



West Goshen

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Reminder! 2020 Census Information

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>

West Goshen Welcomes Ashley Gagné and John Hellman to Board of Supervisors

In January 2020, the West Goshen Board of Supervisors swore in two new supervisors. Both are long-term residents of the township and are hopeful about the impact they can make in their new roles.

Ashley Gagné describes herself as a "hometown girl", growing up in West Goshen and attending Bishop Shanahan High School and West Chester University (WCU). However, her academic pursuits took her everywhere from exploring the geological wonders of Hawaii, to perfecting her command of the Russian language at Moscow State University. She is passionate about the environment and was WCU's first sustainability intern. Her interest in sustainability is what fueled her desire to run for public office. Prior to her appointment, she initiated the West Goshen Sustainability Task Force. She hopes to champion green efforts as a supervisor and is very excited about the opportunity.



John Hellman's interest in serving on the Board of Supervisors stems from having the time and desire to give back to the community where he and his wife have lived and raised their family for the past 33 years. John is a retired electrician of 38 years and a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). He has been a member of the West Goshen Planning Committee for two years and is eager for the opportunity to work with the staff and residents of the township. "I'm eager to show the residents that we are open to hearing ideas and sharing ours, and hopeful that we will be viewed as being an inclusive group," said Hellman.



Together, the new supervisors have been visiting various township departments to deepen their understanding of the township. "We visited the police department, the public works department and others," said Gagné. "Everyone has made us feel very much at home and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve the community."

WE ARE NOW DIGITAL!

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

For those that still prefer a print form, you are given the ability to "opt-in" to such a version so that you can continue to receive the printed newsletter in the mail. As part of this change, the printed version of the Township Newsletter will have a new look.

We encourage as many residents as possible to enjoy the new digital version. If you would like to receive a paper/mailed newsletter, please send an email to the following address:

newsletter@westgoshen.org

Your email should contain the following message:

- ***I would prefer to continue the print version (Include full name and physical address)***

To receive the new digital eNews in your inbox monthly, please visit our website at: www.westgoshen.org/documents-forms/newsletter/ to sign up for the emailed version.

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

2020 Budget Updated

The 2020 budget was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors at their December 17, 2019 meeting. For details on the budget, please see the Township website here at:

<https://www.westgoshen.org/2020-final-budget/>

School Resource Officers

The West Goshen Police Department has been an active partner with the West Chester Area School District for over 30 years. Beginning in the late 1980's, the 'Officer Friendly' program began. That program focused on the elementary school children to recognize "Stranger Danger." Since that time, the program has grown to encompass the entire school district.

As the school district grew with the growth of Chester County population, the police department's role in the district grew as well. Two years ago, the West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors agreed with the recommendation of the Chief of Police to add personnel to the program. An officer was hired to be a mainstay at the East High School - Fugett Middle School campus, the largest school facility in the West Chester Area with a daily student and staff population in excess of 2,600. An officer is assigned to the campus everyday that the school is in session. The officer is on site for students and staff to assist in various situations. Students can speak with the officer on a more informal basis; and as such, a mutual trust is built. The program has been very successful.

As a result of the success of the police program at the high school - middle school campus, the West Chester Area School District School Board budgeted funds for the Township to add an officer to the program.

On January 27, 2020, a Memorandum of Understanding was jointly signed by both the West Chester Area School Board and the West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors to fund an additional officer for a period of three years. This agreement sets in place an unprecedented manpower allotment of four officers that are assigned to support and assist the students of the West Chester Area School District and the other private educational institutions in West Goshen Township.

