



West Goshen

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Police Department Promotion & New Hire



On Friday July 31, 2020, West Goshen Police Department promoted **Wesley Holman** to Sergeant, filling in the vacancy made after the retirement of 40-year veteran Sergeant Anthony Storti. Also, filling the rank and file, **William Cuddhy** was hired as a patrol officer. This promotion is maintaining a Supervisory Structure that ensures the residents of West Goshen Township a department of exemplary leadership! We have top quality people that are willing, and more importantly, prepared, to take on the challenges of the future.

Sergeant Holman has been with West

Goshen PD since 2006. Prior to coming to West Goshen he was a police officer for 5 years in Birmingham Twp. and West Brandywine Twp. He is assigned to the patrol division and will assume the responsibilities of patrol Sergeant. Sergeant Holman is an EMT, having served this community for several years with the Goodfellowship Ambulance Company. He is also a life member of the West Chester Fire Department and is West Goshen's First Aid/CPR/AED instructor. He is certified in CIT (Crisis Intervention), and is an instructor as well. He is also a coordinator for the Chester County CISM team, which assists police officers and all first responders in

dealing with personal and professional crises.

He has an Associate's Degree from Temple University.

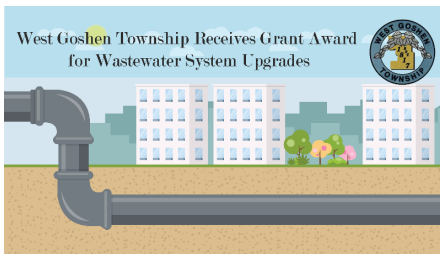
Wes is married to Kim and they have three children, Walker, Savannah and Colton.

Officer William Cuddhy began his law enforcement career in 2007 with the East Lansdowne Police Department but has worked for the Upper Darby Police Department since 2012. Bill worked in patrol for 3 years and has been assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division for the past 5 years. During his tenure with the Upper Darby Police Department, Bill has received numerous letters of commendation for his actions, his compassion, his work ethic and he can brag that he helped in the delivery of a healthy baby girl as well. To attest to his character, a former Captain of Bill, who is now a Chief in another agency, wrote me a letter when he heard Bill had applied. He had not seen Bill in over a year, but felt so strongly about Bill's character, compassion and respect that he shows for everyone he deals with, he felt compelled to write an unsolicited letter of support for Bill.

Bill is married to Lisa and they have a one-year old son, Kip.

Magisterial District Justice Martin Goch administered the Oaths of Office to our Honorees.

West Goshen Township Awarded Grant for Wastewater System Upgrades



The West Goshen Township Sewer Authority was recently awarded two grants in the amount of \$910,896 for wastewater system upgrades.

The grants were awarded by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

The first grant is for \$500,000 from the H2O PA-Water Supply, Sewer & Stormwater program for the Priority Interceptor Rehabilitation Project.

The second grant is for \$410,896 from the PA Small Water & Sewer Program for the Sewer Interceptor and Force Main Improvements Project.



Remembering Former West Goshen Supervisor Bob Little



Robert B. Little, Former Supervisor

Robert B. Little, a longtime West Goshen Resident who served as a Township Supervisor, passed away on August 29, 2020 at the age of 78.

A Philadelphia native, Little moved to West Goshen Township after serving in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. He involved himself in numerous organizations in his adopted hometown, including First West Chester Fire Company, Elks Lodge #853, FOP Lodge #11, American Legion Post #134, Goshen Fire Company, and Fame Fire Company. He was the first person to twice serve as president of the Exchange Club of West Chester, and he was the West Chester area chairman for the West Goshen Republican Party.

“He loved politics and he loved the police and firemen,” said Edward G. Meakim, Jr., who served with Little on the West

Goshen Board of Supervisors.

Prior to serving as a West Goshen Supervisor in 2001, Little served on the Township’s Planning Commission for twenty years and was the West Goshen’s first Emergency Coordinator.

