipment deterioration or underperformance, and personnel safety. All lift stations, including those not scheduled for improvement, will have bypass pump connections installed to allow for connection of a temporary, external pump should there be a major malfunction within a station. The bypass connections will also be used to safely isolate a lift station for planned maintenance, repair, or upgrade.



After installation of pH Adjustment System

Trash and Recycling Information

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 homeowners associations 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. They must provide to their tenants collection for recycling of high-grade office paper, corrugated paper, cartons, aluminum, steel, bimetallic cans, clear and colored glass, and plastics #1 through #7.

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. All cardboard items must fit into your recycling toter. Cardboard must not be wedged into the toter, as any cardboard items that may not be easily removed from the toter may block the toter from being emptied. In such instances, the recycling truck will not revisit your property to empty the toter. **Cardboard items that do not fit into household recycling toters may be placed in the cardboard dumpster next to the Public Works Building at the West Goshen Municipal Complex. Large cardboard items may not be placed next to trash or recycling toters for curbside pickup.**
- Paper, including junk mail, telephone books, catalogs, white paper, wrapping paper, magazines, and newspapers.

All items must be placed in a Republic recycling toter. Your recycling toter has a unique identification number assigned to your home. We recommend that you

make note of your toter number. If you have moved into new construction, you may obtain a recycling toter at no cost by contacting West Goshen Township at 610-696-5266, ext. 4305. Recycling toters must be placed to the left or right of trash cans, with at least three feet of clearance between the containers before 6:00 AM or the night before. Homeowners are responsible for their toters, and must replace lost or damaged toters at their own expense by contacting West Goshen Township.

Trash (Mondays/Thursdays):

The Township-provided 96-gallon containers to 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.
- Electronic items, recyclables, and household hazardous wastes may not be disposed in trash toter.
- 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 toter 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 below. Homeowners may place leaves, branches, twigs, and other yard wastes in trash cans or biodegradable paper yard waste bags, or tied in bundles no more than four feet in length with branches no more than four feet in diameter at their curbside for collection. Yard waste will not be collected from plastic bags, and grass clippings will not be accepted. There is no limit to the number of trash cans, paper bags, or tied-up bundles that will be accepted.

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

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.

Electronic Waste:

Electronic devices may not be placed with regular household trash in accordance with Pennsylvania's Covered Device Recycling Act of 2010. Chester County will no longer accept electronic waste with its household hazardous waste dropoffs. Check future issues of The West Goshen Township Newsletter for special electronic waste disposal events at the West Goshen Municipal Complex.

The Chester County Solid Waste Authority will accept televisions, computers and other electronics and appliances at the Lanchester landfill for no charge for County residents with photo identifications. There is a three-unit limit



per vehicle. A complete computer system is considered one unit. All items must be intact and no disassembled items will be accepted. Residents must be able to unload their own items. Items must be put on the appropriate pallet or in the labeled gaylord box. Appliances that are mostly metal should be disposed in the metals container for recycling.

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, asbestos, tires, PCBs, alkaline batteries, gas cylinders, smoke detectors, CFL light bulbs, prescription drugs, 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. Chester County will host monthly Household Hazardous Waste Disposals in the spring through fall. Look for dates in the Spring 2019 issue of The West Goshen Township Newsletter. Use the chart below to determine items that may be brought to the Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Collection sites.

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. Electronic items are no longer accepted at Household Hazardous Waste disposals.

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

Please note that leaves and other yard waste will not be collected from plastic bags.

Additional information about leaf collection is available at www.westgoshen.org/government/departments/trash-recycling/yard-waste-fall-leaf-pickup/.

Residents and business are reminded that it is illegal to deposit leaves into streets or streams.



The final West Goshen Township residential leaf pickup takes place on Saturday, December 15th. Leaves should be placed in biodegradable paper bags or trash cans. Small twigs or branches may be placed in a biodegradable paper bag or tied in bundles. Bags are not available through West Goshen Township, but may be purchased at home improvement stores. There is no limit to the number of bags or cans that will be collected. Leaves may not be burned, raked into streets, or deposited onto stream beds.

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	

Greening West Goshen

Put Your Old Christmas Tree to Good Use

Each year, over 28,000,000 Christmas trees are sold in the United States. Unfortunately, many of these trees end up occupying valuable landfill space, where they decompose mixed with pollutants from other garbage. Don't throw out your Christmas tree. Let West Goshen Township mulch it, turning your old tree into useful woodchips which may in turn be applied to nature trails, stream embankments, or to other landscaping need, or processed into organic filter socks which not only filter out impurities from industrial outflows but help reduce erosion vs. unfiltered drainage.

West Goshen Township offers two ways for residents to dispose of their Christmas trees in an environmentally sensible fashion. Township residents can drop trees off at the designated area of the West Goshen Community Park main parking lot between December 26th, 2018 and January 13th, 2019, or place them curbside for collection on Saturday, January 12th, 2019. Anyone illegally dumping additional trees or other items will be prosecuted. Trees disposed of by either method will be mulched.

For both dropoff and curbside disposal, please make sure to remove all tinsel, decorations, and plastic bags from trees. Wreaths will not be accepted.



