

# WEST GOSHEN



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**Township offices will be closed on November 27 and 28, December 25 and January 1, and open until noon on December 24.**

The following holidays fall on Thursdays. Trash will be picked up on the next day.

**Thanksgiving (November 27, 2003).**  
Trash will be picked up Friday, November 28, 2003.

**Christmas (December 25, 2003).**  
Trash will be picked up Friday, December 26, 2003.

**New Year's Day (January 1, 2004).** Trash and bulk items will be picked up Friday, January 2, 2004.

## Traffic Improvements

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has approved traffic improvements for the intersection of Paoli Pike and N. Five Points Road. Construction on these enhancements, including widening of the intersection, improved drainage, and dedicated turning lanes, are scheduled to begin December 17, 2003. The scheduled completion date for these improvements is June 15, 2004. Look to future issues of the **West Goshen Township Newsletter** for project updates.

## Public Township Meetings

	Board of Supervisors	Park and Recreation	Planning Commission	Sewer Authority	Zoning Hearing
	4:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
<b>November</b>	12 and 19	19	18	12	13
<b>December</b>	10	(none)	16	10	11
<b>January</b>	14 and 28	21	20	14	15

All meetings are held in the Township Administration building except the Sewer Authority, which is conducted at the Sewer Treatment Plant at 848 South Concord Road. There is a public comment period at each meeting. Additional Zoning Hearing Board Meetings may be added as needed. Check [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) for updates.



### REMINDER...

**West Goshen Township does not set the date and hours of trick-or-treating. Use your discretion with regard to this activity.**

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## *Severe Storms Hit West Goshen*

September brought an exceptional amount of storm damages to Chester County, as Tropical Storm Isabel and severe rainstorms slammed the region with high winds and excessive rains.

The West Goshen Township government and other service providers responded quickly to keep roads open, power flowing, and government services operating.

Township road crews added overnight shifts to clear roadways of trees and branches, and to empty clogged sewer drains.

PECO worked feverishly to restore energy to the area. Some neighborhoods lacked electricity for up to three days. The West Goshen Municipal Complex, hit by a power outage, was able to stay open with energy supplied by its emergency power generator.

West Goshen Community Day was postponed due to forecasted rains. Because of excessive field saturation for the makeup date, many of the day's activities were held in the Community Park parking lot.

The Township increased its tonnage with trash hauler BFI to accommodate removal of storm debris. For guidelines about disposing of yard waste debris, please refer to the trash listing in the enclosed Residential Waste and Recycling Guide.

### Storm Relief Available

President George W. Bush has approved Governor Edward Rendell's request for federal Individual Assistance disaster aid for Chester County as a result of the storms during the week of September 15th. County residents may be eligible for housing assistance, low-interest loans to repair or replace storm-damaged property, or grants for serious needs and necessary expenses not met by other programs. Businesses suffering storm damage may be eligible for Small Business Administration loans.

Residents who suffered storm related damage should call the Federal Emergency Management Agency at 1-800-621-FEMA. The speech and hearing impaired TTY number is 1-800-462-7585. Callers should have the following information handy:

- Telephone number for callback.
- Social Security number.
- Current mailing address.
- Annual gross household income.
- Address of the damaged property.
- Brief description of the damages.
- Insurance information (if property owners have insurance).

Government disaster assistance covers basic needs only

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### Celebrate the Season at West Goshen's Harvest Festival

This annual fall celebration takes place at Coopersmith Park on Sunday, October 26 between 2:00 and 4:00 PM, rain or shine.

- Children can ride a haycart through the woods to the pumpkin patch, and pick a pumpkin to decorate.
- Families can bring old clothes and enter the scarecrow making contest. Straw will be provided.
- All ages can win prizes by guessing the weight of the Township's largest pumpkin.
- Everyone can enjoy apple cider, light refreshments, and musical entertainment.

The Harvest Festival is **FREE OF CHARGE** and is limited to residents of West Goshen Township. Guests are encouraged to bring a donation for Chester County Cares in the form of soap, diapers, toilet paper, feminine products, toothpaste, or shampoo. ★

*Preregister for the  
Harvest Festival at  
[www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org)*



# township information

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

6 year elected term

Edward G. Meakim, Jr., *Chairman*  
Patricia B. McIlvaine, *Vice-Chairman*  
Dr. Robert S. White, *Member*

## ADMINISTRATION

Sharon Lynn, *Township Manager*  
Jeanne M. Denham, *Finance Director*  
Richard J. Craig, *Township Engineer*

## WEST GOSHEN POLICE

1025 Paoli Pike, W.C., 19380  
Police 911 or 610.696.7400  
Fax 610.696.3935  
police@westgoshen.org  
Michael J. Carroll, *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*

## BUILDING OFFICIALS CODE ADMINISTRATORS APPEALS BOARD

Louis Calvarese  
David W. Graf  
James J. McIntyre  
Grant K. Middlestead  
(1 Vacancy)

