



# West Goshen

Township Newsletter

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## 2020 Census *is Just Around the Corner*

The 2020 Census is scheduled to start in April, 2020.

The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire—online, by phone, or by mail. This will mark the first time that you will be able to respond to the census online.

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.



The results of the census also determines the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

It's also in the Constitution: Article 1, Section 2, mandates that the country conduct a count of its population once every 10 years. The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790.

Participating in the census is required by law, even if you recently completed another survey from the Census Bureau. A complete and accurate count is critical for you and your community, because the results of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, and more.

For more information on the 2020 Census, please go to: <https://2020census.gov>

## Meet Joe Gleason *West Goshen's Chief of Police*

As a child, Police Chief Joe Gleason looked forward to the parade every year, not for the floats or bands, but to see his heroes pass by. Sitting on the front porch of his Havertown home, he waits for the special wave from his heroes in blue. "As a kid, I thought that they walked on water," he remembers, referring to the uniform-clad officers. Ever since he was six years old, Chief Gleason knew that being a police officer was what he was put on this earth to do.

Born in Philadelphia but raised in Havertown, Chief Gleason is very familiar with the Delaware County area. In 1980, Chief Gleason decided to follow his dreams and attend the Police Academy. While in the academy, he was hired as a part time officer in Parkside, Pennsylvania and was able to attend the academy part time as well. In 1981, he began his career with the West Goshen Police force and in 2011 was promoted to Police Chief.



Police Chief Joe Gleason

"I have been working my dream job for the past 38 years," remarks Chief Gleason. Chief Gleason attributes his passion for the police force to his parents. Showing strong respect for law enforcement and their duties, his mother and father inspired his admiration for the officers he now calls his comrades.

Chief Gleason speaks of his police staff in West Goshen with pride and admiration. "I work with the most professional group of people that I have ever worked with," he says. The police force is comprised of many different departments – administration, clerical, patrol, detectives, traffic, community relations and more – which all work together to keep the community safe. Officers on street patrol stay vigilant to ensure things are the way they should be. In addition to responding to calls, officers keep an eye out for problems they can proactively solve. Having the opportunity to assist people in any given moment is one of Chief Gleason's favorite parts of the job. "You get to help people, and most of the time people [don't] call police officers because they have something good happening. We are put on this earth to do good for others."

With this job comes some misunderstanding of the police force. It's hard to measure the success of crime prevention, and the West Goshen Police Force does an immaculate job in this area. When all is well, it's difficult to actually see the police department doing their job unless they are called to solve an issue or a crime.

"People move into their areas and one of the things they look at is safety, and that is a direct reflection of the police department. If you spend money on us and we are quiet, it is money well spent," remarks Chief Gleason. With the support of his incredible police staff, Chief Gleason aims to keep the community as safe as possible.

In order to do this, Chief Gleason encourages residents to contact the police. "We are here for you 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Our door is always open and we would love for you to get to know us...we welcome that," he explains. Many residents are concerned about contacting the police department because they don't want to bother officers if something is "not important", but Chief Gleason encourages residents to let the police force make that decision. He explains, "We have a great department. We are a full service, all-encompassing police department and we are here for all that you need."

Another one of Chief Gleason's favorite parts of the job is interacting with the people of West Goshen and getting to know the neighborhoods and families. It seems that Chief Gleason's life has come full circle from the days of the Police Force influencing his lifelong dream as a child. "If you can make a positive influence on kids this day and age, it truly makes a difference."

# Meet the Public Works Department

When is the last time you thought about the West Goshen Public Works Department? If your answer is "I don't know..." or "Never," you might be surprised to learn that is just the way the department likes it. "I know that we are doing a good job when people aren't thinking about us!" quipped Director of Public Works Dave Woodward.

West Goshen's Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining the township's roadways, facilities, fleet, parks, wastewater system, and trash and recycling operations. The department has 43 full time employees (and seasonal additions) who serve as part of the Streets Department, the Parks Department, and the Wastewater Treatment department.

Today, the Streets Department cares for over 95 miles of township roadways, including plowing, street repairs, and maintaining road signs. The Parks Department is responsible for 111 acres of park land spread across the township's four parks and open space. The Wastewater Treatment Department is on call 24/7 and manages the township's Treatment Plant (which processes 6 million gallons a day!), 10 pumping stations, and 225 miles of sewer lines.

Looking ahead, the department is preparing for the additional responsibilities the Greystone development will bring. Greystone will add about 8.5 miles of roadway, 196 acres of public land and 2 new sewer pumping stations. Another project on the horizon is a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Stormwater permit which is likely to go into effect in early 2020.

Said Woodward, "We tend to be a more under-the-radar group, but we care deeply about making West Goshen a great place to live, and enjoy figuring out how to keep things running smoothly as the township grows and changes."



