

# WEST GOSHEN



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## No Tax Increases for 2013, but State Mandates Loom Over the Horizon

Greetings from the Board of Supervisors. We have completed the final Budget for 2013. After many months of effort, from staff and the Board, the results are a budget that is approximately \$300,000 less than last year. There will be no tax increase for 2013. A complete summary is available at the West Goshen Township Administration Building or at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org).

There are challenges on the horizon. The Clean Water Act has placed new regulations upon the Township. These regulations by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection since 2003 have now been upgraded with additional and more stringent requirements. These requirements are costly in nature and mandate that we initiate expensive programs within the Township, as early as 2013. These programs include the removal of sediment and pollutants from our stormwater system. Street cleaning and retention basin retrofits are only a part of these new requirements. All of these programs are unfunded and fall upon the municipalities to implement. We will continue our efforts in this matter, but are now preparing ourselves for the increased future mandates. We will keep you informed as to what exactly we have to do to conform to the new permit requirements. We hope all of you have a safe and enjoyable year. ★

See the  
Approved 2013  
Budget on  
Page 3.



## West Goshen Receives Grant for Adaptive Traffic Signal Control

### Improving the Traffic Flow at Route 202 and Boot Road Intersection

West Goshen Township was recently awarded a \$244,000 grant from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for installation of an adaptive traffic signal control project for the intersection of Route 202 and Boot Road from their Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Competitive (CMAQ) Grant Program. Engineering firm McCormick Taylor drafted the grant application for the Township and will act as the project designer and construction manager. The grant is for construction and the Township is providing all project engineering and design.

As most motorists know, the Route 202 and Boot Road intersection is heavily congested during morning and afternoon rush hours. An adaptive traffic signal design will include installation of traffic sensors that will adapt to changing vehicle volumes automatically to lessen congestion. This is a departure from normal "timed" traffic signals that cannot handle changes in traffic volume throughout the day. The adaptive traffic signal control project should provide congestion relief for the motoring public. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2013.

## The West Goshen Blood Drive Can Use Your Help

The American Red Cross will send a bloodmobile to the West Goshen Township Administration Building on Tuesday, February 5th between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Everyone eighteen or older is encouraged to donate to meet the winter needs of blood banks. To schedule a donation appointment, contact Kate Meinhart at 610-696-5266, or visit [www.membersforlife.org/pennj/schedule/login.php?sponsorcode=8510](http://www.membersforlife.org/pennj/schedule/login.php?sponsorcode=8510).

# Subdivision and Land Development Report

## *The following plan has been approved for development:*

### **Best Line Leasing Inc.**

*Location: 515 S. Bolmar Street*

The plan proposes the demolition of the existing structure, followed by the construction of a 25,000 square foot showroom/parts shop for an equipment rental company.

## *The following plans remain under review:*

### **Pica's Restaurant**

*Location: 1231 & 1233 West Chester Pike*

The proposed plan depicts a lot consolidation for the purpose of constructing an 8,000 square foot building which will contain a 5,000 square foot restaurant and a 3,000 square

foot food preparation/catering facility. The plan also depicts a 1,200 square foot outdoor dining area.

### **3-Lot Subdivision**

*Location: East Side of Pottstown Pike, South of Greenhill Road*

The proposed plan will create a three-lot single family detached dwelling subdivision. An existing house is to remain on one of the lots.

### **The Woodlands at Greystone**

*Location: Northwest corner of the Route 322 By-Pass and Phoenixville Pike*

The submitted plan proposes for the development of 598 dwelling units pursuant to the Flexible Design Conservation District regulations for a 446+ acre property located along Pottstown Pike, Phoenixville Pike, and the

Route 322 Bypass (commonly referred to as the Jerrehian tract).

### **Goshen Leisure Development II**

*Location: 21 Hagerty Boulevard: East of Route 202, North of Hagerty Boulevard*

The proposed plan reflects 164,150 square feet of flex office and warehouse buildings to be located at 21 Hagerty Boulevard.

### **415 Goshen Road Subdivision**

*Location: 415 Goshen Road*

The proposed plan will subdivide the property, located at 415 Goshen, Road into five single family lots.

*A plan may be viewed, by request, by contacting West Goshen Township. ★*

## township information

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

*6 year elected term*

Raymond H. Halvorsen, *Chairman*  
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Philip J. Corvo, *Member*  
Theodore J. Murphy, Esq., *Member*  
Dr. Robert S. White, *Member*

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Casey LaLonde, *Township Manager*  
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Dorine A. Hannum, *Parks Superintendent*

### **WEST GOSHEN POLICE**

1025 Paoli Pike, W.C., 19380  
Police 911 or 610.696.7400  
Fax 610.696.3935  
police@westgoshen.org  
Joseph J. Gleason, *Chief of Police*

### **SEWER TREATMENT PLANT**

848 S. Concord Rd., W.C., 19382  
610.696.0900  
Fax 610.429.9360  
John M. Scott, *Sewer Plant Manager*

### **PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

Joseph Waters, *Chairman*  
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Dorine A. Hannum  
Kenneth W. Lehr  
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Nancy Pine  
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Jeffrey Laudenslager  
Jeffrey S. Lieberman  
Carrie Martin  
Will Morrison  
John T. Wildrick

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Frank J. Biasi, *Assistant Secretary*  
Ron Rothrock, *Member*

### **THE FRIENDS OF WEST GOSHEN PARKS, INC.**

*Non-profit group assisting the Park and Recreation Board; meets bimonthly*  
John Herley, *President*  
Mary Ann Fell, *Vice-President*  
Mary Bleecker, *Secretary*  
Marilyn Reich, *Treasurer*  
Gerald L. Napiecek, *Member*  
Peggy Niemeyer, *Member*  
John Smith, *Member*

### **AUDITORS**

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William Gale, *Secretary*  
William Christman, *Member*

### **TAX COLLECTOR**

William R. Keenan

### **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*

WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

# 2013 Budget



The West Goshen Board of Supervisors approved the 2013 General Fund Budget, Sewer Fund Budget, and Waste and Recycling Fund Budget at their December 12, 2012 meeting.