“From the day I met him in the eighties, he was working on something for the community, either fire related, Township related, or civic-duty related” said former West Goshen Supervisor Raymond H. Halvorsen. “He was very dedicated to the community.”

Little is survived by his son, Seth R. Little of Las Vegas, NV and his daughter Ashley M. Mahoney of Downingtown, PA, his sister Patricia Madara of West Chester and his brother Richard Little of West Chester and stepbrothers Donald Littlewood of Berwyn and Richard Littlewood of Bryn Mawr. He was preceded in death by his brother Joseph Little and his step-brother Tom Littlewood.

Board of Supervisors
6 year elected term

- Robin Stuntebeck, Chair
- Shaun Walsh, Vice-Chair
- Ashley Gagne’, Member
- John Hellmann, Member
- Hugh J. Purnell, Jr., Member

Administration

- Casey LaLonde, Township Manager
- Derek J. Davis, Assistant Township Manager
- Christine J. Riffey, 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

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

Planning Commission

- Vito Genua – Chair
- Carrie Martin – Vice Chair
- Jeffrey S. Lieberman – Member
- John Mattia – Member
- R. Douglas Stewart – Member
- Corey Wegerbauer – Member
- John T. Wildrick – Member
- Dr. Douglas White – Member
- Alessandra Bellwoar - Member

Zoning Hearing Board

- Joseph DeFelippes, Chair
- Scott T. Cullinan, P.E., Vice Chair
- Shannon E. Royer, Member
- Salvatore Triolo, Alternate

Auditors

- Len Iacono, Chair
- Nick Deminski, Secretary
- Carter Membrino, 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
- 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

Drive-up Drop Box

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the Township has installed a new drive-up drop box for those residents and businesses owners looking to pay sewer / trash bills, real estate taxes or to drop off any correspondence.

This is in addition to the existing walk-up drop box located adjacent to the Administration Building’s vestibule. The drop box is checked daily by Township staff.

No US Mail or any other items should be placed in the drop box.



Pension Committee

- David B. Brune, Robert Holland,
- Hugh J. Purnell, Bob Sheller,
- Walker Tompkins, Angelo Savelloni

Historic Commission

- Kevin Pistiner, Chair
- Michael Pillagalli, Vice Chair
- Kent Smith, Treasurer
- Nancy McCabe, Secretary
- Richard Davis, Elizabeth Dean, Norman Pine
- Keith Smith, Edward Tiernan,
- Thomas Walsh, Dr. Douglas White

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,
- Sallie Yoder

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

Cardboard Recycling Dumpster

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 will now have 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



Stormwater Project Update

- The Township is completing a stormwater project this week to repair an existing 134' long corrugated metal pipe (CMP) that carries a stream under Knollwood Drive. The existing pipe is very large with an oblong diameter of 78" by 120".
- Knollwood Drive is a residential subdivision containing 30 single-family homes. Most importantly, the neighborhood has a single vehicle access point onto Phoenixville Pike.
- Corrugated metal pipe has a life expectancy of between 25 and 30 years and this pipe had significant deterioration, so much so, that the Township Board of Supervisors deemed the repair an emergency.
- Failure of the pipe would have led to half of the homes to be cut off to vehicular traffic until a repair was made.
- In order to maintain vehicle access to the neighborhood at all times, the existing pipe was slip-lined. In the slip-lining process, the existing pipe is carefully measured and a slightly smaller new pipe is inserted into the existing pipe. The space between the existing pipe and the new pipe is then filled, using a liquid concrete product to provide even more strength. Finally, both ends of the new pipe will have concrete walls (head wall and end wall) in place to provide even more strength and act as a deterrent to future erosion.

- The project cost is \$408,000 and the work was performed by contractor J.A. Jurich of Aston, PA. Township funding for this project is from the Township Capital Reserve Fund.