## 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**

Vito Genua, *Chair*  
Carrie Martin, *Vice-Chair*  
John Hellman, *Secretary*  
Jeffrey S. Lieberman, *Member*  
John Mattia, *Member*  
R. Douglas Stewart, *Member*  
Corey Wegerbauer, *Member*  
John T. Wildrick, *Member*  
Dr. Douglas White - *Member*

### **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@westgoshen.org](mailto:police@westgoshen.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*,  
Walt Wills, *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 Liner Reminder



**Do not use plastic bag liners in recycling toters.** The Township's waste & recycling contractor has reported that some residents are using plastic bag liners secured with rubber bands in their recycling toters. Please refrain from using plastic bag liners in your recycling toter, as the plastic bags and bands can become dislodged and contaminate the collected recycling. If your recycling toter is found to have a plastic bag liner and rubber band, you will receive a warning sticker



## Greening West Goshen: How to Properly Dispose of Leaves

It's fall and that means leaves are littering lawns around the country. Time to take out the rake and bag up them up, right? Wrong. Environmental experts say raking leaves and removing them from your property is bad not only for your lawn but for the planet as a whole, and especially butterflies, bees and songbirds. Butterflies and songbirds alike depend on leaf litter. "Over winter months, a lot of butterflies and moths as pupa or caterpillar are in the leaf litter, and when you rake it up you are removing the whole population of butterflies you would otherwise see in your yard." Without the insects in the leaf litter, you also risk driving away birds that might have come to your yard looking for food to feed their offspring in the spring. That's especially concerning in 2019, Mizejewski said, citing a September study published in the peer-reviewed journal *Science*, which found that North America has lost nearly 3 billion birds since 1970. "Keeping some leaf litter can really benefit these kinds of declining wildlife," Mizejewski said. "This is wildlife conservation on the scale of your lawn."

Blowing leaves into the street is also bad, said Minnesota's Sandor. Because leaves have so many nutrients in them, they can break down when they get into sewers and also cause algal blooms in waterways, he said. Sandor said leaves and lawns are different shapes and sizes, so there is no one-size-fits-all approach. If it looks like your mower won't be able to

handle all the leaves or like your lawn is being smothered, that's when you may need to rake them to thin it out, he says. If you leave them in place, be mindful that decomposing leaves will acidify the top couple inches of soil as they break down. Some plants like that. Some don't mind. Some will hate it. Most types of grass prefer alkaline soil, with pH between 6.5 and 7.0.

If you do remove your leaves, the best thing to do is cut them up and drop them in a plant or flower bed or another part of your lawn that doesn't get leaf cover, Mizejewski said. That will provide a natural fertilizer and mulch for those parts of your yard. If you're worried the leaves will blow away (though they should be fine), lightly water them, Mizejewski said. If you don't have a plant or flower bed or have too many leaves, start a compost bin, he and Sandor advise.

Some municipalities also have compost programs, which allow you to send your leaves off and get mulch back, Mizejewski said, but composting at your house is better so you don't have the added pollution of trucks and off-site machines taking and processing the leaves. "This is about taking baby steps for most people and getting to a maintenance on your yard and garden that is a little bit more environmentally friendly and wildlife friendly," Mizejewski said.

## Public Township Meetings

### Board of Supervisors

(7:00 PM, third Tuesday of each month):  
December 17, January 21, February 19

### Historical Commission

(7:00 PM, fourth Thursday of each month):  
December 26, January 23, February 27

### Park and Recreation Board

(7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month):  
December 18, January 15, February 19

### Planning Commission

(7:00 PM, second Tuesday of each month):  
December 10 (canceled), January 14,  
February 11

### Sewer Authority

(7:00 PM, first Wednesday of each month):  
December 4, January 1, February 5

### 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.

# Fall Tree Planting Guide



Fall is the perfect time to plant trees and shrubs. The cooler temperatures and wet conditions of early autumn are ideal for new plantings. The stress of transplanting a tree (which may lose up to 90% of its root system in the transplant process) is greatly reduced. As tree shoot growth halts with the colder weather and plants go dormant, less water is needed. Root systems have a chance to develop before spring growth and summer heat set in. When leaves unfurl and expand in the spring, the increased roots are better able to access the reservoir of water, making trees planted in the fall better equipped to deal with heat and drought in the following season. Maple, buckeye, horse chestnut, alder, catalpa, hackberry, hawthorn, ash, honey locust, crabapple, spruce, pine, sycamore, linden, and elm especially react well to fall plantings.

Before planting, it is always best to call 811 first to detect underground utilities. When planting a tree, remember not to dig the hole too deep. If the tree root is balled, aim to have the top of the ball be level with the ground. Dig a wide hole—at least three times the diameter of the root ball. Have the center of the hole be about ½ inch higher than the edge of the hole, so the root ball will not “drown” and the base of the trunk will not rot from sitting in water. This will also cause the roots to extend further to absorb water the tree needs—thus increasing your root growth. Avoid using commercial fertilizers.

Fill the hole loosely with backfill. You may want to use a mixture of 2/3 soil and 1/3 compost or manure, especially if planting fruit or nut trees. Place shredded hardwood or leaf mulch around the tree, making sure to keep it two to three inches away from the trunk to prevent rot. Water fifteen gallons per week during the first year. If necessary to stake the tree, make sure lines are tied loosely to the trunk and do not dig into the bark or tighten around the tree. Remove stakes

after the first year. Reapply mulch as needed.