## 2013 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

### REVENUES

|                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Taxes                     | \$ 11,138,003        |
| Licenses                  | 423,850              |
| Fines & Forfeits          | 172,885              |
| Interest & Rents          | 54,862               |
| Intergovernmental Revenue | 564,072              |
| Departmental Earnings     | 563,157              |
| Miscellaneous Revenue     | 19,340               |
| Transfers                 | 100,000              |
| Fund Equity & Other       | 7,286,310            |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>     | <b>\$ 20,322,479</b> |

### EXPENDITURES

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| General Government                     | \$ 2,188,023         |
| Public Safety                          | 6,423,784            |
| Highways                               | 3,126,217            |
| Parks & Recreation                     | 1,395,016            |
| Libraries                              | 5,000                |
| Debt Service &<br>Capital Projects     | 1,523,319            |
| Misc.                                  | -                    |
| Other Financing Uses                   | 131,118              |
| Reserved for Future Year's<br>Expenses | 5,530,002            |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>              | <b>\$ 20,322,479</b> |

## 2013 SEWER FUND BUDGET

### REVENUES

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Interest Earnings          | \$ 4,500            |
| State Aid Employee Pension | 87,896              |
| Connection Fees            | 4,000               |
| Sewer Rents                | 4,054,670           |
| Misc. Revenue & IWP        | 35,200              |
| Fund Equity & Other        | 3,002,829           |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>      | <b>\$ 7,189,095</b> |

### EXPENDITURES

|                                       |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Administrative Expenses               | \$ 548,424          |
| Rent to Authority                     | 420,200             |
| Collection                            | 787,941             |
| Treatment Plant                       | 2,360,315           |
| Transfers                             | 46,326              |
| Reserved for Future Year's<br>Expense | 3,025,889           |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>             | <b>\$ 7,189,095</b> |

## 2013 WASTE & RECYCLING BUDGET

### REVENUES

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Interest Earnings        | \$ 1,000            |
| Grants                   | 118,747             |
| Waste & Recycling Income | 2,145,280           |
| Miscellaneous Revenue    | 15,000              |
| Fund Equity & Other      | 1,007,494           |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>    | <b>\$ 3,287,521</b> |

### EXPENDITURES

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Administrative Expenses                | \$ 92,103           |
| Professional Services                  | 6,463               |
| Contracted & Other Services            | 2,075,213           |
| Transfers                              | 100,000             |
| Reserved for Future Year's<br>Expenses | 1,013,742           |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>              | <b>\$ 3,287,521</b> |

Meetings of West Goshen Township's Boards and Commissions are open to the public. All meetings are held in the Township Administration building except the Sewer Authority, which holds its meetings at the Sewer Treatment Plant at 848 South Concord Road. There is a public comment period at each meeting.



## Public Township Meetings

### Board of Supervisors

(7:00 PM, second Wednesday of each month): February 13; March 13; April 10.

### Park and Recreation Board

(7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month): February 20; March 20; April 17.

### Planning Commission

(7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month): February 19; March 19; April 16.

### Sewer Authority

(7:30 PM, first Wednesday of each month): February 6; March 6; April 3.

### Zoning Hearing Board

(7:00 PM, first Thursday after the second Wednesday each month, except where otherwise noted): February 14; March 14; April 11.

Additional Zoning Hearing Board Meetings may be added as needed. Check [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) for updates..

# Greening West Goshen

"Greening West Goshen" offers environmentally sound practices for homeowners, businesses, gardeners, and property managers. If you have a green tip you would like to share, forward it to Newsletter Editor Ken Lehr at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org).

## GREEN TIP Keeping Your Heater Operating Efficiently with an Annual Check-Up

The Environmental Protection Agency recommends homeowners have their heaters checked each year by a professional contractor, with a focus on the following:



- Tightening electrical connects and measuring voltage and current on motors.
- Lubricating all moving parts to reduce friction and the amount of electricity used.
- Checking and inspecting the condensation drain on furnaces and heat pumps.
- Checking the controls of the system to ensure proper and safe operations.

Homeowners should check programmable thermostat settings to make sure their houses are not overheated when no one is home, and inspect, clean, or change air filters once a month to ensure heaters are working at maximum efficiency. ★

Source: [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)

## FREE LECTURE Learn How to Restore Habitat, Landscape Structure, and Health in Watersheds



**Tom Brightman** The Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association and Penn State Brandywine will host a free workshop, "Restoring Habitat, Landscape Structure, and Health in our Watersheds," at the Tomezsko Building Auditorium on Penn State Brandywine's campus on Sunday, March 10, 2013 between 2:00 and 3:30 PM. The featured speaker will be Tom Brightman, Land Steward for Longwood Gardens. At Longwood, Brightman is responsible for the care of over 700 acres of wetlands, meadows, forest, and agricultural lands. In addition to being a guest lecturer for garden clubs, horticultural groups, and Longwood guests, Brightman teaches meadow and sustainability courses in Longwood's Continuing Education and Professional Gardener programs, and has taught land conservation and management in the University of Pennsylvania's Master of Environmental Studies program.

The lecture is free of charge and open to the public. To preregister, contact the Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association at 610-359-1440, or via email at [crc@nni.com](mailto:crc@nni.com). For more information, visit [www.crcwatersheds.org](http://www.crcwatersheds.org).

West Goshen Township is a proud participating partner in the Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association.

## 8th Annual Goose Creek Cleanup on April 19th and 20th

The West Goshen Township Public Works Department will team up with the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association again this year for the 8th annual Goose Creek cleanup on Friday, April 19th and Saturday, April 20th. The cleanup is coordinated for the weekend preceding Earth Day.

Last year, 122 volunteers removed 15,290 pounds of trash and 32 tires from Goose Creek locations in West Goshen, West Chester, Thornbury, and Westtown, leaving the creek considerably cleaner for recreation, wildlife, and drinking water.

On Friday, April 19th, volunteers will address the area of the creek behind the K-Mart on Paoli pike. Cleanup will take place at two West Goshen sites on Saturday, April 20th: behind the McDonald's at Gay Street and Montgomery Avenue, and at the

industrial park below the West Chester University dormitories at Carter Drive.

Volunteers are needed to help with this year's efforts. Interested individuals or groups can contact the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association at 610-359-1440 or via email at [crc@nni.com](mailto:crc@nni.com). Gloves, juice, and bagels will be provided. Volunteers with boots and waders are encouraged to bring them.





