



West Goshen

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' STATEMENT ON RACIAL INJUSTICE

As members of the West Goshen Board of Supervisors we express our heartfelt condolences and support for the family and friends of Mr. George Floyd who was killed on May 25, 2020. We acknowledge the feelings of anger, frustration, sadness, despair and hopelessness that surrounds this tragedy, following many others, that have reverberated across this country and our community.

Racism is a daily reality for many in our society and no community is immune. We have a thriving welcoming spirit in West Goshen with a supportive police department. We stand with those who protest peacefully against racial discrimination and inequality in our society living up to our highest ideals of "Equal Justice for All". We shall move forward during these difficult times.

As citizens we can peacefully protest hate and racial discrimination. We can ensure the spirit and memories of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Freddie Gray, Philando Castile, Trayvon Martin and countless others remain alive. As Board members we shall continue to learn from other communities on best policing practices and recommendations such as the May 2015 Final Report of the President's Task on 21st Century Policing. Our police department can, and has, reached out to meet with leaders of the Minority Community to hear their concerns. As a township we will continue to move forward in improving the place we want to live, work, worship and raise our families.

West Goshen Board of Supervisors

A Thank You to Our First Responders



The West Goshen Police Department would like to express our deepest gratitude to the first responders in the medical field in the greater West Chester area. Beginning

with the Good Fellowship Ambulance, the Goshen Ambulance and all the personnel at the Penn Medicine-Chester County Hospital who have been called upon for their service during the greatest health threat in over a generation.

We have seen firsthand how these people have responded to every call for help and assistance without hesitation, all the while, knowing that the potential for personal danger was/is present. Without regard for their own health and safety, they have responded to and helped countless citizens get through some of their most difficult lifetime events.

Where would we be without them? I fear to think! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! You are truly a special and selfless group. May God continue to bless you and your families in these most trying times!

Aqua Water Main Projects

Aqua Pennsylvania will begin the replacement of 5,000 feet of aging 12-inch cement pipe with new 12-inch ductile iron water main on the following street in East Goshen and West Goshen townships, Chester County beginning Wednesday June 23, 2020:

- Ellis Lane between East Strasburg Road and a point 600 feet South of Paoli Pike

The \$1,050,000 project is part of our continuing infrastructure improvement program that replaced more than 17 miles of aging main in Chester County in 2019 to improve service reliability for customers. The new water main will reduce the potential for main breaks and discolored water and improve water flow in the area. Construction will take place weekdays between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Access will be provided for emergency, mail and trash service. Residents will have access to their properties, but at times will need to enter from different directions due to changing work zones. Following installation, the new main will be flushed, chlorinated and tested for water quality before being placed into service. During the chlorination/testing phase, activity on the job site may be limited.

Once the water quality testing has been completed, we will transfer each water service and fire hydrant to the new main.



When all final connections are made to mains on the side streets, the old main will be abandoned. It is important to note the trench will be covered with temporary blacktop at the end of each workday. Permanent restoration will take place in the summer. We will notify customers ahead of any planned water service interruptions and will provide 48 hours advance notice for any scheduled interruption greater than 30 minutes. We are closely monitoring the COVID-19 crisis and will change our practices if and when required. Aqua will have an inspector on the job each day to answer your questions

Visit here to see the full letter from aqua:
<https://www.westgoshen.org/download/Aqua-Letter-Ellis-Lane.pdf>

Congratulations Sgt. Storti!



Chief Joseph Gleason congratulates Sgt. Storti on his retirement

The West Goshen Township Police Department would like to congratulate Sergeant Anthony A. Storti on his retirement today after honorably serving the citizens of West Goshen Township and the citizens of Chester County for over 40 of distinguished and dedicated service.

Sergeant Storti began his career in West Goshen on January 8, 1980 as a patrol officer. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1989 and has held that position until his retirement today.

Sergeant Storti was the first official 'Field Training Officer' for the department and implemented the training program for new officers that is still utilized today.

We wish him and his wife Brenda a very long, healthy and happy retirement.

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.