Trees provide numerous ecological and economical benefits to property owners. By converting carbon dioxide into oxygen, trees reduce greenhouse gases. They also absorb other harmful gases such as sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, and ozone. By planting trees near your house, you can reduce noise pollution and increase privacy, and the shade provided by trees can cool your home and reduce air conditioning costs. Trees placed upwind from your house can act as windbreaks and reduce home heating bills up to 30%. Trees help prevent soil erosion and stormwater runoff and, as they mature, slow water evaporation from thirsty lawns. Trees provide habitat for wildlife and food for birds. Studies have shown that:

- Houses landscaped with trees have increased property values, and businesses landscaped with trees are likely to draw more visitors than those without
- Trees can also provide beneficial psychological effects
- Patients with a view of trees from their windows heal faster and with fewer complications than those who can't view trees during recuperation
- Children with ADHD show fewer symptoms when they have regular access to nature
- Tree-lined neighborhoods and homes have lower crime rates than those without trees
- The color green has been shown to have a calming effect on the human brain

## West Goshen Township Parks

**Barker Park** is located on Falcon Lane near Westtown Road. It is equipped with a pavilion with 10-12 tables, two charcoal grills, and four electrical outlets on the posts of the pavilion. There is a backstop for T-ball or Wiffle Ball as well as playground equipment.

**Coopersmith Park** is located off of Spring Lane near the Shop – Rite Shopping Center. It is equipped with a pavilion with 12 picnic tables, five charcoal grills, and two electrical outlets. There is a backstop for Tee-ball or Wiffle Ball, a grass volleyball court (bring your own net and ball), an exercise trail, playground equipment and a horseshoe pit (bring your own horseshoes).

**Lambert Park** is located on Pottstown Pike, just south of the Pottstown Pike and Greenhill Road intersection. It is equipped with a skatepark, dogpark, two tennis courts, and a playground.

**West Goshen Community Park** is located at the intersection of Fern Hill and North Five Points Roads near Ice Line. It is equipped with an amphitheater and adjacent picnic pavilion with eight picnic tables, five outlets, and four charcoal grills. The Community Park is equipped with two basketball courts, one softball field, one Little League baseball field, adult hardball field, four tennis courts, and two sand volleyball courts. There is a playground, a concession stand, and a paved walking path of .8 mile circles the park.

## Does the Township rent park pavilions for group events?

Pavilion rentals are available for groups at Barker Park, located on Falcon Lane and Westtown Road, Coopersmith Park, located on Spring Lane, and West Goshen Community Park, located on N. Five Points and Fern Hill Roads. Each park is equipped with picnic tables, charcoal grills, ball fields, and playground areas. A rental fee is charged for the use of electricity, water and rest rooms. Township parks are open daily from dawn to dusk. Groups may check the availability of these facilities by contacting the Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266 or by e-mailing [Klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:Klehr@westgoshen.org).



## Road Rules

### Winter Driving Rules

Regardless of whether there's snow on the ground, you can take steps to prepare yourself for winter and all that it brings. Preparation is key to successfully navigating winter roads. Winter weather can bring unexpected conditions, so make sure that your vehicle is ready for ice and snow. For the majority of Pennsylvania, all-season radial tires that are mud and snow rated are appropriate for winter driving. In areas of the state that experience more snow, motorists may choose to install dedicated winter tires or carry a set of tire chains or cables. Motorists should bring with them an emergency kit with the following items:

- Flashlight and batteries
- Battery-operated radio
- Jumper cables
- Cell phone and charger
- Snow shovel; matches and candles
- First aid supplies
- Extra warm clothing and gloves
- Blanket
- Ice scraper
- Sand or cat litter
- Bottled water
- Non-perishable food
- Anything else you may need to accommodate family traveling with you (special medication, baby supplies, pet food, etc.

For more information on winter preparations, visit [www.dot.state.pa.us/public/PubsForms/Publications/PUB%20650.pdf](http://www.dot.state.pa.us/public/PubsForms/Publications/PUB%20650.pdf)

As we experience inclement winter weather conditions, the West Goshen Police Department would like to remind you to be sure to clear your vehicles of snow and ice before taking to the roads. Section 3720 of The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code states: "When snow or ice is dislodged or falls from a moving vehicle and strikes another vehicle or pedestrian causing death or serious bodily injury as defined in Section 3742 (relating to accidents involving death or personal injury), the operator of the vehicle from which the snow or ice is dislodged or falls shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000 for each offense." Drive carefully and please allow for extra time when driving in inclement weather conditions.



Each day in Pennsylvania, school buses carry 1,500,000 children to and from school, transporting them more than 400,000,000 miles each year. Every year, children are needlessly injured or killed by drivers passing stopped school buses, and 1,000 motorists have their licenses suspended, receive five points on their driving records, and face \$250 fines for failing to obey the School Bus Stopping Law. With schools back in session, remember to pay extra attention to school buses during your commute.