As Chief of Police, I would like to personally commend Superintendent James Scanlon and the West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors for putting the safety and security of our youth first and foremost. We have a tremendous partnership with the common goal of providing a safe, healthy and comfortable learning environment. **Joseph J. Gleason, Chief of Police**



Township Information

Board of Supervisors

6 year elected term

Robin Stuntebeck, Chair
Shaun Walsh, Vice-Chair
Ashley Gagne', Member
John Hellman, 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
Pillagalli,
Mary Lou Enoches, Alternate
Nancy Pitt, 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

Zoning Hearing Board

Joseph DeFelippes, Chair
Scott T. Cullinan, P.E., Vice Chair
Shannon E. Royer, Member
Alessandra Bellwoar, Alternate
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

Pension Committee

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

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

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,
Sally 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

Farewell State of the Court 2019

District Court 15-2-03 Westtown, West Goshen & Thornbury Townships

Dear Friends, Neighbours and Fellow
Citizens:

May I take this opportunity one last time to extend a warm personal greeting to you. I continue to be personally thankful for your faith and trust in me. As in past years I have been committed to strengthening our community. It is the sworn obligation of a Judge to ensure that every case tried in his or her court is adjudicated expeditiously, courteously, and according to law, with the fullest protection for the rights of all who are involved. I have tried daily to follow this tenant.

This is my last annual "State of the Court". I have chosen to retire at the end of my term in 2019. I am proud to report that the state of Magisterial District Court 15-2-03 remains solid, sound and stable.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the privilege of allowing me to be your Magisterial District Judge these past 12 plus years. It has been an honor to be able to serve the community in which I live. It has been my intent from the beginning of my term to protect our community, and I believe that I have.

There have been many positive changes to the court during my tenure from scheduling hearings as quickly as possible to helping those in need. It has been my goal to treat everyone with dignity and respect.

While we live in a wonderful part of the world there are some observations I would like to share with you. I see more angry people yearly. I see our youth expecting no consequences for acts they commit, Young and old alike requesting a break on anything from a speeding ticket, to multiply shoplifting arrest.

Many of us do not expect a consequence for our actions; this is not good for society. Acts have consequences.

I have come to recognize that the majority of us on the roads are not paying attention to our primary duty of driving carefully. We are thinking about the day, or what I need to do all leading to many distracted drivers which are a danger to all of us. There are many in our community that needs a helping hand and where possible my staff and I do.

When I first arrived at the court I had not had much contact with our local police departments. We as a community are extremely fortunate to have the township police departments we have. These are a group of dedicated men and women who serve us all at the highest degree of professionalism. They should all be thanked for their service. It did not mean they always won their cases but I came to realize quickly that what was presented to me was truthful with no embellishments.

Life has many twists and turns; during these past 12 years it has been an honor and a privilege to serve my community. I look upon my tenure as a steward of District Court 15-2-03. I believe that I am leaving the Court in a better place than when I entered it. It is now time for Judge Goch to take his turn and input upon the court and community.

Lastly I want to thank my wonderful staff who treated you the community with respect, went out of their way to help all who entered and made my job much easier, I have valued having a professional staff who is dedicated to serving you the public.

In closing as I started each day I try to remember the following "the most extraordinary aspect of the judiciary in a free society is that even while exercising the authority entrusted to them, judges remain the servants, not the masters, of those on whom they sit in judgment."

So my friends I wish you all well and again thank you for putting your trust in me. Have a happy and healthy year.

William D. Kraut
Magisterial District Judge
Westtown, West Goshen & Thornbury

Public Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors

(7:00 PM, third Tuesday of each month):
March 17, April 21, May 19

Historical Commission

(7:00 PM, fourth Thursday of each month):
March 26, April 23, May 28

Park and Recreation Board

(7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month):
March 18, April 15, May 20

Planning Commission

(7:00 PM second Tuesday of each month):
March 10, April 14, May 12

Sewer Authority

(7:00 PM, first Wednesday of each month):
March 4, April 1, May 6

Zoning Hearing Board

7:00 PM, as needed.

Visit www.westgoshen.org to confirm hearings.

All meetings are held in the Township Administration Building.

There is a public comment period at each meeting.

Check www.westgoshen.org for updates.