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Fax 610.696.3935
Email: police@westgoshe.org
Joseph J. Gleason, Chief of Police

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

John Herley, President
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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

Board of Supervisors Meeting Notes - June 16, 2020

- The Board reviewed a sketch plan for a proposed supermarket, bank and restaurant at 829 Paoli Pike, site of the former Spellman Building / West Chester Area School District.
- The Board approved Resolution 9-2020, an update for the traffic signal located at the intersection of Market Street and Westtown Road.
- The Board approved a Final Land Development for commercial and industrial uses at 21 Hagerty Boulevard.
- The Board approved a Final Land Development for a bank at 704 E. Market Street.
- The Board approved a Final Land Development for a commercial building expansion at 307 Westtown Road
- The Board approved Ordinance No. 2-2020 for Small Wireless Facilities.
- The Board approved the Park & Recreation Summer 2020 Family Summer Camp.



The Board of Supervisors recently approved the 2020 Street Paving Program.

The following West Goshen Township streets will be paved this summer and residents on the streets will be notified prior to work commencing.

The project is expected to begin around July 13, 2020 and be completed within three to four weeks.

2020 Street Paving Program List

- West Rosedale Avenue from East Bradford Township line to Church Street
- South New Street from East Bradford Township line to West Rosedale Avenue
- Lauber Road from Westtown Road to Wilson Avenue
- Wilson Avenue from West Chester Pike to Lauber Road
- South Concord Road from West Chester Pike to Terminus
- Fairmont Drive from South Concord to cul-de-sac
- Courtney Circle from Fairmont Drive to cul-de-sac
- Maple Lane from West Chester Pike to Terminus
- Morris Road from West Chester Pike to Lauber Road
- Circle Avenue from West Chester Pike to Lauber Road
- Justin Lane from South Concord to cul-de-sac
- Edkin Avenue from South Concord to

Maple Lane

- Cedar Avenue from South Concord to terminus
- Orchard Avenue from South Concord to terminus
- Elm Avenue from Maple Lane to Marguerite Avenue
- Lauber Road from Circle Avenue to Marguerite Avenue
- Marguerite Avenue from Lauber Road to Elm Avenue
- Greenhill Avenue from Kirkland to Greenhill Road
- Ashbridge Road from Kirkland to Greenhill Road
- Countryside Lane

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.

The Trash and/or Sewer Rebate Program application must be completed and returned to West Goshen Township by October 31, 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 [township calendar](#) for the latest updates.

Board of Supervisors

(7:00 PM, third Tuesday of each month):
July 21 (Teleconference)

Board of Supervisors Workshop

(6:00 PM): July 1 (Teleconference)
POSTPONED TO JULY 8

Historical Commission

(7:00 PM, fourth Thursday of each month):
July 23 (Teleconference)

Park and Recreation Board

(7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month):
July 15 (Teleconference)

Planning Commission

(7:00 PM second Tuesday of each month):
July 14 (Teleconference)

Sewer Authority

(7:00 PM, first Wednesday of each month):
July 1 (Teleconference)

Zoning Hearing Board

7:00 PM, as needed.

Visit www.westgoshen.org to confirm hearings.

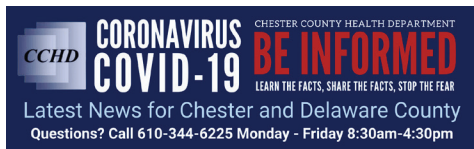
All meetings are held in the Township Administration Building.

There is a public comment period at each meeting.

Sunoco Pipeline Report

Sunoco / Energy Transfer intends to begin construction soon on completing the Mariner II Pipeline Project.

Pennsylvania Moves to Green Phase of Reopening



Chester County is currently in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's "green phase" as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the restrictions being upheld during the green phase, Chester County Government and Courts are operating on limited services with many of our staff continuing to provide services and programs while working from home. If you are not able to complete your business online or find answers to your questions, please send us an email at cchd@chesco.org, or call us on 610-344-6225.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time. Please continue to follow all CDC and PA Department of Health guidelines to help control the spread of COVID-19 during the green phase. A reminder of the guidelines to be followed during the green phase are found here and listed below: <https://restorechestercounty.org/Regulations.cfm>.