COMPOST

RECYCLE

CLEANUP

REUSE

## Pennsylvania Requires Electronic Devices Be Separated from Trash

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Covered Device Recycling Act of 2010 prohibits electronic devices from being taken to landfills beginning in January 2013. As a result, West Goshen Township's trash hauler, Republic Services, will no longer collect banned material effective January 1st.

"Municipal waste trucks will no longer be collecting these devices for disposal at landfills," explains Tim O'Donnell, president of the Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association. "You won't be able to put old computers or TV sets or computer peripherals at the curb to be taken to the landfill or the incinerator, nor will they be permitted to be mixed in with regular household recycling.

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, "Electronic equipment contains metals that, if not properly managed or contained, can become hazardous wastes." Dangerous metals

in electronic components include cadmium, lead, and mercury. The typical cathode ray tube computer monitor contains four to seven pounds of lead. Televisions may contain even more lead.

Manufacturers of electronic devices sold in Pennsylvania must make collection programs available to Pennsylvania residents. Retailers may also offer collection programs, and are required by law to provide customers with information on how and where to recycle these devices. The law mandates that collection programs must be free of charge to Pennsylvania residents.

In addition, Chester County will continue to accept electronic components at select Household Hazardous Waste dropoffs. Check the Spring 2013 issue of The West Goshen Township Newsletter for County dropoff dates and locations. ★

For more information about the Covered Device Recycling Act of 2010, please visit [www.depweb.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/electronics\\_recycling\\_management\\_program/20342](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/electronics_recycling_management_program/20342).

## Curbside Yard Waste Collection Dates

West Goshen Township has contracted with Allied Waste for residential curbside yard waste collection on the following Saturdays in 2012:

|            |          |             |                |
|------------|----------|-------------|----------------|
| March 23rd | May 18th | July 13th   | September 14th |
| April 13th | June 8th | August 10th | October 12th   |

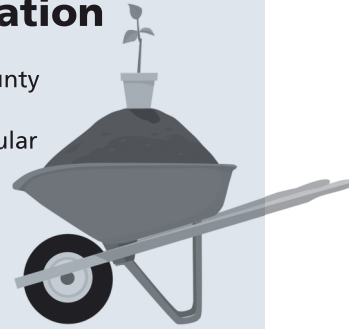
In addition, leaves will be collected on Saturday, November 16th, Saturday, December 7th, and Saturday, December 21st.

Yard waste and leaves can be placed in biodegradable paper bags or trash cans. Yard waste will not be collected from plastic bags. Branches not exceeding four feet in length may be bundled together. There is no limit to the number of paper bags or bundles to be collected. Visit [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) or check the West Goshen Township Newsletter Waste and Recycling Guide in the Spring 2013 issue for more information about yard waste collection. ★

## Master Composter Classes Offered at New Location

The Chester County Solid Waste Authority's popular Master Composter

classes will be offered again this year, with Tuesday night classes offered at a new location. These free classes meet one evening per week over three weeks and provide the opportunity for county residents to learn how to make their own nutrient-rich compost from kitchen and garden waste. Tuesday evening classes will meet between 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM at the Chester County Library at the Exton Square Mall. Monday evening classes will meet at the Chester County Solid Waste Authority offices at the Lanchester Landfill. Participants who attend all three classes and perform six hours of volunteer service will receive a Master Composter Certification. For more information or to register, contact the Chester County Solid Waste Authority at 610-273-3771, ext. 228.



### MONDAYS:

**Chester County Solid Waste Authority**  
7224 Division Highway  
Honey Brook, PA  
March 11, 2013  
March 18, 2013  
March 25, 2013

### TUESDAYS:

**Chester County Library**  
450 Exton Square Parkway  
Exton, PA  
March 12, 2013  
March 19, 2013  
March 26, 2013

**NEW LOCATION!**



# Annual Meeting

A Time to Establish Governance for 2013

On Monday, January 7th, townships across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hold their Annual Organizational Meetings. During the Annual Meeting, each town's Board of Supervisors makes key decisions on how the municipality's government will function in the coming year. Topics covered in the Annual Meeting include selection of a chairman and vice-chairman, appointments to various boards and commissions, establishing government office hours, public meeting times, and holidays, approving depositories for Township funds, and designating emergency service providers.

Township holidays were set as: New Year's Day (January 1); Memorial Day (May 27); Independence Day (July 4); Labor Day (September 2); Thanksgiving (November 28); and Christmas (December 25). Township offices will be closed on these dates.

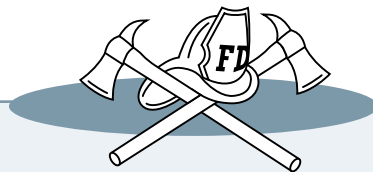
Ambulance service will be provided by Good Fellowship and Goshen Fire Company. Fire protection and rescue service will be provided by Goshen Fire Company and West Chester Fire Department. Police service will be provided by the West Goshen Township Police Department.

The West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors encourages Township residents to get involved in their local government by volunteering for a board or committee. Even if a board does

### The Board of Supervisors made the following board appointments at the meeting:

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Planning Commission</b>       | <b>Carrie Martin (2nd term)</b>   |
| <b>Park and Recreation Board</b> | <b>Mary Lou Enoches (3rd term)<br/>Gerald L. Napiecek (3rd term)</b>  |
| <b>Sewer Authority</b>           | <b>David R. Johnson (2nd term)<br/>Michael T. Arnold (3rd term)</b>   |
| <b>Vacancy Board</b>             | <b>Edward M. Meakim (2nd term)</b>  |
| <b>Pension Committee</b>         | <b>Robert Holland (6th term)<br/>William Keenan (18th term)<br/>Thomas A. Teneza (6th term)<br/>John Trevisani (5th term)</b> |

not have a current vacancy, the Board of Supervisors maintains information from interested candidates to keep on file for when a vacancy does arise. If you are interested in serving on your local government, contact Township Manager Casey LaLonde at 610-696-5266 or via email at clalonde@westgoshen.org for information. ★



## Toaster Oven Safety *Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa*

Toaster ovens offer people a quick and convenient way to cook small food items. When operating one these devices, it is important to follow basic safety procedures, to avoid causing a fire or electrocution.

