



# West Goshen

Township Newsletter



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## *Sewer Rebate*

For the first time, West Goshen Township is offering a Sewer Rebate along with the Trash Rebate. West Goshen seniors age 65 or older who have an income under \$35,000 and received a Pennsylvania Property Tax Rebate this year are eligible to apply for a Trash and/or Sewer Rebate through West Goshen Township. Rebate Applications will be mailed in June to everyone who received a West Goshen Trash rebate in the past. First time applicants may receive an application for the Trash and/or Rebate program by calling 610-696-5266, ext. 4108. The Trash and/or Rebate Program application is also available at the West Goshen Township Administration Building after July 1, 2019. The Trash and/or Rebate Program application must be completed and returned to West Goshen Township by October 31, 2019.

## *Comprehensive Plan Taskforce*

In June, West Goshen officially adopted its 2019 Comprehensive Plan. Who was behind this massive body of work that will serve as a roadmap for the township for the next decade? The West Goshen Township Comprehensive Plan Task Force.

The Comprehensive Plan Task Force was made up of members of the township administration, Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission members and residents. Starting work in the fall of 2017, the Task Force was charged with developing the planning tool that will serve as the long-range vision of the township, guiding future land use and planning decisions. It is a best practice that municipalities create a Comprehensive Plan every ten years.

Over the course of 18 months, the Task Force identified key issues to address, engage in healthy discussion and debate, and ultimately set forth recommendations for each of the seven priority issues that surfaced. The Task Force met monthly; meetings were open to the public and facilitated by consultants from Ray Ott & Associates, the firm engaged to support the project. The township successfully applied for and received a grant from Chester County's Vision Partnership Program to partially fund this work.

## Meet Shaun Walsh *West Goshen's Newest Board Member*

Originally from Manchester, UK, Shaun holds a degree in Chemical Engineering from Birmingham University, UK. Mr. Walsh came to the USA in 1986 and recently retired after a 37-year career in the chemical and pharmaceutical industries where he worked in engineering, operations and facilities management roles. Shaun's career journey took him to Philadelphia (where he met his spouse, Tracey), Fayetteville, NC, and Mobile, AL, before settling in West Goshen in 1998. Shaun and his family have resided in the Township for over 20 years, raising two children here. The Walsh family has found West Goshen to be a fantastic place to live with a winning combination of amenities, natural surroundings, great neighborhoods and the overall vibrancy of the West Chester area.



Shaun Walsh

"I was always impressed with the quality of services provided by the Township and a few years back I decided I wanted to become involved as a volunteer because I believe strongly in residents supporting an efficient and effective local government. In particular, as an engineer and with my business experience in projects and capital management, I wanted to help make productive investments in public infrastructure in West Goshen that benefit residents, businesses and the wider community," Shaun states. Mr. Walsh realized that the 5-year capital program that started in 2016 to invest in upgrading the sewer facilities in the Township was a perfect opportunity for him to get engaged with the process of local government and to make a contribution. "It has been my privilege to be a member and secretary of the WG Sewer Authority for the last 3 years."

Of national and local importance is the country's infrastructure. Mr. Walsh realizes that the Township faces continuing challenges with the need to address aging infrastructure and avoid emergency spending, particularly in the sections of West Goshen that were developed many decades ago. In addition, with the recent completion of the Comprehensive Plan, township administrators and board members can now create a long-term roadmap to begin tackling the priority issues identified by residents' input, such as key road intersections to improve traffic flow. All this will require a clear and forward-thinking plan, underpinned by a smart investment strategy, and most importantly the buy-in and support of Township residents to make it happen.

Shaun believes the best way to address the issues facing the Township is through a team approach, and looks forward to working closely with the Board, township staff, residents and the community to continue to make West Goshen a wonderful place to live, work and play.

### *Comprehensive Plan Taskforce continued*

Ultimately, much time was spent addressing "the big three" issues of 1) traffic management, 2) pedestrian & bike access and 3) land use. The group mapped out the vision, goals, key projects, proposed enhancements and the next steps for these topics, as well as other priority issues. "We are very pleased with the final plan," said Task Force member Derek Davis, Assistant Township Manager and Director of Planning & Zoning. "The plan represents our best thinking, the democratic process and the deep level of interest the Task Force

brought to the project. We have a really solid piece of strategy in place now." From here, the Task Force will disband and the accountability for the plan will be shared across various groups in their functional roles. "Now it's time to start working the plan," said Davis. In some cases, that might be as straightforward as changing something on paper or as involved as commissioning a new project. We'll rely on everyone to do their part to help make our big picture plan a reality."

The 2019 Comprehensive Plan replaces the 2004 Comprehensive Plan

# *Just Ask!* The West Goshen PD Is Ready to Help

**"To Protect and to Serve"** is the philosophy of the West Goshen Police Department and they are working hard to let residents know that it is more than a catch phrase.

"A lot of the time, people tell me that they don't want to bother us, but I always tell them the same thing: Please do! That's what we are here for!" says Police Chief Joseph Gleason. "Getting involved is what police departments do."

By the numbers, getting involved looks like ~25,000 calls each year and 4 distinct divisions: Patrol, Traffic, Criminal Investigations, and Juvenile & Community Relations. The department has 31 sworn officers, 2 full-time clerical staff members and 2 full-time dispatchers.

Police Chief Joseph Gleason and Board of Supervisors Chair Robin Stuntebeck were on hand to congratulate graduates of West Goshen's Citizens Police Academy on May 15, 2019

The police department wants residents and businesses in the township to understand what the police do—and can do—for the community. To this end, the department hosts a Citizens Police Academy that is open to residents and business owners in the township who are interested in learning more about what the department does. The recent "graduating class" was made up of a variety of residents including college students exploring law enforcement as a career, church group members seeking a deeper partnership with the department and residents who wanted to be more deeply involved in the community.

Officers are also available to come speak to different groups. "We want residents to understand our accessibility to them," say Chief Gleason. "Any unit is able and willing to come out to do a presentation. We believe that sharing information is an important part of our job."