Green Phase Work and Congregate Settings Restrictions:

1. Continued telework strongly encouraged
2. Businesses with in-person operations must follow updated Business and Building Safety Requirements
3. All businesses operating at 50% occupancy in the Yellow Phase may increase to 75% occupancy
4. Child care may open complying with guidance
5. Congregate care restrictions remain in place
6. Prison and hospital restrictions determined by individual facilities
7. Schools subject to CDC and Commonwealth guidance

Green Phase Social Restrictions:

1. Large gatherings of more than 250 prohibited
2. Masks are required when entering a business
3. Restaurants and bars can operate at 50% occupancy
4. Personal care services (including hair salons and barbershops) can open at 50% occupancy and by appointment only

5. Indoor recreation, health and wellness facilities, and personal care services (such as gyms and spas) can open at 50% occupancy with appointments strongly encouraged

6. All entertainment venues (such as casinos, theaters, and shopping malls) can open at 50% occupancy

7. Construction activity may return to full capacity with continued implementation of protocols

Last month, Delaware County Council, the Delaware County Commerce Center, and the Delaware Chamber of Commerce convened the Bringing Back Delco Task Force—comprised of community, business, and government representatives—to assist and support the Delaware County business community to ensure a safe reopening of the local economy.

The Bringing Back Delco website contains important information, resources, and downloadable flyers and graphics for business owners to display and share with their employees. It also offers an online small business support store to help businesses procure the supplies they needed to reopen safely, many of which are in short supply. Items included: hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, gloves, masks, and six-foot floor markers. Business owners can order these items online at a discounted price and pick up the kits on either June 22 or 23 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Broomall Fire Department (1 N. Malin Rd., Broomall, PA)

More information and a link to order supplies can be found here: www.BringingBackDelco.com

Residents are also urged to adhere to COVID-19 safety guidance:

- Continuing to wear a mask in public
- Allowing for social distancing of at least 6 feet
- Washing your hands with soap and water
- Sneezing and coughing into your elbow
- Staying home if you have symptoms of the virus.

Delaware County is developing a plan to reopen the Government Center and County offices to the public. More details will be announced soon.

As of June 19, there were 80,236 positive cases in the state and 6,361 deaths. There were 7,050 positive cases in Delaware County and 680 deaths due to COVID-19. The

Chester County Health Department continues to track recovery data on its COVID-19 dashboard. As of June 19, 79% of residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 have recovered.

"Delaware County Council has been doing everything within our ability to help bring Delaware County into the Green Phase and to ease restrictions in both a safe and timely manner that does not jeopardize the lives of our residents," said Zidek. "The Green Phase does not mean 'full-throttle go'. Just as we did throughout the yellow phase, all residents are strongly urged to continue to follow public health guidance. This includes wearing a mask in public, continue social distancing, work from home if you can, and continue proper hygiene recommendations."

More details on the Governor's "Process to Reopen Pennsylvania" can be found here: www.governor.pa.gov/process-to-reopen-pennsylvania/



What is Restore Chester County?

The Chester County Commissioners have brought together business, economic, education and government leaders to form the core team of the COVID-19 Business Task Force. The team is focusing on best practices for reopening and restoring Chester County's quality of place. Working with state and local health departments, businesses, municipalities, schools, non-profits, places of worship and residents, they have created Restore Chester County as a toolkit to assist in the reopening process and beyond. Read More here...

<https://restorechestercounty.org/>

County Adds Call Center for Questions on Reopening

QUESTIONS ON REOPENING?



CALL CENTER

610-344-6225

M-F 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

OR EMAIL BUSINESS@CHESCO.ORG

Call center number 610-344-6225; open Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

As Chester County begins its green phase of operation during the COVID-19 pandemic, County officials have added a call center service for business and resident questions on reopening guidelines and practices. Part of the “Restore Chester County” initiative, the call center is operated by Chester County Health Department staff, with input from members of the County Commissioners’ COVID-19 Business Task Force.

The Restore Chester County call center number is 610-344-6225 and hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Messages left out-of-hours will receive a reply the next business day. The “contact us” email option on the RestoreChesterCounty.org website remains operational for all questions, and is monitored seven days a week.