### General Operating Information

Though most toaster ovens are similar, it is important to read the instruction manual before operating one. Make sure that you wash your toaster's baking tray and oven rack before you use your toaster oven. You

should also test your toaster oven by heating it at 450 F for ten minutes.

### Keep the Area Clear

Make sure to leave six to eight inches free on all sides of your toaster oven. You should never store or set anything on top of your toaster oven. Do not ever store any non-manufacturer-approved items or accessories inside of your toaster oven. Also, make sure not to cover your toaster ovens crumb tray with aluminum foil; this can cause the toaster oven to overheat.

### Plug/Cord Safety

Before operating a toaster oven, it is important to check your cord and plug for signs of tearing, fraying and cracking. When using your toaster oven, make sure that the cord does not come into contact with water. Make sure to unplug your toaster oven when you are finished using it. Do not ever unplug your toaster oven by yanking on the cord.

### Cleaning Advice

Do not attempt to clean your toaster oven before it is done cooling off. Never use

metallic scouring pads to clean your toaster oven. The tiny shards of metal could dislodge from the scouring pad and come into contact with your toaster oven's electrical parts. This could potentially cause a fire. Clean your toaster oven regularly to prevent grease and crumbs from building up. An accumulation of grease and crumbs could be a fire hazard. Use a damp soapy rag to clean the glass toaster-oven door.

## Beat the Winter Blues with Bus Trips with the Park and Recreation Department

Looking to get out of the house this winter? Then join the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department on a trip to a Broadway play. Or plan ahead to take advantage of the warmer weather and see two of America's great cities!

On **Wednesday, February 20th**, the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department hosts a trip to see the smash-hit musical **"Mamma Mia!"** on Broadway. Spend free time in New York City, enjoy the captivating play based on the music of ABBA, and conclude with a family-style Italian dinner at Carmine's. \$175 per person includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, ticket to the show, dinner at Carmine's, server and driver tips.

On Wednesday, **March 20th**, the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department returns to Broadway for Andrew Lloyd Weber's timeless **"Phantom of the Opera."** The day is complete with free time in New York and dinner at Carmine's. \$175 per person includes

round-trip motorcoach transportation, ticket to the show, dinner at Carmine's, server and driver tips.

Looking to get outside? Then join the Park and Recreation Department on a trip to Washington, DC for the **Cherry Blossom Festival** on **Saturday, April 6th**. Check out the blossoms in bloom, or visit the monuments and museums around the National Mall. \$35 per person includes round-trip motorcoach transportation and driver tip.

The fun continues this spring with a trip to the **Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and the World Trade Center Memorial** on **Saturday, May 18th**. Please note that this trip requires several blocks of walking. Cost is \$50 per adult

or \$40 per child under 12, and includes round-trip motorcoach and ferry transportation, admission to Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty, and the World Trade Center Memorial, and driver tip.

Want to spend more **free time in New York City**? Then celebrate the beginning of summer on **Saturday, June 29th** with a trip to the heart of the Big Apple. \$35 per person includes round-trip motorcoach transportation and driver tip.

To find out more about any of these trips, contact Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at 610-696-5266 or via email at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org). Information about each of these trips is available at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org). ★

Want to receive monthly email updates from the Park and Recreation Department? Visit the Park and Recreation page of the West Goshen Township website at [www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Park\\_Rec/Park\\_Rec.cfm](http://www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Park_Rec/Park_Rec.cfm) to sign up for your free subscription to "The Rec Room" and receive advance notification of bus trips, special events, programs, and activities throughout the year.

## Local Businesses Help Make Free Events Possible



The West Goshen Park and Recreation Board and The Friends of West Goshen Parks thank the following businesses who supported the 2012 West Goshen Summer Concert Series:

- **Platinum level sponsors:**  
Faulkner Auto of West Chester;  
Park Valley Associates; QVC; TD Bank.
- **Silver level sponsors:**  
Buckley, Brion, McGuire, Morris, and Sommer, LLP; Francis Hall Insurance; Glen M. White Builders; Lamb McErlane; Susquehanna Bank; West Goshen Automotive and Fleet Services.

Fred Beans Ford Lincoln of West Chester sponsored the West Goshen Fall Movie Series.

Prizes for the West Goshen Harvest Festival were provided by the following businesses: Applebee's; The Bowling Palace; Ice Line; McDonald's of Parkway Shopping Center; One Stop Party Shop; The Friends of West Goshen Parks.

*If your business would like to help support the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department's free public events, contact Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org). ★*

William Morrison of Faulkner Auto of West Chester (top photo) and Kristin Camp of Buckley, Brion, McGuire, Morris, and Sommer, LLP (bottom photo) receive certificates of appreciation at the December 12, 2012 Board of Supervisors Meeting for sponsorship of the West Goshen Summer Concert Series. Presenting certificates are John Herley, President of The Friends of West Goshen Parks, and Joseph Waters, Chairman of the West Goshen Park and Recreation Board.

# ARRIVE EARLY FOR THE EGG HUNT AND DECORATED HAT PARADE



The Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade begins early this year. Due to a March Easter, this year's Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade will take place on Saturday, March 23rd at 10:30 AM in West Goshen Community Park. In the event of rain, the Egg Hunt and Hat Parade would take place on Saturday, March 30th at 10:30 AM. Children two through nine years old who live in West Goshen Township are eligible to participate in this event.

Families are encouraged to arrive early on the date of the event to allow time for parking and to see the Bunny's arrival by fire engine. Eggs contain

candy and, for the older children, coins and small toys. The child who finds the golden egg will receive an egg filled with ten dollar coins. After the Egg Hunt, children wearing decorated hats can join in the parade with the Easter Bunny! Prizes will be awarded for the most original hats. Every child in the Decorated Hat Parade will receive a commemorative medal.

The Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade is FREE OF CHARGE for residents or West Goshen Township. Guests are encouraged to bring a dry good donation (soap, toilet paper, diapers, shampoo, deodorant, laundry

detergent, etc.) to go to the West Chester Food Cupboard, or gifts of new socks, t-shirts, and men's underwear for the Coatesville Veterans' Administration Hospital.