Zoning Hearing Board Chair Joseph DeFelippes and his wife Rita DeFelippes. The Board of Supervisors recognized Zoning Hearing Board Chair Joseph DeFelippes for 50 years of service to West Goshen Township

Township Polling Places / Precinct Information

Polling Place / Precinct Information

Precinct Number	Polling District	Polling Location
255	N-1	Trinity Assembly of God Church – 1022 Pottstown Pike
260	N-2	Fern Hill Elementary School – 915 Lincoln Avenue
261	N-3	West Chester University Graduate Center – 1160 McDermott Drive
262	N-4	Peirce Middle School – 1314 Burke Road
265	M-1	West Goshen Township Administration Building – 1025 Paoli Pike
270	M-2	West Chester East High School – 450 Ellis Lane
275	S-1	West Chester 7th Day Adventist Church – 826 South High Street
280	S-2	Chester County Government Services Center – Room 171 – 601 Westtown Road
285	S-3	Glen Acres Elementary School – 1150 Delancey Plance
286	S-4	Chester County Government Services Center – Room 149 – 601 Westtown Road



On October 31, 2019, Governor Wolf signed Act 77 of 2019 into law.

The Act is an historic election reform bill that makes the most significant improvements to Pennsylvania's elections in more than 80 years. Act 77 allows more convenient and secure voting. Most voters can now vote by mail-in ballot, and voters will have more time to register to vote and to return their absentee or mail-in ballots. In addition, the Act provides \$90 million in funding for new voting systems. There are a number of other improvements, which are summarized at <https://www.votespa.com/About-Elections/Pages/Voting-Reforms.aspx>

For more information regarding the Chester County voter services go to: <https://chesco.org/156/Voter-Services>

Master Composter Classes

The Chester County Solid Waste Authority will again offer Master Composter Classes to county residents. This FREE three-part class series is an opportunity for county residents to learn how to make their own nutrient-rich compost from kitchen and garden waste.

Participants will learn how to influence the key factors in composting (air, water, food, and temperature) and will have the opportunity to ask questions. The final session also includes a discussion on vermicomposting, which is your chance to come play with worms! This popular series is usually attended by approximately 50 people.

Participants who attend all three classes and perform six hours of volunteer service will receive a Master Composter Certification. Classes will meet on Thursdays in March from 6:30 – 8:30PM at the Chester County Library in Exton. Class dates are: March 5, March 12, and March 26.

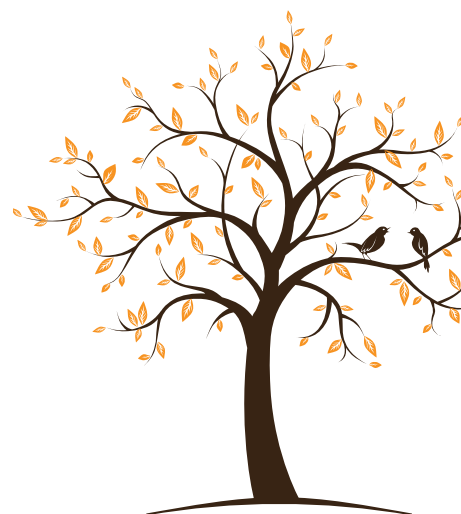
For more information or to register, contact the Chester County Solid Waste Authority at 484-796-4041.



Sunoco Update

February 13, 2020 – Sunoco / Energy Transfer receives DEP approval to begin HDD operations

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection today granted permission for Sunoco / Energy Transfer to begin HDD (horizontal directional drilling) between West Whiteland Township and West Goshen Township on Boot Road between in the vicinity of Rt. 202 and the Goshen Fire Company substation.



Road Rules



Keeping West Goshen's 93 Miles of Roads Snow Free

Each year, the West Goshen Township Newsletter publishes an updated snow removal guide for property owners with important information you should know before, during, and after each snowfall.

Before the Snow Falls...

Make sure the front of your mailbox is at least four to six inches behind the front of the curb and mounted at a height of four feet. Mailboxes closer to the curb and lower to the ground are most likely to be damaged by the weight of snow being pushed from a plow. Take time to make sure your mailbox is sturdy enough to withstand the weight of snow being pushed against it. Clear snow from all walkways, stairs, and paths to mailboxes. For confirmed cases of damaged mailboxes resulting from plowing operations, West Goshen Township will provide a new black or white mailbox and a wooden post.