Since its launch on May 27th, RestoreChesterCounty.org has provided online business and resident toolkits on reopening information, with direct access to guidelines

that are broken down by 20 different business and organization sectors in Chester County. Many of the questions generated through the Restore Chester County website – coming from businesses, other organizations and residents – have relied on answers from the County’s Health Department, along with responses from the regional chamber of commerce network across Chester County.

Visitors to RestoreChesterCounty.org have access to a Business & Org Toolkit as well as Resident Toolkit. The Business & Org toolkit lists guidelines that span industries, including a checklist for knowing if your business is ready, how to get it to that point, and how to find resources for obtaining Personal Protective Equipment. Business and organizational leaders can then drill deeper by accessing 20 different business and organization sectors, including everything from agriculture and office settings, to restaurants, personal care, schools, religious organizations and more.

In addition, Chester County has announced the launch of RestoreChesterCounty.org, a resource for the reopening process. The Chester County Commissioners have brought together business, economic, education, and government leaders to form the core team of the COVID-19 Business Task Force. The team is focusing on best practices for reopening and restoring Chester County’s quality of place. Working with state and local health departments, businesses, municipalities, schools, non-profits, places of worship, and

residents, they have created Restore Chester County as a toolkit to assist in the reopening process and beyond.

When individuals must leave their places of residence in connection with allowable individual activities, allowable essential travel, or by virtue of exemption from this policy, the Department of Health strongly encourages individuals to abide by the following social distancing requirements:

- Maintain a distance of at least six feet from other individuals; Issued 05-27-2020
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible, or use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Cover coughs or sneezes with a sleeve or elbow, not hands. Do not shake hands.
- Regularly clean high-contact surface areas.
- When sick, stay at home.
- Follow all guidance on gathering sizes applicable in yellow and green phase counties.

It is important with reopening that health and CDC guidelines are still followed in order to continue with these reopening phases. The safest move for most people is still to stay home as much as possible, but if you do go out, there are ways to reduce the risks and continue to protect yourself and others.

Tips for Social Distancing

This spring, 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. Go to <https://health.gov/news/202004/staying-active-while-social-distancing-questions-and-answers> to read more on how to stay active during these times, or read up on the DCNR’s recommendations for outdoor activities.

ROAD RULES - Steer Clear Laws

In September of 2006, Pennsylvania passed a law in which motorists are required to move over to the far lane or slow to a safe speed when approaching an emergency response area. The law is under the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code section 3327- Duty of driver in emergency response areas.

What does the law require?

- The law requires motorists to pass in a lane not adjacent to that of the emergency response area if possible.
- If passing in a nonadjacent lane is impossible, illegal or unsafe, pass the emergency response area at a careful and prudent reduced speed reasonable for safely passing the emergency response area.

What are the penalties?

- The penalty is a summary offense. The first offense is a fine not more than \$250.00, plus court costs and other fees. The second offense is a fine not more than \$500.00, plus court costs and other fees. The third offense is a fine not more than \$1,000.00.



- Multiple violation convictions can also result in the suspension of operator's privileges.
- Fines and penalties may increase if a worker is injured.

Who does this law protect?

An emergency response area is an area on or near a road where services are being

provided by police, sheriffs, coroners, medical examiners, firefighters, fire police, fire marshalls, rescue personnel, emergency medical service personnel, towing and recovery personnel, hazardous material response team members and/or highway construction and maintenance personnel.

The goal of this law is to keep all emergency personnel, as well as our motorists safe!

Author: Officer Laura Ashe

Roonie Says...



Summer Heat Tips

We all love spending the long, sunny days of summer outdoors with our furry companions, but being overeager in hot weather can spell danger. To prevent your pet from overheating, take these simple precautions provided by ASPCA experts:

Visit the vet for a spring or early-summer checkup.

- Hydrate your pet

- Know the symptoms of overheating
- Never leave your animals alone in the car (see infographic below)
- Do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool
- Keep all unscreened windows or doors in your home closed.
- Never shave your dog- The layers of dogs' coats protect them from overheating and sunburn
- Don't let your dog linger on hot asphalt
- Keep pesticides and poison out of your pet's reach
- Remember that food and drink commonly found at barbecues can be poisonous to pets.
- Never use fireworks around pets.