Drivers must stop when approaching a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended or when approaching an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended. In addition, drivers must stop for buses in oncoming traffic on roadways that divide traffic with painted yellow lines or ridged/grooved dividers or on smaller streets without traffic divider indicators. On roadways with physical barriers such as concrete barriers or guide rails or a dividing section containing trees, grass, etc. (such as on West Chester Pike), oncoming traffic may proceed while traffic travelling in the same direction as the stopped school bus must stop.

All stopped traffic must be at least ten feet away from the school bus and may not proceed until all children have reached a place of safety and the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn.

### Increased Deer Activity

With autumn among 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 deer 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

### Roonie Says...

#### Pet Vaccination Reminder

Many people are unaware how often their pets should be vaccinated against rabies. Pennsylvania state law requires all dogs or cats over three months old to be vaccinated. If a dog or cat has been vaccinated before turning one year old, that pet must be re-vaccinated no later than one year after the first vaccination.

If a dog or cat older than one year receives a three-year vaccination, it would need to be vaccinated again prior to three years from that date. If the pet receives a one-year vaccination, it must be vaccinated again before the first anniversary of the vaccination.

Remember that rabies is very dangerous and contagious especially if your pet goes

outside. Indoor pets may also receive rabies from mice or other mammalian home invaders. Please do your part to prevent the spread of rabies and keep your pet and family safe.

To learn more about what vaccinations are necessary for your pet visit <https://www.avma.org/public/PetCare/Pages/vaccinations.aspx>



# Sonoco Pipeline Update

## Accufacts "Supplemental" report regarding the August 5, 2019 "explosion" at Sunoco's Boot Road Pump Station

At the September 17, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting, the Supervisors asked Special Counsel David Brooman to inquire on several issues with Township safety expert Richard Kuprewicz.

The following is a supplemental report regarding the August 5, 2019 "explosion" at the Sunoco Boot Road Pump Station.

This Supplemental Report is in response to the observations and questions raised by the Board of Supervisors at and subsequent to the public presentation on the findings of my report titled "Accufacts Report on the episode on the evening of 8-5-19 at the Mariner East Boot Road Pump Station ("Event"), Boot Road, West Goshen Township, PA," dated September 16, 2019. I prepared the Report and this Supplemental Report subject to the constraints of the Nondisclosure Agreement which prevents me from disclosing certain confidential information. While I cannot disclose certain details, the Nondisclosure Agreement has not prevented me from reaching independent conclusions based on the documents and other information provided by Sunoco Pipeline, LP ("SPLP"). Bolded are the supervisor's comments and questions, followed by my responses:

Based on the Accufacts Report, the incident was a result of reignition of what had become a flammable residual mixture within the flare system after an excessive rate of line purging (nitrogen with propane) had overwhelmed the normal flare system combustion operation (flame out). Therefore, this event was an abnormal condition, as the design of the system does not intend for this to occur.

This observation/conclusion is correct. I would describe the minor pipe addition to the pump station, and the following miss purge of nitrogen when putting this new pump station pipe segment into service, as an abnormal condition. The operator had the right sequence to put new pipe into hydrocarbon service but did not fully or accurately think the process through. They hit the flare with too high a rate of nitrogen. The additional flare safety equipment built into the flare protected the flare from impacting the pump station piping and pipeline operation.

1) Therefore, after the 'small' explosion (or backfire) occurred causing some level of unintended over pressurization, should not the operator have shutdown flow in ME1 and had an engineering inspection performed to ensure that there had been no impact to the Mechanical Integrity (in Process Safety Management terms) of the flare system

equipment and controls? How does only a visual inspection that evening to confirm no obvious physical damage to the system satisfy the need to ensure that the pipe connections/control devices have not been damaged in some way and that the flare system operation has not been compromised? I would have thought a pipeline shutdown for a day or two of engineering mechanical/control checks would have been required before restarting flow.

The overpressure was slightly above atmospheric. While I accurately describe the Event as an explosion, it is on the low end of the force spectrum. There were personnel in the pump station close to the flare at the time of the Event that heard the explosion. SPLP was able to quickly determine that the flare, a 4-foot diameter "pipe," experienced minor overpressure. The flare is intended to protect and serve the Boot Road pump station for operational and maintenance needs within the station. It is the operator's call whether to shut down the entire station and perform detailed reviews. Based on my background and experience, calling for a pump station shutdown and a detailed engineering mechanical/control checks, considering the way the station is designed and constructed, and is operated, was not necessary.

2) Is it sufficient that "Modifications to the PS maintenance procedures should be implemented to prevent reoccurrence"? Procedure modifications still rely on mistake free operator performance and judgement of different maintenance situations. I would have thought that the system should be designed with engineering controls to prevent excessive purging flows (not relief flows) to the flare to prevent the possibility of flame outs. i.e. installation of flow restrictive devices in the purge lines routing to the flare. Why is that not part of the solution to prevent reoccurrence?

This is a simple pump station flare operation intended to perform certain tasks associated with the pump station daily operation and periodic maintenance and the hydrocarbons such activities generate. It is accurate to state that the system was not designed to take slugs of nitrogen to the flare pilot. It is also accurate that mixing in nitrogen with propane would have helped prevent a flame out.