Trim tree branches hanging over the road. All tree limbs, shrubs, etc. which are protruding into a roadway must be cleared by the property owners. Trees must not extend more than three feet into the road. If a tree or its branches extend over the road, they must be at least 15 feet above the ground.

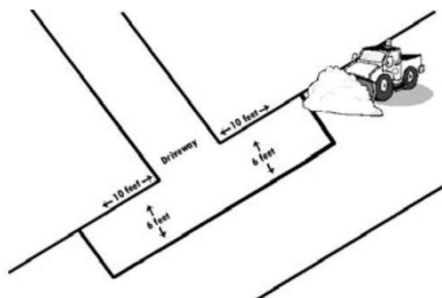
Consider installing driveway markers. If your property does not have a curb or other method to delineate the edge of the street, orange driveway markers (available at home repair stores) can help plow drivers identify the edge of the road and avoid damage to your property.

Keep culs-de-sac and roads free of parked cars from the time snow starts until the roads are cleared. In the case of steep driveways, park at the mouth of the drive, but off the road. If a car is parked on a roadside or cul-de-sac, plows may not finish that street but return several hours or even the next day to complete the work.

While Roads are Being Plowed...

Do not place shoveled, blown, or plowed snow from driveways, sidewalks, or parking lots on public streets. This is extremely dangerous

and is a violation of Chapter 70 ("Streets and Sidewalks") of the West Goshen Code, punishable by fines up to \$1,000 per day. This can result in slick and snowy spots in what should otherwise be completely cleared streets. This also requires the snowplows to do a second round of plowing. The ordinance also prohibits piling snow into storm gutters.



When shoveling your driveway, leave the last six feet of your drive unshoveled until the plowing has ceased. This unshoveled part will allow snow to remain on the plow instead of dumped into your drive. If you must shovel out your drive, clear a six foot area of the road directly in front of it. Additionally, clear an area ten feet before and after the mouth of your drive, so that when the plow comes through, it will unload snow into the cleared area. Use the above illustration as a guide for shoveling before the roadways have been cleared.

Be patient. Snow removal takes time, especially during heavy snowfall. West Goshen Township will usually plow potentially dangerous and heavily travelled areas first. Plow drivers begin with one pass in each direction on streets and one pass into and out of culs-de-sac. Once an initial clearance is made on each roadway, drivers begin pushing snow back to the road's edge and cleaning out culs-de-sac. Drivers may not finish plowing a street, but will return several hours or even the next day to complete the work. Any residual snow will be pushed back from the streets when the storm has ended.

Note that West Goshen Township does not clear all streets within the Township. The following streets are cleared by the developer or property owner:

Bishops Lodge Ct, Fallen Timbers Ln, Poe Ln, Sarowan Ln, Fitzgerald Ln, Frost Ln, Wyeth Ln, Sculthroe Dr, Rockwell Cir, O'Keefe Cir, Gorky Ln, Kincade Ln, Bollinger Ln, Eakins Cir, Phillips Dr, Alexis Ct, Seeger Ln, Sousa Ln, Bernstein Ln, Coltrane Ln, Armstrong Dr, Gershwin Dr, Aram Ave, Cougar Ln, Furr Ave, Gated Ln, Hicks Rd, Honeysuckle Ct, Hydrangia Ct, Kimes Ave, Links Dr, Llewlyn Cir, Morning Glory Dr, McDermott Dr, Oak Cir, Peaceful Ln, Pine Cir, Prospect Ave North of Paoli Pike to the dead end, Thomas Ave, Turner Ave, Turner Ln between Paoli Pike and West Chester Pike, S. Walnut St, E. Washington St between Garfield and the dead

end, Woodcrest Cir, Wrights Ln, and Wisteria Ln.