The department is considering holding multiple Citizens Police Academy sessions throughout the year if there is interest. To express your interest or request the police department to come present to your group, please send an email to [police@westgoshe.org](mailto:police@westgoshe.org).



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## Township Information

### **Board of Supervisors**

#### **6 year elected term**

Robin Stuntebeck, *Chair*  
Hugh J. Purnell, Jr., *Vice-Chair*  
Edward G. Meakim Jr., *Member*  
Christopher Pielli, Esq., *Member*  
Shaun Walsh, *Member*

### **Administration**

Casey LaLonde, *Township Manager*  
Derek J. Davis, *Assistant Township Manager*  
Jeanne M. Denham, *Finance Director*  
J. David Woodward, *Public Works Director*  
Richard J. Craig, *Township Engineer*  
Mark Bertolami, *Streets Superintendent*  
Dorine A. McClune, *Parks Superintendent*

### **Park and Recreation Board**

Nancy Pine, *Chair*  
Robert M. Cifone, *Vice-Chair*  
Edward T. Smith, *Secretary*  
Eunice Alexander, Sara J. Franco,  
Kenneth W. Lehr, Dorine A. McClune,  
Gerald L. Napiecek, Michael A. Pillagalli,  
Mary Lou Enoches, *Alternate*  
Michael McKinley, *Alternate*

### **Planning Commission**

Julie Potts, *Chair*  
Vito Genua, *Vice-Chair*  
John Hellman, *Secretary*  
Jeffrey S. Lieberman, Carrie Martin, John  
Mattia, Dr. Douglas White, DMD, John T.  
Wildrick

### **Zoning Hearing Board**

Joseph DeFelippes, *Chair*  
Scott T. Cullinan, *Vice-Chair*  
Shannon Royer, *Member*  
Alessandra O'Reilly Bellwoar, *Alternate*  
Salvatore Triolo, *Alternate*

### **Auditors**

William Gale, *Chair*  
Len Iacono, *Secretary*  
Nick Deminski, *Member*

### **Tax Collector**

William R. Keenan

### **West Goshen Police**

1025 Paoli Pike, W.C., 19380  
Police 911 or 610.696.7400 | Fax  
610.696.3935

Email: [police@westgoshe.org](mailto:police@westgoshe.org)  
Joseph J. Gleason, *Chief of Police*

### **Wastewater Treatment Plant**

848 S. Concord Rd., W.C., 19382  
610.696.0900 | Fax 610.429.9360  
Michael Moffa, *Wastewater  
Superintendent*

### **Sewer Authority**

Theodore J. Murphy, *Chair*  
Tinamarie Smith, *Vice-Chair*  
Shaun Walsh, *Secretary*,  
Dan Tierney, *Treasurer*,  
Philip J. Corvo, Jr., *Member*

### **Pension Committee**

David B. Brune, Robert Holland,  
Hugh J. Purnell, Bob Sheller,  
Thomas A. Teneza, Walker Tompkins

### **Historic Commission**

Kevin Pistiner, *Chair*  
Michael Pillagalli, *Vice Chair*  
Kent Smith, *Treasurer*  
Nancy McCabe, *Secretary*  
Richard Davis, Elizabeth Dean,  
Keith Smith, Edward Tiernan,  
Thomas Walsh

### **The Friends of West Goshen Park, Inc**

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

John Herley, *President*  
Larue Morgan, *Vice-President*  
Susan Batten, *Secretary*  
Maria Janoski, *Treasurer*  
Gerald L. Napiecek, Peggy Niemeyer

### **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



## Recycling Information



With our automated recycling not being able to accept cardboard outside of your recycling toter or a toter jammed with large cardboard pieces which cannot be emptied, the Township has a cardboard dumpster for your use. This dumpster is for **CARDBOARD ONLY**, no other waste. For your convenience the dumpster is located in the front parking lot of the Streets Building. All cardboard must be flattened/ broken down to fit into the slot of the dumpster. For security purposes

cameras have been installed at this location.

### Important Information

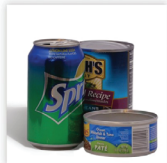
- Anyone leaving cardboard or any other waste on the ground will be fined
- Cardboard will no longer be accepted for bulk pick-up on Thursdays



THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING THESE:



**Cans**



**Aluminum and Steel Cans**  
empty and rinse



**Cartons**



**Food and Beverage Cartons**  
empty and replace cap



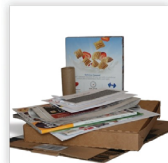
**Glass**



**Bottles and Jars**  
empty and rinse



**Paper**



**Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Magazines, and Flattened Cardboard**



**Plastic Containers**



**Kitchen, Laundry, Bath: Bottles and Containers**  
empty and replace cap

**NO!**



Do Not Bag Recyclables  
No Garbage



No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap  
(return to retail)



No Food or Liquid  
(empty all containers)



No Clothing or Linens  
(use donation programs)



No Tangles  
(no hoses, wires, chains, or electronics)

## When in Doubt, Throw it out

"Too zealous recyclers have contaminated the recyclables with trash." West Goshen residents are great recyclers, but shouldn't be tempted to be too passionate putting items in the bin that do not belong and "trashing" the recyclables. Properly prepared and collected recyclables are valued commodities sold on a global market. When too many non-recyclables (trash) are mixed in with the recyclables it all becomes "trash", and it is too costly to separate and requires disposal at a landfill. Recyclables should never be put in plastic bags. Plastic bags are not recyclable in curbside programs. They jam the source separating equipment at recycling facilities. Republic Services Offers Three Simple Steps to Help Consumers Become Better Recyclers

1. Empty: Remove any remaining food or liquid contents from your recyclable item before placing it in a recycling container;
2. Clean: Lightly rinse the recyclable item to remove any remaining residue; and

3. Dry: Gently shake out excess water or let the recyclable item air-dry before placing it in a recycling container.

By adopting these three steps, we can each do our part to help reduce materials contamination and further enhance economic viability in the nation's recycling model.