It's Hot Out!

Don't Leave Your Pet in the Car!

A car can overheat **even** when the window has been left cracked an inch or two.

Young, overweight or elderly animals, or those with short muzzles or thick or dark-colored coats are **most** at risk for overheating.

Shady spots offer **little** protection on hot days, and move with the sun.

90°

Even if the temperature outside is only 70°, the inside of your car may be as much as 20 degrees hotter!

102°

On an 85° day, it only takes ten minutes for the inside of your car to reach 102°.

120°

Within just 30 minutes, the car's interior can climb from 85° to a scorching 120°.

Many states and local governments have laws that prohibit leaving an animal unattended in a motor vehicle under dangerous conditions, which includes hot days. Your car could be damaged or you could be charged with a crime.

ASPCA

If you see an animal trapped in a car on a hot day, try to locate the owner or call 911! **Stay by the car until assistance arrives.**

Go to <https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/hot-weather-safety-tips> to read more information from the ASPCA.

Summer Safety Tips



Keep these tips in mind as you and your family enjoy summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics and the Fourth of July.

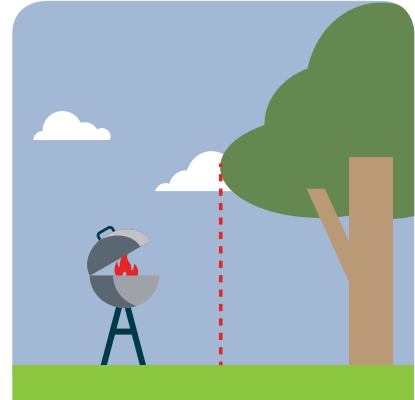
Fire safety



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.



Use chimineas, outdoor fireplaces, and fire pits outdoors only and at least 10 feet away from your home or anything that can burn.



Fertilizers and Stream Health



Few moments in life are more mesmerizing than watching clear stream water flow over pebbles, under logs, and through chutes and riffles. We notice the colors, the play of light and shadow, and minnows swimming freely.

In Pennsylvania, healthy streams exist where the input of nutrients is well-matched to the needs of the diverse populations of plants, animals, and microlife. This balance is disturbed by excess fertilizer carried in runoff from our lawns, gardens, and pavement. Other sources of excess nutrients include agricultural and septic systems, soil erosion, and pet waste. Most fertilizers are synthetic and contribute to this problem by quickly releasing their nutrients; extended-release formulations do exist, however. In 2008, a regional laboratory of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) found that 40-60% of lawn fertilizer is carried to surface water and groundwater².

In particular, the growth of algae is enhanced by the nitrogen and phosphorus of fertilizers. According to Dr. Marc Peipoch of the Stroud Water Research Center in Avondale, limited amounts of algae like *Cladophora* can be helpful in providing aquatic food and shelter. However, “too much [algae] becomes a problem”³. If the supply of nutrients exceeds the stream’s needs, filamentous algae may proliferate, taking up space, blocking light, and degrading the habitat in other ways. Algae can also cause water to develop a toxic alkalinity. As algae die and feed bacteria in the water, it may lower dissolved oxygen to levels insufficient for fish and other life.

Streams are also part of watersheds, so fertilizer runoff into Goose Creek, for example, affects Chester Creek, the Delaware Bay and, gradually, the Atlantic Ocean. This affects our quality of life in several areas including drinking water treatment, fishing, swimming, and boating.

We can prioritize clean and clear water through the careful management of fertilizers. But how can you control the amount of excess nutrients in runoff from your property?

1. Consider alternative species, such as self-fertilizing microclovers, for spaces to be used as lawn and pathways.⁴ You might want to devote space to a vegetable garden, berry patch, and/or provide habitat to support pollinators and birds. With insects and birds in rapid decline, land owners have both an opportunity and a responsibility to nurture life on their properties. Growing native plants for new meadows and woodland pockets help to reverse these losses. A property made up of 30% nonnative plants would develop into one of diverse beauty.⁵

2. Let grass clippings, an excellent source of nitrogen, feed your lawn, reducing the need

for fertilizer by between 25% and 50%¹². One or two inches of grass clippings can also make a great mulch. Do not let the grass clippings touch plants, and be sure not to use them if toxins have been applied to the lawn.