PennDOT clears the following streets:

Boot Rd, Fern Hill Rd, S. Five Points Rd between Westtown Rd and Little Shiloh Rd, Garfield Ave between Lincoln Ave and Paoli Pike, Goshen Rd east of North Hills, Greenhill Rd east of North Hills, Greenhill Rd, S. High St (Business Route 322), E. Marshall St, Lincoln Ave, Montgomery Ave, Paoli Pike, Pheonixville Pike, Pottstown Pike, Strasburg Road, West Chester Pike (Route 3), Westtown Rd, and Routes 100, 202, and 322, Greenhill Rd, and Lincoln Ave from Montgomery Ave to Garfield Ave.

After Roads have been Plowed...

Report any problems to West Goshen Township at 610-696-5266 between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM on Mondays through Fridays. Please leave a message with your name, address, phone number, and the nature of the problem. Calls received after 3:00 PM may not be acted upon until the next business day. Emergencies may be reported to the Police Department at 610-696-7400.

Become a Certified Tree Tender

Chester County Tree Tenders Basic Training:
Spring 2020 (3-class series)

When: Thursdays, May 14, 21 and 28, 2020
from 6pm-9:15pm

Where: Upper Main Line YMCA, 1416 Berwyn
Paoli Road, Berwyn, PA 19312

Fee: \$40

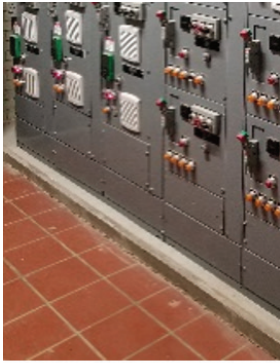
Tree canopy is correlated with many health, environmental, and economic impacts. Since 1993, more than 5,000 volunteers in the region have become certified Tree Tenders®, receiving hands-on training on the biology, identification, planting and proper care of trees. Each year, with the support of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS), neighborhood Tree Tenders groups plant more than 1000 trees, and also focus their efforts on follow-up monitoring and care to ensure their survival.

REGISTER at: <https://phsonline.org/events/chester-county-tt-may2020/> For more information call 215.988.1698.



Anaerobic Digester and Operations Building Rehabilitation Project

The Anaerobic Digester and Operations Building Rehabilitation Project at the wastewater treatment facility, which began in December 2017, is now complete. The 6-million dollar project was initiated to replace aged and deteriorated infrastructure, to improve operations and personnel safety, and to prepare for future treatment requirements. Much of the electrical equipment upgrades were necessary to meet the requirements identified in NFPA 820, Standard for Fire Protection in Wastewater Treatment.



Upgrades included replacement and/or relocation of the Motor Control Center (MCC), lighting, conduits, valves, piping, pumps, HVAC, boiler, and the waste gas burner. Additionally, a power docking station was added to allow for a towed generator unit to be utilized in case of planned or emergency power loss to the building.

The two anaerobic digesters (330,000 gallon concrete tanks) were replaced and relocated to provide a physical separation from the operations building. By eliminating the common wall between the digesters (where combustible gases are formed and stored) and the operations building, areas within the building were able to be de-rated to less significant code requirements and made safer for employees.

These renovations will ensure the reliability of this vital part of the wastewater treatment

process for decades to come. Sewer Authority public meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Township's main meeting room. Please feel free to attend.



Construction Projects Update

The Woodlands at Greystone

- Work continues at The Woodlands at Greystone residential subdivision project. Homesites are being sold, building permits issued and more homes are being built on the site.
- The main collector road, Aram Avenue, is open, but has not been dedicated to the Township. Unless you are interested in purchasing a home, it is advised to not drive through the site.
- Traffic signals at the intersections of Aram Avenue / Pottstown Pike and Aram Avenue / Phoenixville Pike are operational, but have not been dedicated to the Township.

Fallen Timbers

- Work continues at Fallen Timbers, a small residential subdivision on South Five Points Road near Little Shiloh Road. The project is near completion.