However, with the exception that the Boot Road PS flare can be automatically blocked off from fuel supply and the pump station, the Boot Road flare design/operation is not complex compared to, for example, a refinery flare. SPLP had the right concept to prevent an explosive atmosphere within the new PS pipe segment being placed into service, but missed the impacts associated with hitting the flare

pilot too hard with high pressure nitrogen. The flare itself can handle a minor overpressure Event, but such situations should be avoided for other reasons.

This Event resulted from what I would call a "one-off" situation created by a unique pump station change/addition causing the flare Event that could have easily been avoided if they had thought it through and communicated thoroughly to field personnel. I have discussed with SPLP several different approaches to prevent nitrogen getting to the flare. None involved installing flow restriction to the flare. Normally I would not rely on procedural changes alone, but given the rarity of this event and the complexities that may be added to the flare that might defeat the intent of the flare, I do not see a problem with procedure changes in this unique instance. Equipment changes/additions sometimes appear to add an additional factor of safety, but instead result in unexpected consequences or complexity that defeat the very safety intent of the equipment within the system.

One simple solution to this issue is to not nitrogen purge the flare (i.e. vent nitrogen to atmosphere), but SPLP has rejected this option. I can only advise SPLP. This is not the first time I have had very frank discussions with them and recommended operating and/or equipment changes, but as the operator, the final decision is theirs.

I would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for its careful review of my Report and invite any further questions that might be raised that I can take back to SPLP, respecting that certain details I cannot make public.

Richard B. Kuprewicz, President,  
Accufacts Inc

Go to <https://www.westgoshen.org/download/Accufacts-Signed-Supplemental-Report-9-23-19.pdf> to view the report.

# What Your Recycling Becomes

Recycling is beneficial to the environment in many ways. Recycling can reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills and incinerators, conserve natural resources, increase economic security, prevent pollution, save energy, and support American manufacturing by creating jobs in the recycling and manufacturing industries. Most importantly by reducing the amount of waste, all recycled materials can become new useable materials.

Your daily newspapers might become part of the next edition, but they could also come back as egg or berry cartons, paper plates, construction paper, a phone book — or even kitty litter or sheetrock. Re-cycled cardboard is processed into more cardboard, paper towel rolls and even paper backing for roof shingles. The cardboard boxes you recycle reincarnate as paper bags, cardboard packaging and new cardboard boxes. Toilet paper, facial tissue, paper towels and napkins are often the product of recycled notebook and computer paper.

Recycled PET bottles can be turned into new containers for beverages, salad dressing and household cleaning products. Many of the large beverage producers are now producing PET bottles with increasing amounts of recycled PET – even up to 100 per cent recycled content! It can also become the fabric in your clothes, the fiberfill in your coat, and the upholstery and carpeting around your house. In fact, recycling just five two liter bottles can produce enough polyester for a square yard of carpet. Recycled HDPE is turned into sturdier products like plastic lumber, patio furniture, roadside curbs, benches and truck cargo liners. It's also used to make recycling bins – talk about full circle!

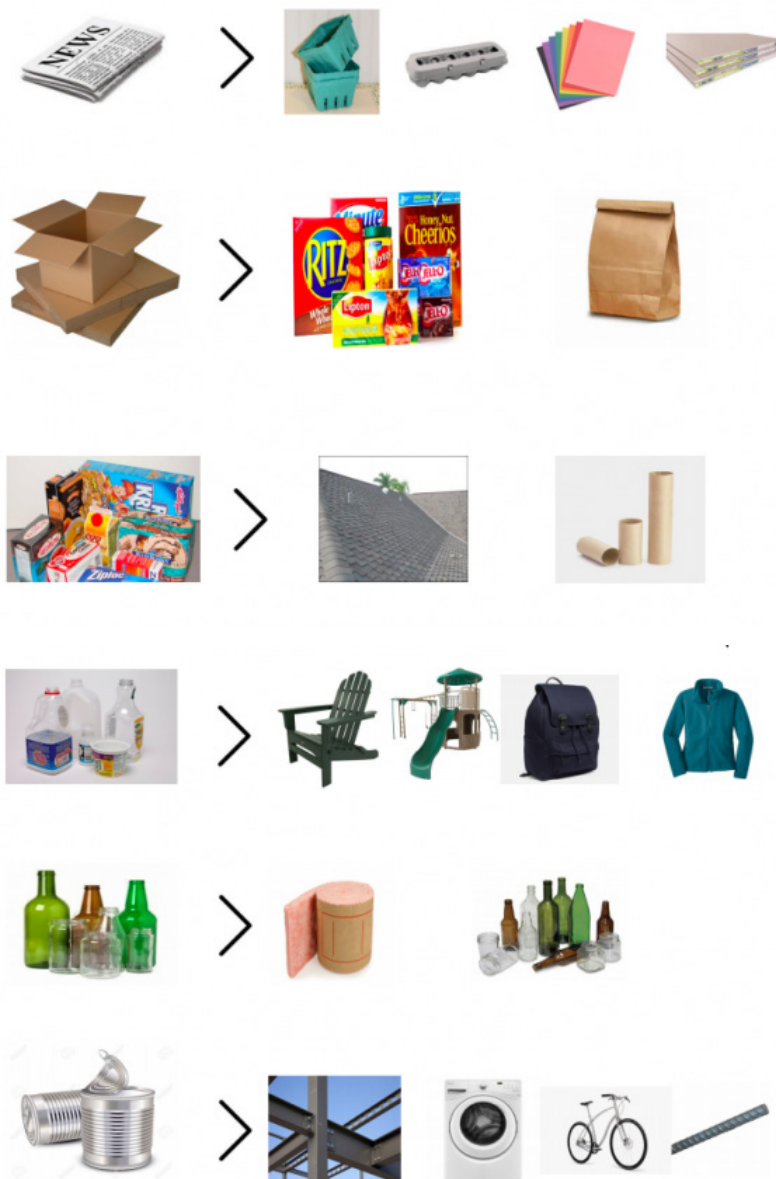
What about caps and lids? They need to go in the garbage because they are usually made from a different resin. Too many caps in a bale of plastic can make the whole bale worthless.