## Public Township Meetings

### Board of Supervisors

(7:00 PM, third Tuesday of each month):

August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17

### Historical Commission

(7:00 PM, fourth Thursday of each month):

August 22, September 26, October 24, November 28, December 26

### Park and Recreation Board

(7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month):

August 21, September 18, October 16, November 28, December 18

### Planning Commission

(7:00 PM second Tuesday of each month):

August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10

### Sewer Authority

(7:00 PM, first Wednesday of each month):

August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4

### Zoning Hearing Board

7:00 PM, as needed.

Visit [www.westgoshen.org](http://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](http://www.westgoshen.org) for updates.

# Shakespeare in the Park Celebrates 15 Years

"We like to say that we bring the theatre experience to our audiences back yards! Our t-shirt states: 'We like to do it in the park!' That gets a chuckle, and sometimes a raised eyebrow or two. But that is what we do. Nothing pretentious about CCTC theatre productions. We want our audiences to have fun, be moved, challenged, blown away or, at least, leave thinking about what they experienced."

Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company was unofficially founded in the fall of 2004 when Mary Ann Baldwin, founder or the Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company, invited a group of friends/theatre artists to come together to read a play, *Arms and the Man* by George Bernard Shaw. Inspired by the outdoor theater she had experienced while pursuing a career in theatre in NYC, they had a lively discussion about the viability of starting a company after the reading of the play. *Arms and the Man* ended up being the inaugural production of CCTC's main program, 'Free Theatre in the Parks' program. Mary Ann applied for and received nonprofit 501(c)(3) status for CCTC in 2005. Other founding members are Paul Parente, Trice Baldwin-Browns, Joshua Browns, Mary Carlise, Eileen Harris and Jean Harris.

Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company is currently performing 'Measure for Measure'. 'Measure for Measure' has a cast of 10 amazing actors, most are working professionals in the Philadelphia area. Robert Dondiego, (Duke Vincentio) graduated from Philadelphia's University of the Arts, while J. Hernandez (Angelo) is a Texas transplant, and Alexandra Doman (Isabella) grew up in the Philadelphia area and has returned from New York City to work with CCTC this summer!

The age range of the actors for this play is early 20's through 40's. 'Measure for Measure' has a youthful energy that lends itself to the most contemporary feeling play in Shakespeare's canon. Many of the actors take on more than one role. It lends such a nice immediacy and dynamism to the age-old issues and themes in *Measure for Measure*.

"We always strive to make our productions clear, fresh, and accessible and, we hope, exciting to our audiences. It is our intention, always, to enhance the quality of life in our community through our talents as theatre artists and through the connections we



From left to right: Robert Dondiego (Duke Vincentio) , J. Hernandez (Angelo) , Alexandra Doman (Isabella)

make with our audience—in their own backyards." Mary Ann comments.

CCTC doesn't do 'just' Shakespeare and that is on purpose. Performing outside can bring so much to the enjoyment of many different types of work. "Free Theatre in the Parks" has been the centerpiece of CCTC's producing efforts for the past 14 years. CCTC performs in 11 venues throughout Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties this summer.

Mary Ann and the troupe look forward to performing in West Goshen every year. "We love West Goshen. It is like coming home."

## Meet a Camp Counselor: Matthew Krykew



The Unicorn tribe was dredging through the river to finally meet the Panther Tribe after hours (or rather minutes) of discussion as a sign of a peace treaty. With Crawfish and Minos as their trusty steeds, the tribe crossed the river or rather the creek in Coopersmith Park located in West Goshen Township. Head Counselor Matt Krykew watches as the peace treaty occurs, while presiding over necklace making and the U.S. Soccer World Cup. Welcome to your average summer day in the life of head counselor Matt Krykew.

Being a camp counselor since 2003 Matt has been through the various ranks of being a counselor. As head counselor Matt's job is to oversee all of the various groups of daily activities and he finds that he feels as much value being head counselor as he did as a junior counselor leading the individual activities.

Matt is currently a teacher at Avon Grove intermediate school and has taught 5th grade for 11 years now. Although he loves teaching he finds that being a camp counselor is much different.

"Summer camp is a different sort of fun with a lot of different opportunities for the kids and is really more about nurturing the children but also keeping them safe. You get to have fun without a lot of the same rules as in school."

At West Goshen Summer Recreation camp the children have the choice to plan out their day. In the morning there is a parents drop off at the top of the hill where counselors will check the campers in. There are other days planned by Matt and the counselors such as water day, color day and theme day. The campers are able to choose whichever activity they like ranging from games and crafts such as creating necklaces



with foam stickers, World Cup Soccer Games, Dodgeball, or playing by the creek.

"Throughout the day we pay attention to where the planned activities are winding down and then we start activities based on that such as a nature walk." By the time a nature walk is over, the other activities will have ended and the 9:00 am to 12:00 pm day full of fun is over.

With 120 kids signed up and around 80 on average per day, there are 12 counselors to lead the way. West Goshen's summer recreation camp is so popular that they sell out of registration each year and start a waiting list. There are many reasons why the West Goshen Summer Recreation camp is so popular but Matt mainly points to the 'legacy' of the camp.

"There is a connection to the park, kids, and families to the point where kids that graduate to the teen camp want to come back and work at the park that they attended camp at. A lot of the counselors started as campers and it becomes almost a legacy."

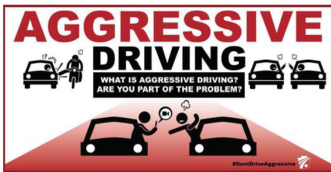
The popularity of the camp also is due to the many benefits that the children receive from it. A lot of campers get the opportunity to build new relationships with children that they wouldn't have known before as the camp includes students from at least three different West Chester schools and private and parochial schools. In addition, they are learning the value of sportsmanship, collaboration, problem solving, and a lot of creativity.

From using their imagination by the creek, to water games, and winning sportsmanship award of the day, the Summer Recreation Camp has so many benefits for all of those involved. As head counselor Matt finds it an extremely rewarding job. "Our job is mostly paying attention and lending a hand when needed, but by themselves the campers do some pretty amazing things."