In the event of postponement due to rain, notification will be posted at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org). The Park and Recreation message on the West Goshen Township voicemail at 610-696-5266 will also be changed in the event of postponement.

Register for the West Goshen Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade online at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org).

## Do's and Don'ts for the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade

**DO:** Have your child participate in the Egg Hunt for his or her age group.

**DON'T:** Have your child participate in multiple age groups or participate in a younger age group to get more eggs.

**DO:** Make sure your child waits until his or her age group is instructed to start hunting for eggs

**DON'T:** Allow your child to get an early start hunting for eggs before the official start.

**DO:** Encourage your child to pick eggs up off the ground at the Egg Hunt.

**DON'T:** Encourage your child to grab eggs from other kids at the Egg Hunt.

**DO:** Check the contents of your child's eggs before he or she eats anything.

**DON'T:** Let small children stick coins or small toys in their mouths.

**DO:** Notify anyone in a West Goshen Park and Recreation Board or Friends of West Goshen Parks jacket if your child does not get any eggs—They will be able to provide your child with some candy.

**DON'T:** Get upset if your child does not find any eggs. The Egg Hunt is meant to be fun and not a competition.

**DO:** Place emptied eggs into designated recycling containers or take them home to reuse.

**DON'T:** Place emptied eggs into trash cans or leave them sitting in the park.

**DO:** Enter your child in the Decorated Hat Parade if he or she enjoys dressing up for the holiday and participating in the festivities.

**DON'T:** Enter your child in the Decorated Hat Parade if he or she might get upset over not winning a prize.

**DO:** Bring new socks, t-shirts, and men's underwear for the Coatesville Veterans' Administration Hospital.

**DON'T:** Bring used socks, t-shirts, and men's underwear for the Coatesville Veterans' Administration Hospital.



## Summer Employment with the Park and Recreation Department: Experiential Leadership, Learning, Fun and More!

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for various counselor positions for the 2013 Summer Recreation Program. Being a summer counselor is a rewarding part-time position ideal for high school and college students or anyone seeking hands-on experience working with children. Counselors 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. Counselors are assigned to one of three park locations in West Goshen Township for the duration of the eight-week programs working weekday mornings between June 24th and August 16th.

### Summer Recreation Program: Summer Counselor (Age 18+)

Summer counselors are required to plan, lead, and actively supervise a variety of age appropriate recreational activities such as sports, games, crafts, special events, and field trips for children between the ages of five and twelve. Counselors are responsible for the direct supervision and well being of the participants while communicating and enforcing program rules and expectations outdoors in a team environment. In addition to working weekday mornings, summer counselors are assigned to one Afternoon Sports Clinic per week instructing activities such as tennis,

soccer, tee ball, and skateboarding. Summer counselor applicants are required to be 18 years of age, hold current first aid / CPR certification and have a high school diploma by June 24, 2013. Applications must be submitted by Thursday, March 28, 2013 to be scheduled for an interview.

### Summer Recreation Program: Junior Counselor Positions (Ages 16 & 17)

The Park and Recreation Department will be hiring qualified and enthusiastic candidates for the position of junior counselor. The junior counselor position provides support to the summer counselors while gaining introductory experience working with children in a recreational group setting. Junior counselors are required to perform physical activity outdoors such as activity set up / clean up in addition to a variety of daily responsibilities as directed by the summer counselors / program directors. Applicants must be 16 years of age by June 24, 2013, be willing and able to work maturely in a group environment and to submit a completed Application for Employment by Thursday, April 25, 2013.

### Summer Teen Program: Summer Teen Counselors

The Park and Recreation Department is accepting applications for candidates interested in working with our popular



Summer Teen Program. Summer Teen Program counselors are responsible for planning, facilitating, and supervising sports, games, and special events for participants between the ages of thirteen and fifteen. Summer Teen Program counselors also attend weekly field trips and participate in community service projects. Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old, hold current first aid / CPR certification, and have a high school diploma by June 24, 2013. Applications for the position of summer teen counselor are to be submitted by Thursday, March 28, 2013.

If offered a position, summer counselors (age 18+) must commit to the entire eight-week program and are subject to background clearance checks with the State Police, Department of Welfare, and FBI. Junior counselors are required to submit an Employment Certificate or "working papers" if offered a position. Applications for Employment are available at the West Goshen Township Administrative Building or may be downloaded from [www.westgoshen.org/PDFs/Forms/Employment\\_Application.pdf](http://www.westgoshen.org/PDFs/Forms/Employment_Application.pdf). For more information on position requirements, responsibilities and expectations contact Summer Program Coordinator Tom Steines at 610-696-5266 ext. 4103 or at [tsteines@westgoshen.org](mailto:tsteines@westgoshen.org). West Goshen Township is an Equal Opportunity Employer. ★



## The Friends of West Goshen Parks Offer a Way to Show You Care About Your Community

*The Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade...The Decorated Bike Parade...The Harvest Festival...The Holiday Breakfast with Santa...The Summer Concert Series...Theatre in the Park...*

West Goshen Township, recognized repeatedly in the past ten years by Money Magazine as one of the United States twenty best places to live, offers a variety of free activities to benefit Township residents. But great events don't just happen. A team of dedicated staff and volunteers helps bring these events to fruition.

The Friends of West Goshen Parks is looking for West Goshen residents to help the continuing efforts of community building through parks, recreation programs, and public events. Volunteers can help at events, attend planning meetings, or join the Board of Directors of The Friends of West Goshen Parks. Involvement in the Board of Directors is open to anyone, and would require a commitment to attend six meetings per year and lend assistance at events.

*Be a part of an  
organization that  
helps make  
West Goshen a  
great place to live!*

The Board of Directors of The Friends of West Goshen Parks recognizes that not everyone has time to take from their busy schedules to volunteer. You can still show your support by joining The Friends of West Goshen Parks as an active member by completing the registration form below and returning it with a \$10 annual membership fee or greater contribution. Your membership shows that you value West Goshen's parks and recreation activities, allows you to keep current on the latest updates from The Friends of West Goshen Parks, gives you a say in voting for The Board of Directors of The Friends of West Goshen Parks, and provides the opportunity to get involved in your community and meet other civic-minded residents.