Like aluminum, glass can be recycled indefinitely. Manufacturing recycled glass into new bottles or jars uses fewer resources than starting from scratch. Processing facilities usually melt glass in order to mold new containers, but the jam jar you sent to the curb might also be crushed into cullet, or small shards. Because cullet has smooth edges, it is ideal for making bricks, paved surfaces and sports turf.

Most recycled aluminum is used to make new cans. From the time a can arrives in a recycling facility, it takes just 60 days to melt it down, turn it into a new can, fill it with a new beverage

and place it back on store shelves. Recycled cans are also used to make airplane parts, building facades and bicycles.

It is very important to recycle so that these materials can be put to better use as reusable materials, therefore reducing waste.

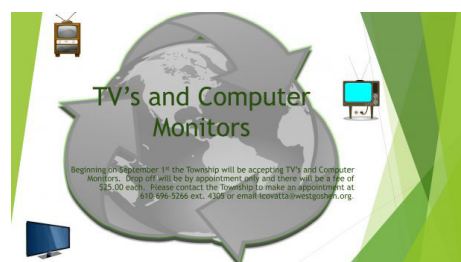


## West Goshen Township to Accept Unwanted TV's and Computer Monitors

Beginning on September 1st the Township will be accepting discarded TV's and computer monitors.

**Drop off will be by appointment only and there will be a fee of \$25.00 each.**

Please contact the Township to make an appointment at 610-696-5266 ext. 4305 or email [lcovatta@westgoshen.org](mailto:lcovatta@westgoshen.org).





# EXTENSION CORD SAFETY

FIRE SAFETY TIPS BY  
FIRE MARSHAL  
ANDREA TESTA



Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa Plug into Extension Cord Safety – 3 – During the holiday season, families often string together extension cords without a second thought—after all, all cords are created equal, right? Think again. Just because the extension cord has the length to reach the outlet across the room, it doesn't mean it's the right one for the task at hand. If the tool, appliance or holiday display is drawing more current than an extension cord can carry, it may cause the cord (and whatever is connected to it) to overheat and start a fire. Fortunately, all cords are labeled with wattage restrictions to help you make smart connection decisions. To keep your family safe, UL (Underwriters Laboratories) recommends on their residential safety website [www.safetyathome.com](http://www.safetyathome.com) that you follow these simple steps when using any extension cord:

**STEP 1:** Read the manufacturer's instructions for the device(s) you will be using. These booklets

contain important information about your tools, appliances and decorations and will provide instructions on their use.

**STEP 2:** Check the information on your cord. Extension cords are labeled with valuable information as to the use, size and wattage rating of the cord. Cords are offered in many lengths and are marked with a size or "gauge." The gauge is based on the American Wire Gauge (AWG) System, in which the larger the wire, the smaller the AWG number. For example, a 12 gauge wire would be larger and can power larger wattage appliances, than a 14 gauge wire.

**STEP 3:** Decide whether you will be using the appliance indoors or outdoors. Extension cords that can be used outdoors will be clearly marked "Suitable for Use with Outdoor Appliances." Never use an indoor extension cord outdoors; it could result in an electric shock or fire hazard.

**STEP 4:** Determine the gauge needed. All appliances indicate how much wattage is consumed when operated; that rating can be found on the appliance itself and often within the use and care booklet that accompanies the product. Other appliances will indicate power usage in amps, rather than watts. Quick tip: If your appliance indicates that it uses 5 amps at 125 volts, then its wattage rating is 625W (5×125). If you are going to use the extension cord with two or more appliances, you must add together the wattage rating for all appliances used on the cord. The total of those wattage ratings will help you determine which gauge size you will need.