## Road Rules: Aggressive Driving Enforcement Wave



Speeding and other aggressive driving behaviors are among the leading

causes of highway crashes and fatalities in Pennsylvania. According to PennDOT reports, there were 31,083 crashes involving speeding in 2016, including 458 fatalities. Tailgating was involved in 6,879 crashes, seven of which were fatal.

To deter aggressive drivers, PennDOT partners with state and local police departments to conduct aggressive driving enforcement. Since its launch in 2006, more than 580 roadways have been targeted with additional enforcement and education. The aggressive driving enforcement wave for 2019 kicks off July 22nd.

One of the most important ways to combat aggressive driving behaviors is awareness. A recent AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety research study found that 80% of motorists admit to aggressive driving habits and expressed significant anger and aggression behind the wheel. The study also revealed that drivers in the northeast are more likely to confront each other. Still, many motorists don't admit to being an aggressive driver because they might not realize they are one.

### Aggressive driving behaviors include:

- Purposefully tailgating;
- Speeding;
- Running red and yellow traffic lights;

- Weaving in and out of traffic;
- Yelling at another driver;
- Honking to show annoyance or anger;
- Making angry gestures;
- Trying to block another vehicle from changing lanes; and
- Cutting off another vehicle on purpose.
- If you identify with engaging in any of the above behaviors you may be an aggressive driver, and could be putting yourself, your passengers, and other people on the road at an increased risk of a crash.

### Follow these tips for what to do if you encounter an aggressive driver:

- Get out of their way and don't challenge them;
- Stay relaxed, avoid eye contact and ignore rude gestures;
- Don't block the passing lane if you are driving slower than most of the traffic; and
- Do not attempt to follow or pursue the vehicle. You or a passenger may call the police.

### Don't be a part of the problem! Resolve to be a part of the solution...



## Roonie Says...

Leaving pets locked in cars is never safe. But when the weather gets warmer, it can be deadly. High temperatures can cause irreparable organ damage and even death. As the chart on the right shows, the temperature inside an automobile with the windows closed can exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit after 30 minutes even if the outside temperature is just 70 degrees Fahrenheit. According to The Humane Society, "cracking" the windows by rolling them down a little bit has been shown to have little effect on the temperature inside a car. Pet owners who leave pets locked inside overheated vehicles may be subject to animal neglect and cruelty charges.

If you see an animal trapped inside a locked car, The Humane Society recommends copying down the car's make, model, and license plate number. Because most cases of animals being left in cars happen at retail locations,

it is best to notify managers or security guards at nearby businesses and ask them to make an announcement to find the car's owner. Many people are unaware of the danger of leaving pets in a hot car and will quickly return to the vehicle once alerted to the situation. If the owner can't be found, call 911 and wait by the car for the police or animal control to arrive. Pennsylvania does not have "Good Samaritan" laws for pets, so any attempt to break into a car to rescue an animal may result in penalties and criminal prosecution.



## West Goshen Police Department Gumshoe Camp



On June 24th the West Goshen Police Department conducted their first ever Junior Gumshoes Camp! The camp was offered as a trial to 22 fourth grade students from Fern Hill Elementary School. In this immersive camp experience, students were introduced to an age appropriate mock "crime scene". Students were instructed on how to collect and document evidence, dust for fingerprints and pour shoe molds. In the end, their hard work and determination paid off. With the evidence they collected, the students were able to pinpoint a major suspect in the case leading to an "arrest". The kids were beaming with pride at their success. To end a great week at camp, all the children received a Junior Gumshoes certificate and an official letter from Chief Gleason.

*This camp will return next summer with multiple weeks being offered to township residents.*

Special thanks to Fern Hill Elementary School, WCASD Tech Department, Shawn Dzielawa, our two 12th grade volunteers, Detectives Torres, Taylor and Sergeant Peacock, Officer Laura Ashe, Dispatcher Jackie Badman, Kate Coulter and Dr. Eberly.

## Car Heat Dangers

Elapsed Time (minutes)	Outside Air Temperature (°F)					
	70	75	80	85	90	95
Inside Closed Car Air Temperature (°F)						
0	70	75	80	85	90	95
10	89	94	99	104	109	114
20	99	104	109	114	119	124
30	104	109	114	119	124	129
40	108	113	118	123	128	133
50	111	116	121	126	131	136
60	113	118	123	128	133	138
More than 1 hour	115	120	125	130	135	140



Know the facts, please.

# Construction Project Updates

## **The Woodlands at Greystone Construction Update**

Construction commenced in August 2018 on The Woodlands at Greystone residential subdivision project. The project is situated on 433 acres between Pottstown Pike, Phoenixville Pike and the Rt. 322 Bypass.

The project received Final Plan Approval in 2016. Construction includes installation of all public infrastructure, including six miles of roads, many miles of sanitary sewer lines, two sanitary sewer pump stations and several bridges. Significant road improvements, paid for by the developer, are part of the project, including improvements to various intersections on Phoenixville Pike, the intersection of Phoenixville Pike and Rt. 322 Bypass and installation of traffic signals at various locations around the project. A "collector road" named Aram Avenue will connect Pottstown Pike with Phoenixville Pike.

The project will also create a 162-acre public park for the enjoyment of West Goshen Township residents. The park includes six miles of trails in a wooded, passive environment with several trailheads with parking lots, including the main trailhead with a 90-spot parking lot.

Work continues on the "S" curve on

Phoenixville Pike to straighten the curve between Saunders Lane and Andrew Drive. The intersection of Saunders Drive and Phoenixville Pike is also being improved, with new stormwater drainage and a traffic signal installation.

The project's homebuilder is NV Homes and construction on the various home models has commenced with a four to six year build-out of the residences.

Plans for this and all other subdivision projects currently underway may be viewed at the Township Building from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Although several of the streets have been paved inside The entire work area of the Woodlands project remains private property. Please, no trespassing by vehicle or on foot!

## **Shiloh Estates Residential Subdivision Project**

A 13-lot single family residential subdivision project received Final Plan Approval by the Board of Supervisors in 2018 and is currently under construction.