Free Electronics Recycling and Shred Event

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: West Goshen Township Municipal Complex, 1025 Paoli Pike

For more information about what you can recycle go to: <https://www.westgoshe.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/39/2020/01/Free-Electronics-Recycling-and-Shred-Event-Spring-2020-Autosaved-1.pdf>

eWaste Recycling Event



Items That can be Shredded or Recycled

Document Shredding:

- Shred Events are for paper shredding only.
- All material is 100% recycled and we maintain a 0% landfill policy.
- Wiggins Shredding will let you watch the shredding take place on their TV monitor in the truck.
- The shredded material that comes out will be the size of a fingernail.
- This event is for the general public only – no businesses.

Electronics Recycling:

Sycamore International will collect:

- Computer hard drives, CPU's, LCD (non-glass screen) TV's & monitors, printers, computer accessories.
- Any small household appliances with a plug.
- CRT (glass Screen) TV's and monitors are \$25.00 each, limit 2

Items that will NOT be accepted:

- Air conditioners, dehumidifiers (anything with Freon)

Tax Bills Reminder

The elected Tax Collector mails Real Estate Tax bills to property owners by March 1 of each year. The tax bill is computed by multiplying the tax rate, set by the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township, with the assessed value of the property. The assessed value is determined by the Chester County Assessment Department.

To learn more go to: <https://www.westgoshe.org/government/departments/tax-collector/>



REGISTER ONLINE AT 1 OF 35 SITES. CRCWATERSHEDS.ORG

23rd Annual CRC Streams Cleanup Saturday, April 4, 2020 9:00-11:30am

It's so much fun to be in the stream, enjoying nature, and making a difference! Join CRC Watersheds Association on Saturday, April 4th to help clean our streams. We need volunteers throughout the Chester, Ridley and Crum Watersheds to clean over thirty streams sites! Two cleanup sites are in West Goshen:

- Site 111 Rear of McDonald's, 701 E. Gay St.
- Site 113 Rear of 205 Carter Drive, off S. Matlack St.

Gloves, bags and refreshments provided, so please sign up to volunteer by completing a brief registration form on our website. For more information please contact Lynn Meza at lynn@crcwatersheds.org

FILE YOUR LOCAL TAX RETURN ONLINE

Tax Day, April 17, is fast approaching. Our local tax administrator, Keystone Collections Group, just made [e-file](#) easier and faster. With clear graphics, an interactive format and a streamlined process, you can file your local return online, in minutes, using any mobile device.



With [e-file](#), you enter only the most basic information necessary to file your local return. You can easily transfer overpayments to your spouse's balance due using the "Married Filing Jointly" option. You can file multiple returns from one [e-file](#) account, and you can view the status of your return(s) on the Home Page.

Even if you work outside of Pennsylvania, you can now file online. If you moved during the year, [e-file](#) makes it easy to file your part-year returns for each of your home locations if Keystone is the tax administrator.

Best of all – you can file your return today and schedule your payment for April 17 or before. You will get an online receipt for the payment.

If you are due a refund, you'll receive an online confirmation that your refund was deposited into your bank account.

State law requires Pennsylvania residents with earned income to file a local tax return even if your employer withholds the tax from payroll or even if you are not due a refund. If you don't have payroll withholding, work in Philadelphia and/or have net profits, you are required to file a local earned income tax return.

Why wait? File online today with e-file. Go to <https://efile.keystonecollects.com/#/login>

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.

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 (Figure 3). 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. For extra confidence with this, click here. 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



EXTENSION CORD SAFETY

FIRE SAFETY TIPS BY
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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 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 (5x125). 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*

We're Moving to a Clean Energy Future!

Last fall, West Goshen Township joined forces with our neighbors through the West Chester Area Council of Governments to advance our communities towards a clean energy future. We hired the Cadmus Group, an energy consultant, to create an Energy Plan Report, which will soon be released. The report covers ways in which our municipalities can reduce energy with simultaneous cost benefits in the areas of electricity, heating/cooling and transportation.