**STEP 5:** Place the cord correctly. Extension cords should not be placed underneath rugs or other heavy furniture. They should not be tacked in place to a wall or taped down. Extension cords should not be used while coiled or bent. *Source: [www.safetyathome.com](http://www.safetyathome.com)*

## West Chester Area Renewable Energy Transition Project

The Cadmus Group, a consulting company, has been engaged by the WCACOG to perform a renewable energy planning study. The goal of the work is to develop strategies on how the local community can ultimately attain a goal of 100% renewable energy for three main components of energy use; 1) Electricity supply; 2) Transportation; 3) Residential & Commercial Building heating. As an interim step, Cadmus recently issued a Stakeholder & Community Engagement document, sharing the input they received from various local stakeholders including residents who participated in the July public workshop. The document can be accessed, together with other information on the WCACOG renewable energy planning process, at this public drive:

<https://sites.google.com/view/wcacog-100-re-transition/home>

West Goshen residents are encouraged to read the available information to keep informed about the study.

Cadmus are now in the process of using this local input to inform their research, analysis and evaluation of strategies relevant for the West Chester area community.

Later in the fall, Cadmus together with the participating municipalities, will hold a further public workshop to share the results of the analysis and the draft strategy recommendations and obtain additional public comment. Stay tuned!



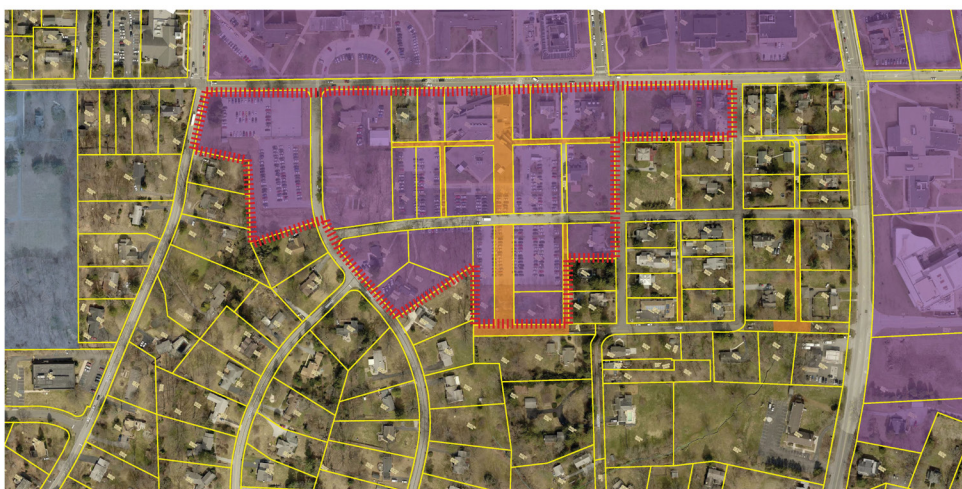
## West Chester University Overlay Project Update

At their September 4, 2019 special Board workshop, the Board of Supervisors reviewed a revised map with residents for the proposed West Chester University Overlay Zoning District.

The Board took into consideration comments by residents of the Roslyn and Pomona Hill neighborhoods on the proposed PUC 1 Zoning District and how the new district would affect residents' properties.

The newly revised PUC 1 Zoning overlay district pulls the overlay district back to only include West Chester University-owned properties, in most cases.

The West Chester University Overlay Project will continue with public discussions over the next several months, so please review upcoming Township Planning Commission and Township Board of Supervisor meeting agendas as they are published on this site.



The newly revised PUC 1 Zoning overlay district map may be viewed at <https://www.westgoshen.org/download/PUC-CLASS-1-September-4-2019.pdf>.

### Legend

- PROPOSED ZONING BOUNDARY
- UNIVERSITY OWNED/ STATE OWNED
- PAPER STREETS

## Stormwater and Clean Stream Management

### Why is Stormwater Management Important?

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



### West Goshen's Responsibility

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

robust stormwater management program.

### Minimum Control Measures and Best Management Practices

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

The six regulations are:

- Public Education and Outreach
- Public Participation and Involvement
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- Construction Site Runoff Control
- Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment

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

### MS4 TMDL Plan

The Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) is the maximum amount of a pollutant that a waterbody can receive in order to meet water quality standards. Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act requires that states develop impaired waters lists for rivers, lakes, coastal waters,

and estuaries that do not meet water quality standards. If a municipality has an MS4 that discharges into an impaired waterbody with a TMDL, it is required to have a TMDL control plan in order to control pollutants and to ensure incremental progress is made. West Goshen, along with many other municipalities in Southeastern PA, is required to have such a plan.

### You Can Help!

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

- Organize a stream cleanup event
- Form a stormwater pollution watch
- Mark storm drains with warnings about dumping (Call township building to get a marker)
- "Adopt-an-Inlet" if a stormwater inlet exists near or on your property. Ensure that the inlet is clear and unobstructed
- Have a wetland planting event
- Remove impervious surface from your property and replace with green space
- Practice good household habits (pick up pet waste, properly dispose of grass clipping, use commercial carwash, etc.).

# Upcoming Events

## Bus Trips



### Radio City Music Hall

Monday, December 9, 2019

See world-renowned Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular before spending time sightseeing and shopping. Conclude your stay in New York with a memorable Italian dinner at Carmine's. \$175 per person.