3. If needed, select a slow-release form of nitrogen fertilizer which takes longer to break down in the soil and is less likely to leach out in the first rain. Request a phosphorus-free fertilizer unless a soil test determines that phosphorus is lacking in your soil. A sample of your soil can be mailed to Penn State Extension and analyzed for a nominal charge.

4. Be careful not to over fertilize. Minimize the frequency of application. Never apply when rain is in the forecast.

By John Davis, PhD, PE, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Widener University for the Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association, and Eunice Alexander, Township Parks and Recreation Board

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Stop the Spread of Lantern Fly Nymphs

When you travel in and out of the PA quarantine zone, check your car and any outdoor items you are moving (grills, outdoor furniture, landscaping supplies, mowers, etc.). Check for SLF egg masses from September through June. Remember that egg masses may be underneath your car or in your wheel wells. During all other times of the year, check for nymphs and adults, and keep your windows rolled up when you park. Don't store things or park under infested trees, and don't move firewood.

- Steps of Spotted Lanternfly Management; Stop the spread
- Scrape egg masses
- Use tree traps to catch nymphs
- Remove host plants
- Apply insecticides as a last resort
- Tree Traps

After the eggs hatch, nymphs will walk up the trees to feed on the softer new growth of the plant. Nymphs frequently fall to the ground, walk to trees, and walk back up the trunks. Take advantage of this behavior by wrapping tree trunks in tree traps to catch the nymphs (Figure 4). Traps can be used on any tree, but we recommend only banding trees where SLF is abundant. You can use either sticky bands or a funnel-style trap. Sticky bands may be purchased online or from your local garden center. Push pins can be used to secure the band. While some bands may catch adults, banding trees is most effective for nymphs. Be advised that birds and small mammals stuck to the bands have been reported. To avoid this, you should cage your sticky bands in wire or fencing material wrapped around the tree. Alternately, try reducing the width of the band, so that less surface area is exposed to birds and other mammals. Both of these methods will still capture SLF effectively. To eliminate the risk of catching birds and mammals, you can use funnel-style traps that consist of mesh wrapped around the tree that leads into a container to trap SLF (Figure 5). Some companies may be producing these traps commercially, or you could also make your own. The mesh (e.g., plastic netting) should be wrapped around the entire circumference of the tree and funnel into a container (e.g., inverted peanut butter jar or plastic bag) with a hole in the lid to allow SLF nymphs and adults to pass through. Read more about trapping SLF in "Using Traps for Spotted Lanternfly Management". Check and change traps at least every other week (or more often in highly infested areas). Be aware that this method may not reduce the number of nymph or adult SLF you see later in the year.

For additional information please see the Penn State Spotted Lanternfly Information Page: <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>



Figure 4. A banded tree covered in chicken wire to prevent mammal and bird bycatch. Photo credit: Heather Leach



Figure 5. A funnel-style trap wrapped around a tree to capture SLF.

WEST CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

WCPL GOES GREEN MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2020

Starting Monday, June 29, 2020, 10am – we will be going Green, limited Green, but Green!

The West Chester Public Library will be open for you to come to pick up holds and do some browsing. We ask that everyone limit their time in the building to 30 minutes as we will be limiting the number of people in the building at any one time. Entrance will be via the main door (terrace); the Lafayette St door will be exit only. We also ask that everyone entering the building please wear a mask or face-covering – (very young children excepted) – for everyone's health and safety.

Green Phase hours:

Mondays, 10:00am to 5:00pm
Tuesdays, 11:00am to 6:00pm



Wednesdays, 12:00pm to 7:00pm
Thursdays, 11:00am to 6:00pm
Fridays, 10:00am to 5:00pm
Saturdays, 10:00am to 2:00pm

As always, thank you for your understanding and patience. And, we DO look forward to seeing you in person, socially distanced, of course!