Sewer Rebate Program

West Goshen Township is offering a Trash and/or Sewer Rebate this year. West Goshen seniors age 65 or older who have an income under \$35,000 and received a Pennsylvania Property/Rent 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 and/or Sewer rebate in the past. First time applicants may receive an application for the Trash and/or Sewer Rebate program by calling 610-696-5266, ext. 4108. The Trash and/or Sewer Rebate Program application is also available at the West Goshen Township Administration Building after July 1, 2020.

Public Township Meetings

Check www.westgoshen.org for updates and cancellations.

Please note, all meetings/events are subject to cancellation or postponement due to the coronavirus pandemic. Please see the [West Goshen website](http://www.westgoshen.org) for the latest updates.

Board of Supervisors

(7:00 PM, third Tuesday of each month):
October 7, October 20, November 17,
December 15 (Teleconference)

Board of Supervisors Workshop

(6:00 PM): July 1 (Teleconference)
November 4, December 2

Historical Commission

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

Park and Recreation Board

(7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month):
October 21, November 18, December 16
(Teleconference)

Planning Commission

(7:00 PM second Tuesday of each month):
October 13 (Teleconference)

Sewer Authority

(7:00 PM, first Wednesday of each month):
October 7, November 4, December 2,
(Teleconference)

Zoning Hearing Board

(7:00 PM, as needed.)

Sustainability Committee

(6:00 PM, fourth Tuesday of each month -
Teleconference)

All meetings are held in the Township Administration Building.

There is a public comment period at each meeting.

Visit www.westgoshen.org to confirm hearings.

The Trash and/or Sewer Rebate Program application must be completed and returned to West Goshen Township by October 31, 2020.

Former West Goshen Parks and Recreation Member Joe Waters Remembered

West Goshen Township eNews
Wins 2nd Place!



The West Goshen Township eNews has been named a Second Place Winner in the Electronic Newsletter Category

in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors' (PSATS) 52nd Annual Citizen Communication Contest. The contest recognizes townships that have successfully communicated programs and activities to citizens.

The PSATS Annual Citizen Communication Contest attracted entries from across the commonwealth in eight categories: printed and electronic newsletters, most improved newsletters, other publications, audiovisual communication, cable TV programs, social media, and websites. In all, 45 townships submitted 106 entries for this year's competition, and 30 townships won awards.

All contest entries were judged on the usefulness of information presented and how well the information was communicated to township residents. Publications were also judged on their overall attractiveness and readability. Judges included PSATS staff and township officials who volunteered through the Association's Power of One program.

Check the West Goshen Township website for the full press release and more information.

Residents can sign up for the West Goshen eNewsletter on the West Goshen Township Website.



Joe served the citizens of Chester County for almost 41 years, spending thirty of them as Director of the Domestic Relations Office. During that time Joe was a long-time board member of the Domestic



Relations Association of Pennsylvania, serving as President of DRAP and chairing more committees than any member. Joe implemented Child Support Awareness Day in the state and instituted the Joint Family Law Conference which was recently renamed the Joe Waters JFLC. He received an award for his exceptional leadership in child support in the state of Pennsylvania. Joe was a recipient of the J. Larry Boling Innovation and Excellence in Local Government Award in 2014. He also served on the Parish Council for Sts. Simon and Jude Church, and on the Board of Directors of The Friends of West Goshen Parks.

Joe is survived by his wife Therese, daughters Patricia Hennessy and Colleen Waters, son-in-law Timothy J. Hennessy, and grandchildren Timmy and Logan Hennessy.

The West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors, Park and Recreation Board, and staff mourn the passing of Joseph M. Waters on June 18, 2020 at the age of 64. Joe served as a member (including chair) of the Park and Recreation Board from 1993 through 2002, and again from 2010 through 2017. Joe was instrumental in the creation of West Goshen Community Park, and was beloved by many in the community for his role in West Goshen's Breakfast with Santa, a role he enjoyed fulfilling for other groups including Sts. Simon and Jude Elementary School, the Chester County Department of Domestic Relations, and Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School.