*Itinerary for Monday, December 9, 2019*

- 7:00 AM Depart from West Goshen Township Municipal Complex
- 11:00 AM Show begins at Radio City Music Hall
- 1:00 PM Free time in New York City
- 4:30 PM Board coach for dinner at Carmine's
- 5:00 PM Dinner at Carmine's
- 7:00 PM Bus departs New York City
- 10:00 PM Return to West Goshen Township (time approximate)

### New York City

Saturday, December 7, 2019

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department offers two opportunities to travel by luxury coach from West Goshen to New York City and spend the afternoon shopping, dining, sightseeing, or however else you see fit.

Visit the Big Apple for the holidays on Saturday, December 17th. \$45 per person

*Itinerary for Saturday, December 7, 2019*

- 9:00 AM Depart West Goshen Municipal Complex
- Noon Arrive in New York City (time approximate)
- 7:00 PM Depart New York City
- 10:00 PM Return to West Goshen Township (time approximate)

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

## Breakfast with Santa



Take a break from your busy holiday schedule to have breakfast with the big guy, Santa himself at Timothy's in the Parkway Shopping Center. Adults and kids alike can enjoy a hot buffet breakfast while children get to spend time with Saint Nick and decorate their own gingerbread men. Cost is just \$5 per person: Registration is limited to West Goshen residents.

Saturday, December 14, 2019

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Timothy's at the Parkway Shopping Center

## Holiday Decorations Workshop

Create your own wreaths and centerpieces in the Community Room of the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Spaces are available for the following sessions:

Wednesday, December 11th, 8:00 PM\*

Thursday, December 12th, 7:00 PM or

Thursday, December 12th, 8:00 PM

\*(The Wednesday, December 11th 7:00 PM session has filled.)

Cost is \$15 per wreath, \$10 per centerpiece.

Supplies and expert assistance are included with the cost of registration.

**Registration form:** <https://www.westgoshen.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/39/2019/11/Crafts.pdf>



## 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.westgoshen.org/government/departments/parks-recreation/skatepark/>

## 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.westgoshen.org/government/departments/parks-recreation/dogpark/>





# The Friends of West Goshen Parks, Inc.

The Friends of West Goshen Parks is a non-profit group assisting the West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board.

## Membership

Events don't just happen... they require the efforts of many. You can help The Friends of West Goshen Parks by becoming a member. A one year membership with The Friends costs just \$10.00 per family.

Your donation supports events throughout the year, such as the Summer Music Series and Community Day. It also helps defray the cost of mailings to members of upcoming events. In the past year, donations have also supported the purchase of playground equipment for Community and Coopersmith Parks, and bulletin board for Lambert Park.

The Friends of the West Goshen Parks have the opportunity participate in the planning and volunteering of time at events. Members of The Friends of West Goshen Parks range from all ages and have been responsible for putting smiles on the faces of neighbors attending activities in the park. Joining The Friends of West Goshen Parks is easy. Go to [https://www.westgoshen.org/wpfb-file/friends\\_membership\\_application-pdf/](https://www.westgoshen.org/wpfb-file/friends_membership_application-pdf/) and fill out the form (PDF) and mail it with a \$10.00 check made payable to:

The Friends of West Goshen Parks, Inc.  
P.O. Box 441  
West Chester, PA 19381  
610-692-2550

## Volunteer Opportunities

The Friends of West Goshen Parks, Inc. offer many exciting opportunities for members to get involved with. These include:

**Become an Officer or Join The Board of Directors** – The Friends of West Goshen Parks welcomes new members. Officers serve a two-year term, attend six meetings per year, and volunteer an average of one to two hours per month.

**Fundraise** – All events taking place in West Goshen Parks are free and open to the public. This is only possible through the fundraising efforts of The Friends of West Goshen Parks, Inc. The Friends of West Goshen Parks offers members a chance to meet business leaders in the community and involve them in events that benefit the commercial and private residents of West Goshen.

**Plan Events** – The Friends of West Goshen Parks, Inc. works closely with the Park and Recreation Board to plan township events.

**Event Participation** – During events, The Friends of West Goshen Parks provide information to visitors and assist the Park and Recreation staff in assuring an entertaining time for all participants.

**Advertising and Publicity** – From "The Park Press" (the official newsletter of The Friends of West Goshen Parks) to distributing fliers, The Friends of West Goshen Parks are vital when it comes to informing the community of upcoming events.

To get involved, contact The Friends of West Goshen Parks at 610-696-5266.

## Meetings

The Board of Directors of The Friends of West Goshen Parks meets on the first Thursday in January, March, May, July, September, and November at 7:00 PM in the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Board of Directors Meetings are open for any members of The Friends of West Goshen Parks to attend.

The General Membership Meeting is held on the first Thursday in May at 7:00 PM. Additional meetings are held on an as-needed basis.



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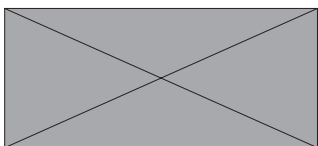


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**Township Holidays:** Township offices will be closed on November 28th & 29th for Thanksgiving.

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