Parks and Recreation Outlook

Summer is prime time for the West Goshen Parks and Recreation department. In a typical summer, you'd find Parks and Recreation Department Director Ken Lehr checking in on camps, clinics and concerts, but in a recent conversation he shared how and why Summer 2020 will be different.

"We live for summer!" said Lehr.

"Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we've had to cancel all of the great programming we had planned. I know that residents, especially the kids, are disappointed...I am too!"

Camp programs such as the Summer Recreation Program, Summer Teen Program, Skateboarding Camps and Summer Sports Clinics have all been cancelled. Likewise, events that will draw crowd such as the Fourth of July Bike Parade, Summer Concert Series and Theater in the Park have also been cancelled. Finally, all bus trips through August have been cancelled.

Lehr and his team have been brainstorming alternatives for the summer. "We want to try to continue to offer activities, but need to make sure that what we offer is safe."

They've also started contemplating what the Fall will include. "We're not sure what kind of environment we'll be in then so we've been considering some of our usual events as well as some creative alternatives. We will hold dates for favorites like our Harvest Festival, but will hold off on any decisions until we are closer."

With the cancellation of the 2020 West Goshen Summer Recreation Programs due to COVID-19 precautions, the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is offering an exciting new program for families to enjoy together: West Goshen Summer Family Camp, a four-week program designed to have families share the fun of summer camp together in a safe outdoor environment. Click [here](#) to learn more.



West Goshen Township Parks Facilities Reopening Plan

West Goshen's parks facilities have been reopened as part of the Commonwealth's COVID-19 reopening plan's green phase. Masks or face coverings are strongly recommended. Please practice 6' social distancing at all times. Please see guidelines below as you visit parks in West Goshen:

- Tennis Courts – No restrictions; singles and doubles play allowed; gates will remain open; follow United States Tennis Association COVID-19 guidelines. Locations: Community Park & Lambert Park.
- Dog Park – Occupancy limit inside fence is 25 humans. Gates will remain open. Location: Lambert Park.
- Skatepark – Occupancy limit inside fence is 25 skaters. Gates will remain open. Location: Lambert Park.
- Trails – Remain open at all parks.
- Pavilions – Occupancy limited to 25 people per pavilion at all parks. No reservations or permits will be issued until further notice. First-come, first-served. Pavilions and picnic tables will not be disinfected.
- Basketball Courts - Open
- Playgrounds and Swingsets - Open but not sanitized – use at your own risk
- Organized sports are back in session, such as little leagues, etc. Contact Parks Superintendent Dorine McClune to schedule fields.
- Park Restrooms remain closed per CDC guidelines

CANCELLATIONS

Due to concerns about the spread of COVID-19, the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department regrets reporting the cancellation of the following summer activities:

- The Summer Recreation Program
- The Summer Teen Program
- Summer sports clinics
- The Summer Concert Series
- The August 2nd trip to Annapolis

Please check the summer issue of the West Goshen Township Newsletter or visit our website for any additional updates.

New! West Goshen Family Camp

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West Goshen Family Camp will take place Mondays through Thursdays at Coopersmith Park from July 13th through August 6th. Families may choose to sign up for one of the following sessions: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM; 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM; or 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

Recreation and Park Facility Reopening Guidelines

based on the Process to Reopen Pennsylvania

PRPS offers this advice to assist park owners and stewards to comply with guidance from the [PA Dept. of Health](#) and Governor Wolf's [Process to Reopen Pennsylvania](#), especially where specific recreation and park directives remain undefined. Certain of these recommendations may differ with

local regulations or future definitive state guidance when issued; and PRPS defers to those authorities.

[The PRPS Pandemic Center for recreation and park management](#) offers many COVID-related resources for the industry. For

assistance in planning for agency reopening and recovery, access the [NRPA-PRPS Path to Recovery Framework](#).

These Guidelines are subject to change upon further definitive Guidance.