The project is located at 901 Little Shiloh Road, south of Westtown Road. The project's developer and homebuilder is the Glenn M.

White Land Company.

The project site is the former Nussbaumer farm. Construction is expected to take place over the next eighteen months.

## **Sunoco Pipeline Update**

Work continues on the Sunoco mariner II and IIx pipeline project in West Goshen Township. The construction project in the West Goshen Township portion is located at the intersection of Boot Road and Greenhill Road, adjacent to the Goshen Fire Company substation.

Work is expected to continue through summer and fall on the Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD), that will allow Sunoco to install the underground pipe and make connections westbound to West Whiteland Township's section and eastbound to East Goshen Township.

# Summer Safety Tips

## **Fire Safety**

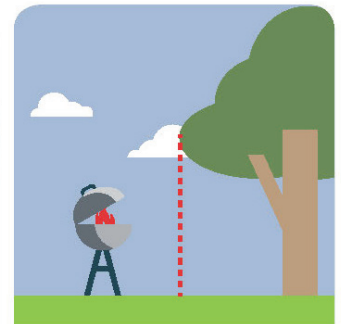
**Keep these tips in mind as you and your family enjoy summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics and Labor Day Festivities.**



Build campfires at least 25 feet away from tents, shrubs and anything that can burn.



If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts. Sparklers can reach 1,200 F and cause third-degree burns.



Use propane, charcoal and wood pellet barbecue grills outdoors only. Indoor use can cause a fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.

Place your grill well away from siding and deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Do not store or use a grill on a porch or balcony.





# Summer Safety Tips *continued*

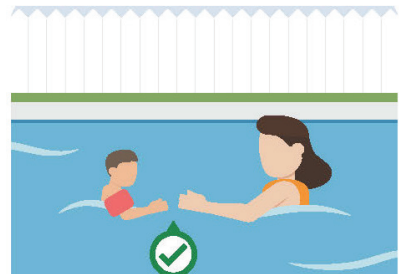
## Activity Safety



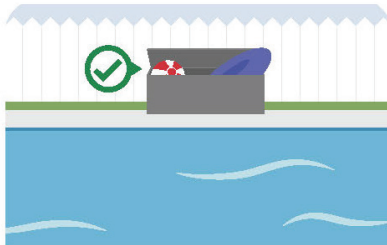
Never swim near a boat, marina or boat launching ramp.



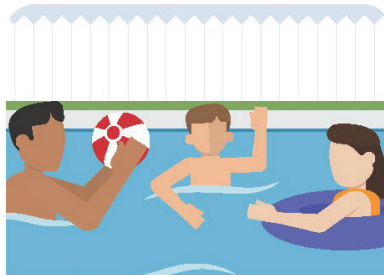
Always use U.S. Coast Guard-approved life safety jackets.



Adults need to stay with children when they are around water.



Keep the pool and deck clear of floats, balls and toys after you get out of the pool.

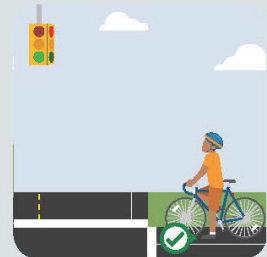
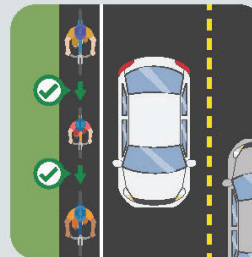


Always swim with a buddy.



Always wear a bike helmet and bright clothes when cycling so people can see you. Put reflectors on your bike.

Ride with both hands on the handlebars. Ride in single file with traffic. Stop at all stop signs and obey traffic lights.



## Turn Around, Don't Drown

**Don't underestimate the power of water!**

6 inches of fast-moving water can knock over and carry away an adult.

12 inches of fast-moving water can carry away a small car.

18-24 inches of fast-moving water can carry away most large SUVs, vans and trucks.

# Meet The West Goshen Historical Commission

The West Goshen Township Historical Commission was established as a commission in January 2017 and aims to share the township's rich history with residents. The commission is chaired by Kevin Pistiner and the ten members meet monthly.

The commission makes local history accessible in a variety of ways. Each year, they deliver a lecture series featuring experts looking at significant historical events through a local lens. "We like to explore what took place right in our backyard," says Pistiner. "And we think it's pretty cool to give residents this opportunity to hear a quality lecture so close to home."

In April, author and historian Michael C. Harris delivered a lecture on Chester County during the Revolutionary War. Last fall, the Historical Commission invited Bruce Mowday, Civil War author and expert, to share artifacts and information.

Another way the Historical Commission invites

township residents to learn more about their local history is through their Memorial Day Oaklands Cemetery Tour. "We're pleased by the interest in this and are thrilled that it is turning into an annual township tradition," Pistiner says.

You can find out about upcoming events by liking the Commission's Facebook page where they also share historical photos and primary source documents connected to local landmarks.

## **Take a Summer History Adventure**

The West Goshen Historical Commission recommends the following sites for those who want to soak up some culture this summer.

**Brandywine Battlefield:** The Brandywine Battlefield was the site of the largest land battle during the Revolutionary War. Visitors can take a tour of two historic houses, including George Washington's headquarters. (Chadds Ford, PA)

**John Chads House at the Chadds Ford Historical Society:** Take a tour of the 1725 John Chads House and discover how families once lived. Explore the historical society to learn more about the surrounding community. (Chadds Ford, PA)

**Newlin Grist Mill:** Families can explore a working grist mill that dates back to 1704. Visitors can see up close how grain, such as corn and wheat, is turned into flour using the power of flowing water. (Glen Mills, PA)

**Chester County Historical Society:** Learn about the evolution of the county from small villages to thriving communities. Two new temporary exhibits currently on display highlight the county's steel industry and the Prohibition Era. (West Chester, PA)

## Summer Yard Maintenance Tips

With summer time weather comes the mowing and gardening season. It is important to remember not to blow grass clippings into the street. Grass clippings in the street ultimately end up in a storm drain where they can build up and cause drainage issues and localized flooding. It is also a violation of Township Code to blow grass clippings and other yard waste into the street. Keep grass clippings in the lawn and out of the street.