For more information about The Friends of West Goshen Parks, leave a message at 610-692-2550 or contact West Goshen Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at 610-696-5266 or via email at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org).



### The Friends of West Goshen Parks, Inc. • Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate email address if you would like to receive information about upcoming events: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if you would like to receive information about:

- |   |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Joining the Board of Directors as an Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering at events   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with publicity                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with fundraising |

Make your \$10.00 check payable to:  
"The Friends of West Goshen Parks, Inc.", P.O. Box 441, West Chester, PA 19381

# Check Out the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department on facebook



The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department has launched two new pages on Facebook. Now, you can “Like” the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at [www.facebook.com/WestGoshenParkRec](http://www.facebook.com/WestGoshenParkRec), or visit the Facebook page for the Summer Recreation Program at [www.facebook.com/WestGoshenSummerRec](http://www.facebook.com/WestGoshenSummerRec). The pages contain information about upcoming events, photographs from past activities, and a chance for visitors to share feedback.

The West Goshen Summer Teen Program has had a Facebook page since 2009 at [www.facebook.com/WestGoshenSummerTeenProgram](http://www.facebook.com/WestGoshenSummerTeenProgram).

“In today’s age of technology, the participants of the Summer Teen Program really enjoy staying connected by sharing their thoughts, pictures, and videos via Facebook,” says Summer Program Coordinator Tom Steines. “It is also a great way for parents to check in to see what their children experienced over the summer such as the Summer Teen Program’s field trips, special events, and community service projects. Not only do the program participants stay connected when they are not together at the park, they are able to stay updated on upcoming Township events such as skateboarding events at Lambert Park, bus trips, and our Summer Concert Series. In addition to the Summer Teen Program Facebook page

becoming a great place to share and enjoy recent activities, past program participants and counselors who have moved on to new adventures are able to stay connected as well. It is impressive to see how well the Summer Teen Program has been received by both participants and counselors and how they are staying connected and updated through the Facebook page.”

“With more and more people using social media, we decided to expand our Facebook presence for the Summer Recreation Program and the Park and Recreation Department in general,” adds Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr.

According to Lehr, the December Holiday Breakfast provided a good example of how Facebook could benefit the Park and Recreation Department. “We used to spend the better part of a day sorting through photos of children with Santa, optimizing them to be emailed, and trying to match—not always successfully—photos with the correct email addresses. This year we were able to load the whole batch onto Facebook in under an hour for participants to view and download at their leisure. And we can keep them archived there for future viewing.”

“We hope everyone who enjoys our programs and activities takes advantage of our new Facebook pages,” says Lehr. ★



## ROONIE SAYS...

Chapter 36 of the West Goshen Township Code, states: “It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog to permit such dog to run at large in West Goshen Township. Any such dog found to be running at large, whether licensed or unlicensed, shall be subject to seizure, detention and disposition by the West Goshen Township Police Department or agency employed by the Township to carry out such seizure, detention or disposition in accordance with the provisions of the Pennsylvania Dog Law.”

This section of the Township Code continues to offer the following definition: “Running at large” shall be defined as being upon any public highway, street, alley, park or other public land, and not being on a leash and

accompanied by or under the control of the owner or any other person having custody of said dog.”

Roonie’s Canine Corner at Robert Lambert Park offers an enclosed area for dogs to run off-leash. However, the sidewalk between the parking lot and the dogpark is not fenced in. Therefore, dogs must be kept on-leash when being transported between automobiles and the dogpark. This helps ensure the safety of dogs and visitors to the dogpark. Unleashed dogs may run in front of or behind cars entering or exiting, creating a traffic hazard. Also, dogs tend to get spooked by skateboards from

the neighboring skatepark. Even well-behaved dogs may exhibit aggressive tendencies when spooked and unrestrained.

The best way to make sure Roonie’s Canine Corner remains a safe place for you and your dog is to follow rules regarding dogs inside and outside of the fenced-in area of the dogpark.

*Roonie, the West Goshen Township Westie and namesake of Roonie’s Canine Corner at Robert E. Lambert Park, offers advice for dog owners and users of the dogpark in each issue of the Township Newsletter. ★*





*“Part of Our Community” highlights local businesses, organizations, and people who make a difference in the community. To submit ideas for future columns, please email Newsletter Editor Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org.*



## Part of Our Community

In 1984, sixteen year old Mark Luckowski lost his vision when he severed his optical nerves in an accident. Having to adjust to his blindness meant learning to use a cane, hiring someone to read his homework assignments to him, and overcoming the feelings of helplessness that came with his sudden life change. Through his experience, he discovered two loves that would have a major impact on his life. He fell in love with and married the reader hired by the Chester County Intermediate Unit to help him, and he connected with the West Goshen Lions Club, a group that he would join and become president of.



**West Goshen Lions Club Member June Bigler collecting for White Cane Day at West Goshen Acme.**

Lions Club International began in 1917, when Melvin Jones told members of the Business Circle of Chicago that they should reach beyond business issues and address the betterment of their communities and the world. After contacting similar groups around the United States, an organizational meeting was held on June 7, 1917, in Chicago.

The new group took the name of one of the invited groups, the “Association of Lions Clubs,” and a national convention was held in Dallas in October of that year.

In 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, and challenged Lions to become “knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness.” Since that time, the Lions have adopted the cause of being leaders in the fight against visual impairments and in offering assistance to the blind.

Four years after his accident, Mark Luckowski learned of the Leader Dogs for the Blind, a program in Rochester, Michigan that matches trained dogs with visually impaired people. Each person paired with a dog would have to undergo a training period of 26 days with his new canine friend. The cost for matching a person with a dog can be \$40,000. Luckily for Luckowski, he also formed a connection with the West Goshen Lions Club.

In February 1972, the West Goshen Lions Club was formed with 41 charter members. Since that time, the West Goshen Lions have pursued the mission of the International Club by participating in service projects throughout the community and acting as advocates for the blind. The West Goshen Lions Club sponsored Luckowski to participate in the Leader Dog program. Luckowski says the connection with Lions changed his life.

“Before Lions, I had difficulty walking around with a cane. Lions gave me the confidence needed to walk eighteen blocks each way back and forth to college.”