2020 Chester County Farm Products Guide

The Chester County Planning Commission has published their 2020 Chester County Farm Products Guide. Go to: <https://www.westgoshen.org/download/Farm-Products-2020.pdf>



Request for Information – Renewable Energy Development

In February 2020, East Goshen, West Goshen, Westtown, and East Bradford Townships and West Chester Borough, working cooperatively through the the West Chester Area Council of Governments (“WCACOG”) completed a 100% Renewable Energy Transition Plan (Renewable Energy Transition Plan - Summary). Pursuant to the recommendations in the Plan, the municipalities are releasing a Request for Information for Renewable Energy Development for the electricity load of the collective municipal operations. **Responses, including information regarding project structures and indicative pricing, are due by COB on Friday November 13th, 2020.**

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION for Renewable Energy Development for the West Chester Area Municipalities Electricity Load: <https://www.nugwc.org/clean-energy>



Herbert, Rowland & Grubic (HRG) Presentation West Goshen Township’s Stormwater Program



On October 7, Herbert, Rowland & Grubic (HRG) gave a presentation on West Goshen Township’s stormwater program. West Goshen Township is faced with multiple stormwater challenges. These include tightening regulations, aging infrastructure, increased development causing more stormwater and flooding, and level funding. HRG addressed these issues by discussing the MS4 requirements, the benefits of a stormwater fee, the process for implementing this fee, explaining what has been done to date and why they had paused and what has changed. They then discussed further steps on this project and what they will be implementing in the future. To see the full presentation and for more information you can view the full pdf on the West Goshen Township website.





Meet the West Goshen Administration Department

Catching Up with Administration's Kate Meinhart

If you have ever called West Goshen Township or stopped by the township building in person, chances are you've met Kate Meinhart. Kate has been the township's receptionist and a member of the West Goshen Township Administration department since 2001.

"My job is to make sure that people are greeted when they come in and to answer the phones," says Meinhart. "It's a great job because I get to talk to so many interesting people."

Meinhart first started working for the township in 1978 at the Police Department. She spent 12 years there and recalls the time fondly. "I used to know where every single address in the township was!"

She moved away from the area for a little over a decade and when she returned, Meinhart rejoined the township staff as a

member of the Administration. Meinhart believes that the township was great to begin with and has only improved.

"I love working here," Meinhart declares. "I just can't believe that the officers who were joining the force when I started are retiring now!"



Tuesday, November 3, 2020 is election day!

If you've moved, changed your name, or want to update your political party affiliation, you need to update your voter registration.

- For all of your Chester County voting updates please check the county website voting page located here: <https://chesco.org/156/Voter-Services>
- For all of your Pennsylvania State voting updates please check the official Pennsylvania voting page located here: <https://www.votespa.com/Pages/default.aspx>
- For all of your national voting information be sure to check the usa.gov website for more information leading up to the 2020 November election.

Sunoco Pipeline Report

Sunoco Mariner II Pipeline Update

Construction of the Mariner II pipeline project in West Goshen Township is expected to be completed by mid to late November 2020.

Roonie Says...



Separation Anxiety Tips

One thing we know for certain about our furry counterparts is that dogs and cats are creatures of habit. They thrive on consistency, and sudden scheduling changes can throw them for a loop! As many of us have been getting used to more time at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, we can't help but wonder how our pets will react once we begin getting back into some of our routines.

Check out this article from the ASPCA to learn 7 tips and tricks for separation anxiety in pets: <https://www.aspc.org/news/separation-anxiety-pets-7-tips-and-tricks>



Aqua, PA Water Main Projects

- The Aqua, PA water main project in the Dorothy Lane area is complete.
- The Aqua, PA water main project in the Box Elder, Ellis Lane area is nearing completion.

ROAD RULES



Fall Driving Safety Tips

As weather changes, so do the road conditions. The autumn leaves are a staple of the season and can create hazardous conditions on the roadway. When leaves accumulate on the roadway and become wet, they can get extremely slippery, making the driving conditions similar to driving on ice. In addition to reducing the car's traction (causing skidding and increasing the chances of losing

control of the vehicle), leaves often cover the painted road markings, making it difficult to know the locations of the lanes.