### **Did you know...**

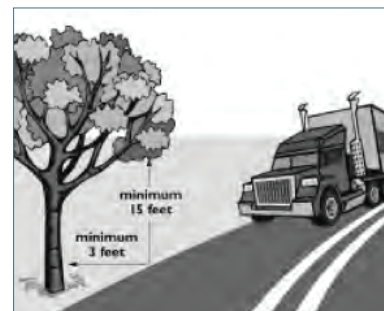
Grass clippings and other yard waste blown and left in the street are a flooding and water quality concern.

### **Localized Flooding:**

Grass clipping and other yard waste blown in the street can cause localized flooding by clogging curb inlets and pipes.

### **Water Quality:**

- When yard waste is discarded within the stormwater drainage system, it will decompose. Decomposing yard waste can supercharge the creek with nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus, causing algae blooms resulting in low dissolved oxygen. Severely low dissolved oxygen levels in creeks can cause fish kills. According to the U.S. EPA, phosphorus is one of the most troublesome pollutants in stormwater runoff and it is considered the





primary cause of water quality problems in our waters.

- Keeping grass clippings on your yard can save money on fertilizer by returning nutrients back into the soil and save money on watering by building organic matter in your soil.

In addition, it is important to keep in mind the rules and regulations of trees and vegetation. Trees and vegetation may not obstruct traffic control signs or fire hydrants. It is the responsibility of property owners to make sure foliage is cleared in front of traffic signs or around hydrants. Additionally, trees must be cut back three feet from the roadway and may not be less than fifteen feet above the roadway.

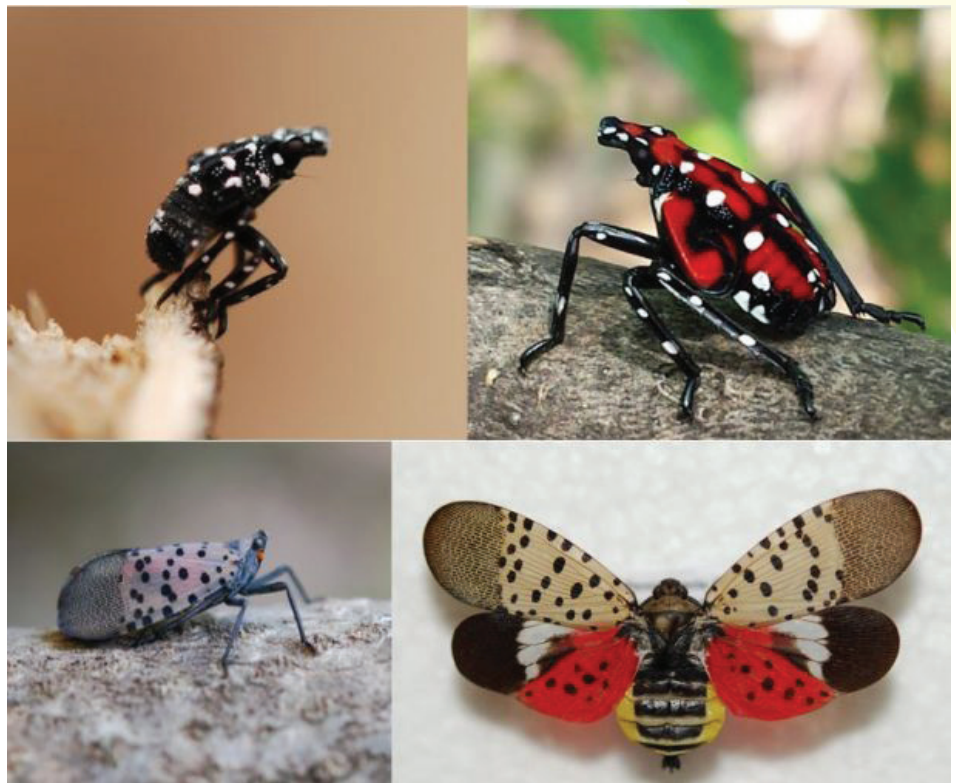
## Spotted Lanternfly

The Spotted Lanternfly, *Lycorma delicatula* (White), an invasive planthopper, was discovered in Berks County, Pennsylvania in 2014. It is native to China, India, Vietnam, and introduced to Korea where it has become a major pest. This insect has the potential to greatly impact the Pennsylvania grape, hops and logging industries. Early detection is vital for the protection of Pennsylvania businesses and agriculture.

The entirety of Chester County is currently in a quarantine zone, along with other nearby counties such as Berks, Lehigh and Montgomery. When traveling out of the area, check your vehicle to ensure no Spotted Lanternflies are clinging to your vehicle to help stop their spread.

### Identification:

The Spotted Lanternfly adult is approximately 1" long and 1/2" wide at rest. The forewing is grey with black spots and the wings tips are reticulated black blocks outlined in grey. The hind wings have contrasting patches of red and black with a white band. The legs and head



Photos of Spotted Lanternfly in larval and adult stages:

are black; the abdomen is yellow with broad black bands. Immature stages are black with white spots, and develop red patches as they grow.

### Signs & Symptoms:

Trees, such as tree of heaven and willow, will develop weeping wounds. These wounds will leave a greyish or black trail along the trunk. This sap will attract other insects to feed, notably wasps and ants. In late fall, adults will lay egg masses on host trees and nearby smooth surfaces like stone, outdoor furniture, vehicles, and structures. Newly laid egg masses have a grey mud-like covering which can take on a dry cracked appearance over time. Old egg masses appear as rows of 30-50 brownish

seed-like deposits in 4-7 columns on the trunk, roughly an inch long.

### What to do:

If you see egg masses, scrape them off, double bag them and throw them away. You can also place the eggs into alcohol or hand sanitizer to kill them.