With the guide dog, Luckowski was able to earn a college degree—as was his dog, who was awarded a master’s degree in canine communications! “He went to all the same classes as me, but he got a master’s degree and I didn’t,” Luckowski jokes.

After finishing college, Luckowski was offered a job, but with one condition:



**Members of the West Goshen Lions Club (from left to right) Lisa Rider, Carol Stauffer, Marilyn Powell, Mark Frison, and Chet Walker prepare to sort and box used eye glasses to be sent to Lions International Recycling center in Trenton. These glasses will then go to third world countries, where they will be sized and fitted for the needy.**

He had to purchase Reading Edge, a program that converts written text into spoken words. Due to the expense of the technology, Luckowski was not able

to afford it to accept his dream job. Once again, the West Goshen Lions stepped up for him, buying him Reading Edge. “It gave me the ability to work, to have a second child, to use my college degree,” says Luckowski. “You can still do the things that stigma and stereotype say you can’t. It allows you to go forward. That’s what Lionism is to me. It’s about getting people into society again.”

Luckowski joined the West Goshen Lions in 1993, but with the commitments of a growing family, he wasn’t able to devote the time to the group to be an active member. In 2008, he rejoined the group in an effort to give back some of his time and effort, working his way to president in 2012.

Luckowski describes Lions as “Service-minded individuals that are looking to support the cultural, civic, and social aspects of the community.”

Projects undertaken by the West Goshen Lions Club include supporting Beacon Lodge summer camp for blind and deaf children in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania; purchasing and donating Titmus Testers to detect vision defects for local schools; donating funds for a lift van for a child





# Do You? Know?

## ...that your home is required to have a visible house number?

In emergency situations it is vital that emergency personnel are able identify your home or building. In order to ensure this happens, the Township requires that all buildings have address numbers affixed to the exterior of the building, placed in a position that is plainly visible from the roadway. Please do not use alphabetical numbering such as "one" or "two" as this is not always readily identifiable.

## ...what types of signs are permitted?

Garage and yard sale signs are permitted; however, the Township asks that all such signs be removed directly following the event and that signs are not placed on telephone poles. Selling your home or property? One

temporary sign is permitted for this activity; however, off-site signs, directional signs, and signs erected in the right-of-way are prohibited. Finally, in order to maintain the character of our residential neighborhoods, signs advertising home occupations are restricted in size to two square feet for a wall sign or five square feet for a free standing sign. Permits are required for signs, so please check with our office before erecting a sign.

## ...that mobile sales require a Solicitation Permit?

Those selling goods or services door to door or from motor vehicles must obtain a Solicitation Permit from the West Goshen Township Police Department. For the safety of Township residents, this enables the Township to know who is selling goods or services within our neighborhoods. If you are met by a solicitor in your neighborhood who cannot provide proof of having a permit, contact the West Goshen Police Department. ★

## Part of Our Community *continued...*

confined to a wheel chair; purchasing magnifier readers for individuals with limited vision; purchasing Braille writers, prosthetics, and hearing aids; donating a paint sprayer to Brian's House; supporting the local YMCA; and sponsoring a Leos Club at West Chester East High School and Boy Scout Troop 66 and Cub Scout Troop 69 in West Goshen Township. West Goshen Lions help ring bells and accept holiday donations for the Salvation Army, adopt a highway for cleanup, park cars for the Chester County Hospital Spring Fair, clean and paint community centers and daycare centers, collect can goods for the Salvation Army, and provide dinner to Safe Harbor on the third Thursday of each month. West Goshen Lions participate in the annual Goose Creek cleanup with the Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association. They also raise funds outside of shopping centers for two weekends in May during the National Federation for the Blind's White Cane Week and for two weekends in October, when National White Cane Safety Day is recognized.

"We are a volunteer organization. All money goes to the people it serves, with no overhead taken off the top" emphasizes Luckowski. Additional fundraisers include an annual fruit sale.

The West Goshen Lions Club has two vice-presidents: one who oversees activities, and one who oversees the administration of the club. Committees for individual activities or projects have various members who serve as chairs.

As president, Luckowski also serves on the Visitation Committee, networking with other area Lions Clubs and Lions International. He points out that Lions International usually are the first to respond to natural disasters such as recent earthquakes in Haiti and Japan, with their global network of local service groups able to quickly provide financial assistance, supplies, expertise, and manpower. Through the efforts of Lions International, Luckowski says river blindness has been nearly eradicated.

The West Goshen Lions have familiar yellow drop-boxes for used glasses which are part of an international effort to help the visually impaired. Glasses are collected and delivered to third world countries where they can be reused by individuals who can not afford to buy them.

The West Goshen Lions Club is a diverse, open-membership organization for men and women who want to meet and work with other civic-minded citizens in service to their community. The group currently has over fifty members. They gather for a breakfast meeting on the first and third Saturday of each month at 8:00 AM at the West Chester Days Hotel at the intersection of Route 202 and Route 100 (Wilmington Pike) in West Goshen. Guests are welcome to attend the breakfast meetings. Mark Luckowski encourages anyone who would like to learn about the West Goshen Lions Club to contact him for more information at [aluckowski@verizon.net](mailto:aluckowski@verizon.net) or at 610-696-7564. ★

# Removing Snow Quickly, Efficiently, and Safely

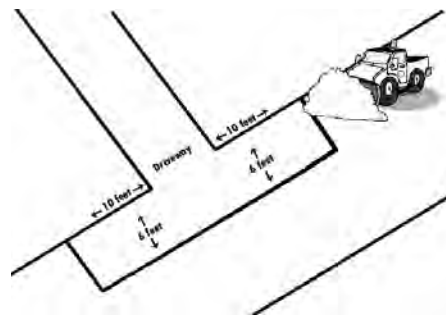
The West Goshen Township Streets Department takes great pride in its ability to clear 93 miles of roads in the Township in a quick, efficient, and safe manner. You can do your part to facilitate the process.

**Keep cul-de-sacs 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, we may not finish plowing that street, but return several hours or even the next day to complete the work.

**Make sure your mailbox is at least a foot away from the pavement and/or 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 into it and keep the front of your mailbox four to six inches behind the curb line to avoid it getting knocked over. (See illustration below.) Make sure to clear snow from all walkways, stairs, and paths to mailboxes. For confirmed cases of mailboxes being damaged by plowing operations, West Goshen Township will provide a new black or white mailbox and a wooden post.