Here are a few safety tips to keep in mind:

- Slow down if you are driving on a road covered with leaves, especially when encountering turns.

- Allow yourself plenty of room to stop in an emergency. Keep a greater distance between you and the car in front of you.
- Leaves make it difficult to see potholes and bumps in the road.
- A pile of leaves raked to the side of the road is an inviting place to a child. Children enjoy jumping into the leaf piles or burrowing down into them and hiding. Never drive through a leaf pile. Use caution going around turns and where children are playing.
- Keep your windshield leaf free to avoid wet leaves getting stuck under the windshield wiper blades.
- In order to avoid the possibility of a fire hazard from the exhaust system or catalytic converter, never park your vehicle over a pile of leaves.

Officer Laura Ashe
West Goshen Township Police Department

Anti-Texting Law

Pennsylvania's anti-texting law, effective March 8, 2012, encourages motorists to put their full focus on driving. The law can be found under the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code section 3316- Prohibiting text-based communications.

What the Law Does

The law prohibits as a primary offense any driver from using an Interactive Wireless Communication Device (IWCD) to send, read or write a text-based communication while his or her vehicle is in motion.

Defines an IWCD as a wireless phone, personal digital assistant, smart phone, portable or mobile computer or similar devices that can be used for texting, instant messaging, emailing or browsing the Internet.

Defines a text-based communication as a text message, instant message, email or other written communication composed or received on an IWCD.

Institutes a \$50 fine for convictions under this section.

Makes clear that this law supersedes and preempts any local ordinances restricting the



use of interactive wireless devices by drivers.

The penalty is a summary offense with a \$50 fine, plus court costs and other fees.

The violation carries no points as a penalty and will not be recorded on the driver record for non-commercial drivers. It will be recorded on commercial drivers' records as a non-sanction violation.

The texting ban does NOT include the use of a GPS device, a system or device that is physically or electronically integrated into the vehicle, or a communications device that is affixed to a mass transit vehicle, bus or school bus. The law does not authorize the seizure of an IWCD.

Officer Laura Ashe
West Goshen Township Police Department

The Matlack House Preserving Local History •••••



Traveling around the township of West Goshen, it is sometimes difficult to locate historic homes and buildings. Over the years, many cherished structures rich in local history have been demolished to make room for the future. It is always sad to watch historic homes transform into piles of rubble. Although it may seem that more of our local history is slowly disappearing than is being saved, there are still a few glimmers of hope.

Many residents of the township, who often travel along Westtown Road, may have never noticed a stately structure hiding behind a curtain of evergreen trees. The Matlack House, situated near the Chester County Government Services Center, is a wonderful example of local history that has been saved from the wrecking ball. The county owned house has been stabilized and preserved over the past several years to prevent further deterioration. This preservation project would not have been brought to life without the leadership of the Chester County Commissioners. The West Goshen Historical Commission gives thanks on behalf of the township to the county commissioners for their support of preserving local history. Some of the many preservation efforts that went into the home included installing a new roof, stabilizing the foundation and walls, covering the home with new stucco, and removing all asbestos materials.

In a 1785 deed, "Isaiah Matlack and Mary his wife for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which they have for their said son George Matlack" gave him 154

acres of land. This property would become the site of the Matlack House. The present house can trace its history back to 1786 when a two-story, three-bay brick addition was added onto a log structure. The bays of a home refer to the number of windows that are seen on the front of the house. As the years went by, it was decided that the log structure needed to be improved. A two-bay stone addition in 1811 replaced the log structure, which transformed the home into its current appearance. Many of the farm houses within Chester County began as small log or plank houses. As each generation of farming families continued to prosper, additions eventually transformed the houses into grand five-bay central hall homes.