What can YOU do to join this important effort? Get informed and read the report @ <https://sites.google.com/view/wcacog-100-re-transition/home>

21 Tips: No-Cost Ways to Save Electricity

1. Turn off unnecessary lights

Two 100-watt incandescent bulbs switched off an extra two hours per day could save you \$15 over a year. Better yet, switch to LED.

2. Use natural light

A single south-facing window can illuminate 20 to 100 times its area. Turning off one 60-watt bulb for four hours a day is a \$9 saving over a year.

3. Use task lighting

Turn off ceiling lights and use table lamps, track lighting and under-counter lights in work and hobby areas as well as in kitchens.

4. Take shorter showers

Hot water is expensive. If two people in your home cut their shower time by a minute each, you could save \$30 over a year.

5. Turn water off when shaving, washing hands, brushing teeth

Reduce your hot water usage by 5% to save about \$19.

6. Fix that leaky faucet

Fixing a hot water leak in your faucet can save up to \$9 per year in energy costs. Learn how to fix that leak.

7. Unplug unused electronics

Standby power can account for 10% of an average household's annual electricity use. Unplug unused electronics and save \$50 a year.

8. Ditch the desktop computer

If you're still using that old desktop, recycle it and switch to your laptop. If you use your laptop two hours per day, you'll save \$4 over a year.

9. Not home? Turn off the air conditioner

Turn off that old window unit air conditioner for five hours a day while you're away. Do that for 60 days over a summer and you'll save \$16.

10. Recycle or donate that old TV

Recycle or donate your old T.V.. Even if you're just using it an hour a day, that 42-inch LCD is costing you six bucks a year.

11. Manage your thermostat

If you have electric heat, lower your thermostat by two degrees to save 5% on your heating bill. Lowering it five degrees could save 10%.

12. Be strategic with window coverings

Promote airflow through your home and block the afternoon sun. You could save you up to \$10 (2 fans) or \$45 (1 window unit AC) during the summer.

13. Reduce heat in the kitchen

Avoid using the oven in summer – try salads, smoothies or barbecue. You'll reduce the heat in your home and save on your home cooling costs.

14. Run full loads

Cut one load of wash per week, even if you're already using cold water only, and you could save \$18 a year on your laundry costs.

15. Wash laundry in cold

By switching from hot to cold water for an average of three loads per week, you could save up to \$22 per year on your energy bill.

16. Hang dry your laundry

If you do eight loads of laundry a week and use your clothesline for 50% of those clothes, you could save \$65 a year.

17. Toss a towel in the dryer

A dry towel added to your dryer load can significantly reduce drying times. If you're doing seven loads a week this could save you \$27 a year.

18. Be efficient with refrigeration

Keep your fridge and freezer at their ideal temperature. For your fridge this is between 2°C and 3°C and your freezer should be at -18°C.

19. Unplug your second fridge

Unplug that second fridge and save up to \$55 a year. Freeze plastic jugs of water and use them in a cooler when you need them.

20. Skip the heat-dry setting for the dishwasher

That heat-dry setting is expensive. De-select it and, based on one load of dishes a day, save up to \$27 for the year.

21. Use the microwave, crock pot or toaster oven

A microwave takes 15 minutes to do the same job as 1 hour in an oven. Use a microwave instead of your oven 4 times a week and save \$13/year.



Upcoming Events

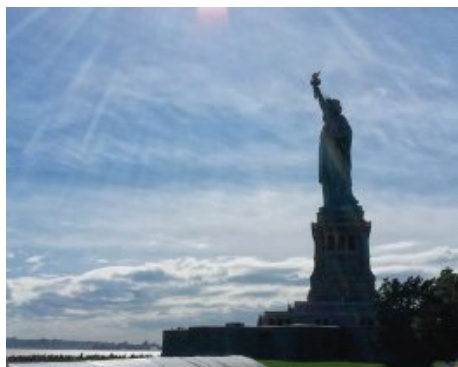
Bus Trips



West Goshen Parks and Recreation
Bus Trip to Washington, D.C.

The Saturday, March 21st trip to Washington, DC has filled. The West Chester Recreation Department still has space available for their Saturday, March 28th trip to the Cherry Blossom Festival.