**Do not place shoveled, blown, or plowed snow from driveways, sidewalks, or parking lots onto 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. 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 the snow being pushed by the plow to remain on the plow and not dumped into your drive. If you must shovel out your drive, clear a six foot area of the road that is directly in front of the mouth of your drive. In addition clear an area ten feet before and after the mouth of your

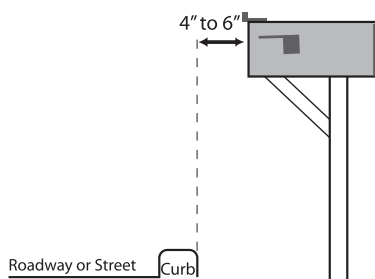


drive, so that when the plow comes through, it will unload snow that it is pushing in the cleared area and not in the mouth of your drive.

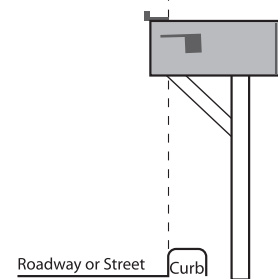
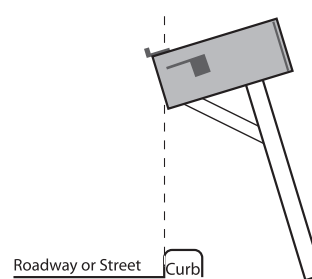
**Be patient.** Snow removal does take time, especially in heavy snowfall. Hills, intersections, and curves receive salt first due to the potential traffic hazards they present. Then all other areas are salted and plowed. Drivers begin one pass in each direction on streets and one pass into and out of cul-de-sacs. Once an initial clearance is made on each roadway, drivers commence with the process of pushing snow back to the road's edge and cleaning out cul-de-sacs. We may not finish plowing that street, but return several hours or even the next day to complete the work.

**Report any problems to West Goshen Township at 610-696-5266** between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM on Mondays through Thursdays. Please leave 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. On Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays or after 5:00 PM, emergencies may be reported to the Police Department at 610-696-7400.

**Note that West Goshen Township does not clear all streets within the Township.** PennDOT clears the following streets: Boot Road, Fern Hill Road, S. Five Points Road between Westtown Road and Little Shiloh Road, Garfield Avenue between Lincoln Avenue and Paoli Pike, Goshen Road east of North Hills, Greenhill Road, S. High Street (Business Route 322), E. Marshall Street, Lincoln Avenue, Montgomery Avenue, Paoli Pike, Phoenixville Pike, Pottstown Pike, Strasburg Road, West Chester Pike (Route 3), Westtown Road, and Routes 100, 202, and 322. Cougar Lane, Derry Lane, Furr Avenue, Gated Road, Hicks Road, Honeysuckle Court, Hydrangia Court, Judson Drive, Kimes Avenue, Lintell Drive, Links Drive, Llewlyn Circle, Morning Glory Drive, Mantel Drive, McDermott Drive, Oak Circle, Olivia Court, Peaceful Lane, Pine Circle, Prospect Avenue, Sorber Drive, Turner Avenue, Turner Lane between Paoli Pike and West Chester Pike, S. Walnut Street, E. Washington Street between Garfield and the dead end, Woodcrest Circle, Wrights Lane, and Wisteria Lane are cleared by the developers or property owners. ★



**CORRECT**



**INCORRECT**



## Rodeo Allows Drivers to Practice Skills

This fall members of the West Goshen Streets Department practiced their plowing skills by participating in the first annual West Goshen Rodeo. The event began with safety instructional videos. Each participant then had to inspect a truck that was set with five defects they had to identify. Drivers then had to operate a plow-equipped truck through an obstacle course simulating real life scenarios encountered while plowing, with barrels representing parked cars and cones delineating narrow winding roadways. The event was timed, with penalty time added for unidentified truck defects, obstacles hit, or failure to adhere to safety procedures.



"It's a good training opportunity and it's good for safety awareness," stresses West Goshen Streets Superintendent Dave Woodward. ★



Scenes from the West Goshen Rodeo (top to bottom): Two barrels with a board and a balanced baseball represent a parked car; judges score drivers; cones represent a curved roadway.

## Keep Your Car Prepared for Winter Storms



The best way to avoid getting stranded in a winter storm is to avoid driving and stay home until the snow stops and the roads are cleared. However, for times when it is essential to drive in a snowstorm, precautions should be taken to make sure you can survive being stranded.

Preparing your car for a snowstorm means more than installing snow or all-season tires. Take the time to fill the gas tank prior to a snowstorm. Keep an emergency kit with a blanket, jumper cables, flares, triangles, shovel, ice scraper, cell phone charger, LED flashlight, and rock salt in the car. Bring bottled water (at least one gallon per person) and energy bars in your car when venturing into snow.

If you find yourself trapped in your vehicle during a blizzard, run the engine with the heater on ten minutes per hour. Check each hour to make sure the tailpipe is clear. Crack open the window opposite the wind. Stay warm with blankets, newspapers, floor mats, seat covers, or any other thermal protection. Make sure hazard lights are flashing. At night, keep the dome light on to indicate that someone is in the car.

Keep in mind that it may take a while before emergency vehicles or tow trucks are able to come to your assistance, so it is best to prepare for the worst-case scenario of being confined to your car for a prolonged period of time. ★

## ROAD RULES

*In each issue of the Township Newsletter, the West Goshen Police Traffic Safety Unit will provide information for drivers, focusing on sections of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code or other traffic safety issues.*

As we experience inclement winter weather conditions, the West Goshen Police Department would like to remind you to be sure to clear your vehicles of snow and ice before taking to the roads.

The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code provides the following:

### **Section 3720: Snow and ice dislodged or falling from moving vehicle**

When snow or ice is dislodged or falls from a moving vehicle and strikes another vehicle or pedestrian causing death or serious bodily injury as defined in Section 3742 (relating to accidents involving death or personal injury), the operator of the vehicle from which the snow or ice is dislodged or falls shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000 for each offense.

Drive carefully and please allow for extra time when driving in inclement weather conditions.

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