Reduce Your Salt This Winter

While salt may act as an effective melting agent for snow and ice, its use may have negative effects on nearby plants and streams. Keep in mind the following when spreading salt on the ground this winter:

- Shovel early. The more snow and ice you remove, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective the salt will be.
- Most salt won't melt ice when the temperature is below 15 degrees Fahrenheit. In extremely cold temperatures, salt is more likely to be brushed away (and eventually melt into the groundwater) than to serve its purpose as a melting agent.
- More salt does not mean more melting. Consider purchasing a

hand-held spreader to ensure an even application.

- Consider using a traction agent. While sand and kitty litter are good for gaining traction, they can clog sewers and degrade stream habitat when washed away. Consider an organic, biodegradable traction agent like straw or hay, or sweep up any excess sand or kitty litter before it is washed away.
- Consider deicers containing acetate, potassium chloride, or magnesium chloride. These substances have less environmental impact than sodium chloride or calcium chloride.

ROAD RULES

Increased Deer Activity on the Roadway

With autumn upon us and the earlier onset of nightfall, motorists should be prepared for the increase in deer activity and watch carefully for deer darting across the roadways. Deer movement increases during the fall breeding season, making it all the more important for motorists to drive defensively and stay alert, especially at dawn and dusk, to reduce the risk of striking a deer. Since deer often travel in small herds, motorists should exercise caution when one deer crosses a roadway as it will likely be followed by others. By following a few safety tips, motorists can help reduce the possibility of being involved in a crash with a deer.

Remember to:

- ✓ Be on the alert for individuals entering the woods early in the morning and leaving in the late evening hours.
- ✓ Make young drivers aware of increased deer movement.
- ✓ Slow down and use caution, particularly where deer crossing signs are posted and increase following distance between vehicles.
- ✓ Be especially watchful during morning and evening hours when wildlife is most active.
- ✓ Always wear your seat belt.
- ✓ Never drink and drive.
- ✓ Turn on your headlights if your wipers are on. It's the law.



Looking for a Christmas Gift or a Winter Getaway?

The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department has space available on its February 13th, 2019 trip to see the newest musical, "The Cher Show," on Broadway. See the acclaimed new show about the legendary singer, featuring music from her six decades in show-biz. This trip also includes free time in New York City and a family-style Italian dinner at Carmine's. \$195 per person includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, a ticket to the play, dinner, and driver and server tips. Information and registration is available at www.westgoshen.org.

If you are looking for a gift for someone who loves West Goshen Township, Local artist Susan Smith Batten has painted a series of watercolors featuring scenes from the four seasons at West Goshen's Community, Coopersmith, and Box Elder Parks. These designs are available on notecards that may be sent all year round, or on high-quality 11" x 14" signed and numbered matted giclee prints. Proceeds from purchases support The Friends of West Goshen Parks. Show your pride in and support for West Goshen's parks! For more information or to purchase, contact Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org or by phone at 610-696-5266, ext. 4104.

- \$8 per package of 8 notecards (2 of each design).
- \$20 per matted print, or \$75 per series of four matted prints.
- \$50 per matted print in a walnut frame.

For information about notecards, prints, or the bus trip, contact the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266, ext. 4104 or via email at klehr@westgoshen.org.

Enjoy Two Great Holiday Traditions

West Goshen residents can register to participate in two great holiday traditions with the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department

At the Holiday Decorations Workshop, participants can make their own wreaths and centerpieces for their homes or as gifts. The cost of \$15 per wreath or \$10 per centerpiece includes all supplies and expert instruction. The workshop takes place at the Community Room of the West Goshen Township Administration Building on either Wednesday, December 12th or Thursday, December 13th at 7:00 PM. On Saturday, December 15th, families

can take a break from their busy holiday schedules to enjoy the annual Breakfast with Santa at Timothy's at Parkway Shopping Center between 9:00 and 10:30 AM. Enjoy a hot buffet breakfast and quality time with the Big Guy. Children can decorate their own gingerbread men to bring home or eat. Cost is \$5 per person.

Advance registration is required for each of these events. Information and registration forms are available at www.westgoshen.org, or by contacting the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266, ext. 4104 or via email at klehr@westgoshen.org.



Holiday Fire Safety Tips

by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

Keep candles at least twelve inches away from anything that burns. More than 1/3 of home decoration fires are started by candles. This number increases to more than 1/2 of home fires being caused by candles during the month of December. The top three days for home candle fires are Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

Make sure your Christmas tree is at least three feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles, or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does

not block exits. A heat source too close to the Christmas tree causes one in every four winter fires. Although Christmas tree fires are not as common as candle fires, when they do occur they are very dangerous. On average, one out of every 45 reported home Christmas tree fires results in death. Don't overload the light strands on your Christmas tree or in your house decorations. Instead, read manufacturer's instructions for the maximum number of light strands to connect. Remove your Christmas tree after Christmas when it has become dry.

For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/winter or www.nfpa.org/winter.





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Township Holidays: Township offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 25th, Tuesday, January 1st, Monday, January 21st, and Monday, February 18th. Trash and bulk item collection will be on Friday during the week after Christmas (Friday, December 28th) and New Year's (Friday, January 4th). The regular trash and recycling schedule will not be affected by the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on January 21st and the Presidents Day holiday on February 18th.

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