Many visitors to the Matlack House may assume that the side containing a single-door is the front, but it was originally the back of the home. It may seem odd to have two doors on the front of the Matlack House, but this was a common occurrence. During the eighteenth century, the front façade of country homes also often faced south. When each half of the house was constructed, a new entrance door was included. One entrance was often used for formal occasions, while the other was devoted to daily use. Subtle details of a historic home can tell a story of the past. Upon close inspection of the house, it can be seen that the 1786 portion of the home contains six-over-nine windows, while the 1811 addition includes six-over-six windows. A six-over-nine window was designed with six panes of glass on the top sash and nine panes below. Since larger pieces of glass were

often more expensive, installing more panes with smaller dimensions helped to reduce construction costs. As time went on, glass slowly became less expensive.

Watching the preservation of this historic structure within West Goshen Township gives hope that more of our local history will be preserved. Although it may appear that our township includes extensive twenty and twenty-first century construction, we are still surrounded by history. As you travel around the township, make sure to look out for other historic properties.



Matlack House Front



Matlack House Back



Matlack House Front Center

With recent storms blowing through West Goshen Township, it's important to know how to both mitigate storm damage from trees and also how to clean up storm damaged trees. When a major storm strikes, some trees seem to be able to come through with only minor damage, while others suffer the loss of large limbs or sizable parts of their branching structure. In the worst cases, trees may be completely split in two or may have nothing left standing but a trunk.

If a tree has been weakened by disease, there may be little that can be done to prevent major breakage or loss when the stresses of a storm occur. However, there are preventive measures that home and property owners can take to help their trees be stronger and more resistant to storm damage. Visit this website: https://www.arborday.org/media/stormrecovery/6_reducingfutureddamage.cfm

For tips on cleaning up after a storm visit this website: https://www.arborday.org/media/stormrecovery/4_treefirstaid.cfm



Electric Vehicle Charging Station

The Township has installed the first of two electric vehicle (EV) charging stations.

The first station is located at 1025 Paoli Pike, in front of the West Goshen Township complex's Public Works Department building.

The second station is to be located at Community Park, 1023 Fern Hill Road and will be open soon.

Both charging stations are Level 2 chargers through the Chargepoint company and are open to the public.

The chargers may be located using the Chargepoint app: <https://www.chargepoint.com/drivers/mobile/>

Both charging locations are partially grant funded through the Volkswagen Emissions grant program.



Please visit the West Goshen Township website for information about coronavirus. For the latest West Goshen Township updates visit this site :<https://www.westgoshen.org/coronavirus/updates/>

See these government sites for additional information:

Chester County coronavirus updates:
<https://www.chesco.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?CID=1>

State coronavirus updates:
<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

Federal – Centers for Disease Control – COVID-19:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>





Halloween Trick or Treating Notification

West Goshen Township does not establish dates or times for Trick-or-Treating. Because of COVID-19 concerns, many people will not be participating in Trick-or-Treating this year. Township residents are reminded to please respect neighbors who do not participate in Trick-or-Treating. The standard practice is to keep your front porch light on if you are participating and to turn it off if you are not.

For families who wish to celebrate Halloween but have concerns about Trick-or-Treating, the West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department will sponsor a **drive-thru Trick-or-Treat at West Goshen Community Park on Halloween, October 31st, between 3:00 and 5:00 PM.** Children can wear their costumes in the car and receive bags of goodies. The person in the passenger seat receiving the goodies **MUST** wear a protective facemask.

Please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention webpage for Holiday Celebrations for advice on celebrating Halloween safely.

Drive-In Concert!



Local musician Rob Dickenson will perform a special Drive-In concert at the KMart parking lot in the West Goshen Shopping Center, 909 Paoli Pike on Saturday, October 24th at 4:00 PM. Enjoy the music from the safety and comfort of your car as you listen on your stereo at 98.5 FM. Rob will even take requests via text. This concert is **FREE OF CHARGE**, and advance registration is not required.