For more information, please see the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture website regarding the Spotted Lanternfly at the following link:

[https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants\\_Land\\_Water/PlantIndustry/Entomology/spotted\\_lanternfly/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/PlantIndustry/Entomology/spotted_lanternfly/Pages/default.aspx)

## CRC Watersheds Photo Contest



Capture the beauty of the creeks, woods, hills, valleys and wildlife displayed in the Chester, Ridley and Crum Watersheds.

The contest is open to both professional and amateur photographers. Submit images taken any time within the past 5 years from anywhere in our watersheds. You'll find beauty everywhere, including Ridley Creek State Park, Saul Wildlife Sanctuary, Rose Tree Park, Serpentine Preserve, Okehocking Preserve, Bartram Bridge, Crozer Park, and many others.

### Entry is Easy

Submit your photos digitally by September 1, 2019 in JPEG format, 300 dpi.

Go to <http://www.crcwatersheds.org/index.php?s=104> to fill out an entry form. Be sure to include a title with each of your photographs along with your name and entry forms.

# Upcoming Events

## Bus Trips

Looking for an affordable getaway? Join the West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department on bus trips offered throughout the year! Whether checking out a show, seeing a historic site, or touring on your own, we offer a variety of opportunities to explore, discover, and enjoy some of the East Coast's best destinations.

### Saturday, August 10

Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island

### Saturday, September 7

Lower Manhattan and  
World Trade Center Memorial and Museum

### Sunday, October 13

Gettysburg

### Sunday, November 24

Radio City Music Hall

### Saturday, December 7

New York City

### Monday, December 9

Radio City Music Hall

**For more information:** <https://www.westgoshe.org/government/departments/parks-recreation/bus-trips/>

## Summer Concert Series

A summer tradition continues on Sunday evenings at 6:30 at West Goshen Community Park, as The West Goshen Summer Concert Series offers **FREE** performances.

### August 11th

Blue Philly Magic (Motown)

### August 25th

The Malarkey Brothers (Irish Rock)

In the event of rain, concerts would be held at the West Chester East High School Auditorium.

Guests are encouraged to bring dry good donations (toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo, diapers, laundry detergent, etc.) for the **West Chester Food Cupboard**.

**For more information:** <https://www.westgoshe.org/government/departments/parks-recreation/summer-concert-series/>

## Dog Park

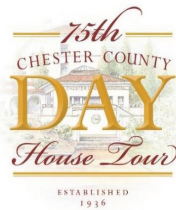
The dogpark is open year-round however it is closed for routine maintenance Monday through Thursday between 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM. **For more information:** <https://www.westgoshe.org/government/departments/parks-recreation/dogpark/>

## Lambert Skatepark

Our skatepark at Robert E. Lambert Park is open year-round for both skateboarding and inline skating (aka rollerblading). **For more information:** <https://www.westgoshe.org/government/departments/parks->

## Chester County Day 2019

West Chester, PA –  
The 2019 Chester County Day (Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 10 am - 5 pm) the longest running historic home tour in the country, has so much to offer in the way of history, architecture and interior design.



A project of the 126-year-old Women's Auxiliary to Chester County Hospital, "The Day," as it is affectionately called, has raised more than \$5 million for the hospital. The 2018 tour alone earned \$135,000. Proceeds from this year's tour will benefit the Women's Auxiliary's "Heart to Heart" pledge which will provide funding for the expansion of the arrhythmia treatment program at Chester County Hospital.

This year the Day, sponsored by among others Otto's BMW, The Quaker City Foundation and the medical staff at Chester County Hospital, includes a tour of homes and public structures/historic sites in the southeast quadrant, including Westtown, Glen Mills, Willistown, Malvern and Berwyn.

Every Chester County Day begins with a fox hunt. The 2019 event will be held at Radnor Hunt in Malvern, complete with hounds, horses and horns, and will set off promptly at 9 am. Guests can begin their tour of this year's selected properties at 10 am.

The 2019 Day celebrates the traditional, distinctive architecture of Chester County with a strong emphasis on history. There is a beautifully restored 1723 home in Glen Mills, built by the Hoopes family who first settled in this area in 1697. The family lived in the original, much-smaller structure with their 17 children. Yes, 17! Since then, the house has been renovated inside while keeping its history and distinctive architectural features intact. Also in Glen Mills, the Day will feature the 4,600 square foot stone Squire Cheyney house, which has Revolutionary War history ties. Completely

restored in 2014, the house and barn maintain their traditional stone exteriors with all the modern amenities for today's lifestyle inside.

From the same era as the Squire Cheyney home is a house in Westtown on a property once owned by the Chester County Shippen family, who were Loyalists during the American Revolution. Their niece married traitor Benedict Arnold. This house not only has a Revolutionary War connection, but also a strong connection to the Civil War with a great local love story from that era. Another Georgian-style Westtown home you won't want to miss is rumored to have been part of the Underground Railroad, with a tunnel from a nearby creek to the house.

Collections and history grace a Cape Cod-style home in Berwyn on 12 acres. Art, pottery and antique maps add to the light, airy additions made over the years to this beautiful house not far from the fox hunt.

Day VIP ticketholders will have an exclusive tour of an 1830 Georgian manor house on seven acres, with many special features, including a pool house, machine shop, barn, tennis courts and magnificent clock tower. This house was recently restored and is only open to VIP ticketholders.

Before you start your tour, pre-order a boxed lunch from Arianna's Gourmet Café. Your order will be available for pick up at one of two lunch stops on the tour route or can be picked up at the fox hunt until 11 am. Details for ordering lunch are in the Chester County Day newspaper or at [www.ChesterCountyDay.com](http://www.ChesterCountyDay.com).

The Day offers two ticket options, a regular priced \$50 ticket or a \$100 VIP ticket, one of the best bargains around. The VIP package includes an invitation to the preview party in September, as well as a gourmet boxed lunch provided by Montesano Bros Italian Market & Catering at an exclusive house tour open only to VIP ticket holders.

With a GPS and a Chester County Day map (that you will receive when you purchase your ticket) the beautiful architecture and bucolic roads of the county are yours to explore.