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Water-Based Recreation	Red Phase	Yellow Phase	Green Phase	Phase Out
Beaches and Marinas	Closed	Marinas open with mass gathering restrictions. Beaches closed.	Marinas and beaches open with physical distancing restrictions. Informative signage required.	Open at full capacity
Locker Rooms, Showers	Closed	Open, follow strict CDC sanitation guidelines, maximum physical distancing. Informational signage required.	Open, limited to 25 people; physical distancing measures in place; follow CDC Guidelines for cleaning. Informational signage required.	Open at full capacity
Pools (Indoor & Outdoor)	Closed	Closed	Open with physical distancing measures; limited to 25 people in each active zone. Follow PA Dept. of Health and CDC Guidelines for water sanitation and cleaning. Informative signage required.	Open at full capacity
Splash Pads, Aquatic Structures	Closed	Closed	Open with physical distancing measures; follow PA Dept. of Health, CDC Guidelines for water sanitation and cleaning. Informative signage required.	Open at full capacity
Outdoor Recreation				
Athletics	Closed	Closed	Open for controlled non-contact practices, clinics and modified game rules. Limit 25 including coaches and spectators per scheduled field/court. No self-serve concessions.	Open at full capacity
Child Care	Closed	Open, complying with all Child Care Guidance. Gatherings of >25 prohibited.	Open for business with all applicable guidelines implemented. 1:10 ratio, limited to 25 people per active use zone.	Open at full capacity
Golf	Open with touchless golf guidelines and physical distancing	Open with touchless golf guidelines and physical distancing restrictions.	Open with touchless golf guidelines and physical distancing restrictions. Limit one cart, regular tee times offered.	Open at full capacity
Outdoor Entertainment Venues	Closed	Closed	Allow with mass gatherings restrictions of <100 people; no more than 25 people per separate activity; however specific restrictions may be required depending on the nature of the event.	Open at full capacity
Playgrounds	Closed	Closed	Open with physical distancing restrictions. Informative signage required.	Open at full capacity
Restrooms (Outdoor)	Closed	Open with daily sanitation. Informative signage required.	Open with daily sanitation. Informative signage required.	Open at full capacity
Skateparks	Closed	Closed	Open but limited to non-contact activities with a limit of 25 people and adequate physical distancing	Open at full capacity
Summer Camps	Closed	Outdoor camps open with all applicable guidelines implemented. 1:10 ratio, limited to 25 people per active use zone.	Open for business with all applicable guidelines implemented. 1:10 ratio, limited to 25 people per active use zone.	Open at full capacity
Trails	Open with 6-15 feet physical distancing	Open with 6-15 feet physical distancing	Open with 6-15 feet physical distancing	Open at full capacity
Indoor Recreation				
Community/Senior Centers	Closed	Closed	Open for non-contact activities with physical distancing and gathering size limited to 30% max capacity of each active use zone.	Open at full capacity
Gymnasiums, Fitness Centers	Closed	Closed	Open with physical distancing measures; limited to 25 people in each active zone. Follow PA Dept. of Health and CDC Guidelines for water sanitation and cleaning. Informative signage required.	Open at full capacity
Meeting/Multi-purpose Rooms	Closed	Closed	Open with physical distancing measures; limited to 25 people in each active zone. Follow PA Dept. of Health and CDC Guidelines for water sanitation and cleaning. Informative signage required.	Open at full capacity
Museums, Galleries, Studios	Closed	Closed	Open with physical distancing measures in place; limited to 25 people in each active zone. Follow PA Dept. of Health, CDC Guidelines for water sanitation and cleaning. Informative signage required.	Open at full capacity
Restrooms (Indoor)	Closed	Open with physical distancing and daily sanitation. Informative signage required.	Open with physical distancing and daily sanitation. Informative signage required.	Open at full capacity
Community Events				
Community Gardens	Closed	Open with appropriate physical distancing by assigned 2-hour work window; masks and gloves for all. No sharing tools.	Open with appropriate physical distancing	Open at full capacity
Farmers Markets	Curbside pickup by reservation only. Vendors must wear masks and gloves.	Open with Vendors a minimum of 10 feet apart and patrons observing physical distancing, masks and gloves for all. One customer/family at a time.	Open with appropriate physical distancing	Open at full capacity
Large Gatherings/ Fairs/Concerts	Closed	Closed	Allow with mass gatherings restrictions of <100 people; no more than 25 people per separate activity; however specific restrictions may be required depending on the nature of the event.	Open at full capacity



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