WEST GOSHEN PARKS AND RECREATION CANCELLATIONS

The following remaining West Goshen Park and Recreation Department bus trips for 2020 have been cancelled:

- **November 22: Radio City Music Hall**
- **December 5: New York City**
- **December 7: Radio City Music Hall**

Please Refrain from Littering:

Littering has become a problem at the basketball courts at Community Park and the skatepark at Lambert Park.



Please use the available trash cans and recycling bins at both locations.

Continued failure to keep the basketball courts and skatepark free of litter may result in closure.



Scrape Spotted Lanternfly Eggs this Winter

Help prevent the spread of the spotted lanternfly by scraping egg masses you may see on trees. Please check your trees for egg masses such as the one pictured and follow these instructions for scraping and disposing of the egg masses:

Pull out a plastic card or putty knife. Glance around for the nearest tree likely to have "SLF" eggs on it (very possibly a Maple (leaves shaped like a hand (fingers extended) and that turn red in autumn). Look for tan or gray egg masses of the invasive spotted Lanternfly on the bark of the trunk and branches. You might even spot these little patches on an outdoor table or rock

Walk around your property to check for egg masses on trees, cement blocks, rocks, and any other hard surface. If you find egg masses on your property from September to May, you can scrape them off using a plastic card or putty knife. Scrape them into a bag or container filled with rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer and keep them in this solution permanently. Egg masses can also be smashed or burned. Remember that some eggs will be laid at the tops of trees and may not be possible to reach. Be careful while

scraping. Don't climb any ladder to eliminate out-of-reach egg masses! However, you might tie a piece of bright yarn around that tree's trunk at eye level, and someone else, hopefully, will remove more.

Why bother to remove loads of these eggs? Because they're not moving yet! Up to 50 black nymphs with white dots could emerge in April or May. Do not fuss over what remains, but be glad that you are helping to sustain life! For instance, Maple supports dozens of different native insects, although we rarely see them. And virtually all our birds need those insects in order to feed their babies. If you love birds, you support the insect life they (and we) must have.

Out walking at the park or at work? Carry a little yarn and a small scissors in your pocket along with the card and baggie. You're all set to kill hundreds in just 5 minutes. Let kids, teens, neighbors and co-workers see what you're doing and ask them to look for spotted lanternflies as well. Together, we can provide a much more pleasant world for ourselves this year!



Please visit the Penn State Extension website for more information about spotted lanternfly management for homeowners

Social Distancing Tips For Outdoors

Many residents are engaging in outdoor activities during these times as physical activity can provide immediate mental and physical benefits. Going for a walk, run, or bike ride in your neighborhood can be a good way to be active, as long as you can safely maintain distance between yourself and other active neighbors. If you decide to go to a nearby park or community space, first check for closures or restrictions. Then consider the number of other people who might be there and if you'd be able to ensure enough space — at least 6 feet — between yourself and others.

Be sure to follow these tips while outdoors:

- If you do go outdoors to exercise, wear a cloth face covering or a mask.
- If you have a yard, gardening is a great way to stay active and help you meet physical activity guidelines.
- The safest way to be active outdoors is to stick with members of your household or go solo.

If you're meeting up with someone who isn't in your household, make sure to avoid all physical contact and keep at least 6 feet of space between you at all times.

The CDC recommends that visitors do not use playgrounds, including water playgrounds, within public spaces and parks.

Parks can help make it easier to keep your distance from others, but not if they're too crowded. Make sure you look for outdoor spaces that are empty enough for you to keep your distance from others.

- Avoid crowded parking lots and trailheads
- Use the bathroom before your visit
- Bring a bag to keep your trash in during your visit
- Take your trash home with you, as there is limited staff to empty park trash cans
- Clean up after pets and carry the bags with you out of the park

As the weather begins to get warmer, it is important to remember that social distancing guidelines are still in place. If you can distance yourself from others outside — and it's allowed under local guidance — take a walk, run, or bike ride in a quiet neighborhood, or hike on a trail away from others to relieve some stress and enjoy the great outdoors. Click here to read more on how to stay active during these times, or read up on the DCNR's recommendations for outdoor activities.





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