### Event Details

**When:** Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 10 am to 5 pm

**Where:** Southeast Quadrant of Chester County

**Tickets:** On sale from July 1, 2019 online; September 4 by mail or at specific satellite locations listed on our website: [www.ChesterCountyDay.com](http://www.ChesterCountyDay.com)

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## Looking to Get Up and Dance?

### *Come Listen to Zydeco-a-Go-Go!*

The metal chankety-chank of the rubboard, the distinct sound of the accordion, the fast tempo energetic drums, the deep bass guitar and the deep rooted Louisiana Bayou flair; all contribute to the upbeat Cajun and Vintage New Orleans Rock and Roll genre known as Zydeco. "It's fun, its upbeat and it makes you want to dance, and most importantly it's great to have the audience with you and react with a lot of enthusiasm to your music" says Peter Eshelman, lead singer and founder of Zydeco-a-Go-Go. Performing up and down the east coast (including West Goshen on June 30th), Zydeco-a-Go-Go brings Louisiana Cajun style joy in the form of a 6 piece Zydeco band.

Zydeco-a-Go-Go has been around since the early 90s (for over 25 years). In 1978 Pete found his inspiration by traveling to Louisiana. There he saw Clifton Chenier, the King of Zydeco, at the New Orleans Jazz Festival.

"I thought to myself, they are rockin'. I heard that and I said 'wow this is great'. That's what got me going on the accordion and starting a band."

A few years later, a friend of Pete's sister was getting married and looking for a band. When asking Pete if he knew of a Zydeco band he responded with his own. The band started playing and people loved it instantly. They began playing weddings, events and festivals and grew to spread the Zydeco sound throughout the Mid-Atlantic.

Zydeco is a music genre that evolved in southwest Louisiana by French Creole speakers which blends blues, rhythm and blues, and music indigenous to the Louisiana Creoles and the Native people of Louisiana. Though distinct in origin from the Cajun music of Louisiana,

the two forms influenced each other, forming a complex of genres native to Louisiana. Zydeco features the accordion and the rubboard.

Cajun music is a close cousin with the difference being that Cajun music features the triangle and usually has fiddles and one or two acoustic guitars. Zydeco has electric drums, bass and electric guitar which set it apart. Zydeco music was originally created at house dances, where families and friends gathered for socializing. As a result, the music integrated waltz, shuffles, two-steps, blues, rock and roll, and other dance music forms of the era. Today, zydeco integrates genres such as R&B, soul, brass band, reggae, hip hop, ska, rock, Afro-Caribbean and other styles, in addition to the traditional forms. Pete best describes Zydeco as "Louisiana dance music."

For Pete it was easy to put together a rockin' band. "I had been a musician for a long time in the area and I called a few friends up to see if they'd be interested. We got the pieces together and rehearsed and figured out our body of music."

Always adding new songs, the band is enjoying the evolution of Zydeco-a-Go-Go as well as the process. The full band is 6 members but most of the performances are done with 5 pieces. The five pieces of the band include Pete the accordion and piano player as well as vocals, Guitarist Tim Perks, Drummer Bob Holden, and Bass Guitarist Randy Lippincott. Add to the mix the rock and roll sounds of tenor saxman Bobby Michaels as well as the special-guest on-request Pamela Eshelman on rubboard and vocals.

With fans throughout the mid-atlantic from



Bucks County, Delaware County, Chester County and New Jersey Pete finds that the Summer Concert Series is a very special performance for them.

"These concerts really bring the community together and it gets people outdoors not only enjoying live music and the beautiful weather but it really brings people together."

Connecting with nature also makes the Summer Concert Series a special event for Pete and his bandmates. The beautiful weather of the outdoors in the summer really adds to the experience. Performing outside also allows for them to see the audience members react and start moving to their music. They see the effects of making the audience feel good and move to the upbeat happy tempo.

Whether Zydeco-a-Go-Go is playing at a large festival or a smalltown fair, a performing arts center or a block party, a bowling alley or a swanky fundraiser gala, a back-yard BBQ or one of those non-stop everybody's-up-and-dancin' wedding receptions: you know its gonna be a wild and swingin' bouyou boogaloo pitch-a-wang-dang-doodle-all-night-long zydeco dance party...with everybody singing "Let the Good Times Roll!"

To learn about all the bands in the Summer Concert Series go to: <https://www.westgoshen.org/summer-evenings-of-music-at-community-park/>

## Chester County Day Continued

\$50 General Tour Ticket

\$100 VIP ticket - VIP Ticket includes a VIP Reception and Preview Cocktail party at Oakbourne Mansion, Westtown, Sunday, September 22; a private tour of a special VIP house and a gourmet boxed lunch at that house from Montesano Bros Italian Market & Catering. ([Go to www.ChesterCountyDay.com](http://www.ChesterCountyDay.com) for details.)

Contact: 610-431-5054

**More Information:** Want to know more about the tour? Attend one of the free public preview lectures throughout the county.

For a list of dates and locations visit: [www.ChesterCountyDay.com](http://www.ChesterCountyDay.com)

### About Chester County Hospital

Founded in 1892 as the county's first hospital, the non-profit has grown into a 248-bed acute-care inpatient facility in West Chester. It also has outpatient services in Exton, West Goshen, New Garden, West Grove, Jennersville, and Kennett Square. In 2013, Chester County Hospital became part of Penn Medicine, which is one of the world's leading academic medical centers, dedicated to medical education, biomedical research, and excellent patient care. In

addition to quality-driven medical and surgical services, Chester County Hospital also offers home health, inpatient hospice and skilled nursing care; occupational medicine; outpatient laboratory, radiology and physical therapy services; wound care; cardiopulmonary rehab; and a prenatal clinic for the underserved. Learn more at [ChesterCountyHospital.org](http://ChesterCountyHospital.org). In 2020, Chester County Hospital will complete the largest expansion in its history. The project will welcome a state-of-the-art procedural platform with 15 operating room suites, a 99-bed patient tower, a new main entrance and an expanded and renovated Emergency Department.



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**Township Holidays:** Township offices will be closed on September 2<sup>nd</sup> for Labor Day. Township offices will also be closed on November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veterans Day and November 28<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.

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