For information, contact West Chester Recreation at 610-436-9010.



The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island

Saturday, May 9, 2020

Itinerary for Saturday, May 9, 2020

- 8:00 AM Depart West Goshen Municipal Complex
- 10:10 AM Board ferry at Liberty State Park
- 10:30 AM Explore Ellis and Liberty Islands
- 4:30 PM Board ferry from Statue of Liberty
- 5:00 PM Bus departs from Liberty State Park
- 7:00 PM Return to West Goshen Township (time approximate)

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

The West Goshen Historical Commission



The West Goshen Historical Commission is currently displaying an exhibit on the second floor of the township building about Greystone Hall. The Historical Commission hosted a lecture in January with about 80 people in attendance on the same subject. The exhibit focuses on the history of Greystone Hall, the Sharples family who constructed the mansion, and historic maps of the local area. Also on display is an original Sharples Cream Separator. The exhibit will be on display through March 2020.

To learn more go to: <https://greystonehall.com/history-of-the-estate/>



2020 Summer Recreation Program - Now Hiring Summer Counselors!

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is currently seeking enthusiastic and experienced individuals to plan, facilitate and supervise safe and enjoyable outdoor activities for participants of West Goshen's Summer Recreation Program, Summer Teen Program and Afternoon Sports Clinics. Being a summer counselor is a rewarding part-time position which is ideal for high school and college students or anyone seeking hands-on experience working with children outdoors.

At The West Chester Public Library

HOW TO GET MORE ZZZ'S: SIMPLE HACKS TO BETTER SLEEP

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March 25
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

Come out for an informative talk with Susan Stuntebeck, RN, Health Coach, and Nutrition Response Clinician on why sleep matters and how lack of sleep can affect your health.



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Help Wanted!

The Township is currently seeking Laborer employees for the Parks Department. Those interested should call (610) 696-5266 or click here and fill out an application for employment form and submit it to the Township.

Roonie Says...



Dog Park Rules

The dogpark is located at the Robert E. Lambert Park on Dogpark Pottstown Pike. Dogpark Rules

Dogs:

- Must be licensed (license information can be found here)
- Must be vaccinated
- Must wear identification with license information
- May not be admitted if in heat
- Must be at least four months old
- Must be within view and voice control of owner at all times
Must not be sick or suffering from parasites
Must be on a lease and under control of owners when outside dedicated dogpark area

Owners/Handlers:

- May not bring animals other than dogs into the dogpark
- May not bring more than three dogs into the park at a time
- Must clean up after dog immediately
- Must keep dog's lease in hand while in the park
- Must immediately leash and remove a problem dog (displaying aggressive behavior, mounting, excessive barking)

from the park without debate

- May not bring food or alcoholic beverages into the dogpark
- Must immediately stop dogs from digging and fill in any holes with dirt
- Must keep park gates closed at all times
- Must honor other users' requests regarding their dogs
- Are solely liable for injuries or damages caused by their dogs and ensuring their dogs don't escape the fenced area
- May not smoke in the dogpark
- May not bring glass containers into the dogpark

Children:

- Under 5 years old must be within arm's length of parent or guardian at all times
- 6-11 years old must be under strict adult supervision at all times
- May not bring strollers, bicycles, or any other children's toys into the dogpark
- Must obtain dog owner's permission before cautiously approaching any dog
- Should not run, scream or engage in any behavior that may be upsetting to the dogs

First time visitors may consider visiting the dogpark during non-peak hours (between 9:00AM and 5:00PM Monday through Friday) until your dog(s) become comfortable with the park.

The dogpark is closed for routine maintenance Monday through Thursday between 10:00AM and 11:30AM.

This facility is not supervised.

USERS OF THIS FACILITY DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK. WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INJURIES TO DOGS, THEIR OWNERS/HANDLERS, OR OTHERS THAT USE THE DOGPARK.

This area is for dogs and their owners/handlers only.

Contact the West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266 with any questions.



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