## PARK & RECREATION BOARD

Robert M. Cifone, *Chairman*  
Gerald L. Napiecek, *Vice-Chairman*  
Edward T. Smith, *Secretary*  
Leslie K. Bair  
Daniel Dixon  
Jennifer Grey-Rice  
Michael A. Pillagalli  
Mary Lou Enoches, *Alternate*

## TOWNSHIP PARKS

Barker Park, *Falcon Lane by Westtown Way*  
Coopersmith Park, *Spring Lane, off West Chester Pike*  
Hallowell Park, *404 North Five Points Road*  
West Goshen Community Park, *Fern Hill & North Five Points Roads*

## PLANNING COMMISSION

Paul D. Spiegel, *Chairman*  
James J. O'Brien, *Vice-Chairman*  
Nancy B. Higgins, *Secretary*  
Michael P. Bannan  
Dean K. Diehl, Jr.  
Jeffrey Laudenslager  
Daniel S. Rafter  
Robert B. Little, *Alternate*

## ZONING HEARING BOARD

Peter C. Anderson  
Joseph DeFelippes  
Gillian M. Goodwin  
Grant K. Middlestead, *Alternate*

## SEWER AUTHORITY

James F. McLearn, *Chairman*  
Walter E. Hoover, Jr., *Vice-Chairman*  
Lewis H. Reid, *Secretary*  
John L. Windle, *Treasurer*  
Paul D. Spiegel, *Member*  
Theresa A. Davis, *Alternate*

## THE FRIENDS OF WEST GOSHEN PARKS, INC.

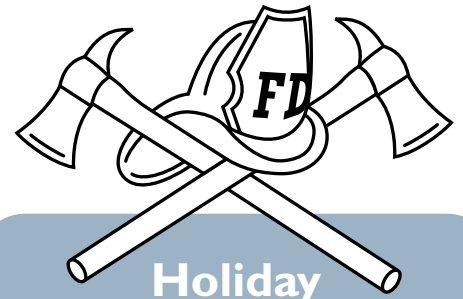
*Non-profit group assisting the Park and  
Recreation Board; meets quarterly*  
Patricia Ryan-Kelly, *President*  
Kelly Cifone, *Vice-President*  
Megan Zug, *Treasurer*

## AUDITORS

James L. Mosteller, *Chairman*  
Louis J. Mayer, *Secretary*  
Hugh J. Purnell, Jr., *Member*

## TAX COLLECTOR

William R. Keenan



## Holiday Fire Safety Tips from Fire Marshal Ralph Brown

- Have your fireplace and chimney cleaned prior to winter use.
- Only burn dry, seasoned firewood. Do not use green or freshly cut wood.
- Store propane tanks outside of garages or enclosed patios for the winter.
- Wiring of string lights should be flexible. Do not use if wiring has become stiff or brittle.
- Never leave lit candles unattended.

If you would like a free Home Fire Prevention Checklist, contact Fire Marshal Ralph Brown at 610-696-5266. ★

## Severe Storms *Continued ...*

and will not normally compensate you for your entire loss. If you have insurance, the Federal Emergency Management Agency may help pay for basic needs not covered under your insurance policy. Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, or economic status. ★

# Things to Do

## Start Spreading the News...

The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department offers two great chances to visit New York City this holiday season!


On Monday, December 1, see the world-renowned Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular. Then, after spending time on your own in the big city, enjoy dinner at Jennifer's in Manhattan. This trip costs \$110 per person and includes

- Round-trip luxury coach transportation (including driver tip).
- A ticket to the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular.
- A \$12 concession voucher for Radio City Music Hall.

- Dinner at Jennifer's (including server tip).
- Discount coupons for Macy's.
- A handy map of midtown Manhattan.

Or maybe you would like to spend an afternoon touring New York on your own. For \$24 per person, you can avoid the hassles of driving, parking, and paying tolls and take a luxury coach to New York City. Spend Saturday afternoon, December 6, seeing New York at your own pace.

Past trips to New York City have filled up early, so contact Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at 610-696-5266 or visit [www.westgoshe.org](http://www.westgoshe.org) to reserve your space today!



**Chester County Library System**  
[www.ccls.org](http://www.ccls.org)

Take advantage of our libraries!

### A LIBRARY CARD... POWER IN YOUR HAND!

It's small enough to fit in your hand...powerful enough to change your life!

Your library card is **FREE** and you need only **one card** to use all 18 Chester County libraries!

**IF YOU SIGN UP FOR A NEW LIBRARY CARD FROM NOVEMBER 1-30, 2003, YOU'LL BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN A 27" FLAT SCREEN TV DONATED BY BOSCOV'S AND RECEIVE A BOSCOV'S DISCOUNT SHOPPING COUPON WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.**

For more information call 610-280-2615  
Drawing to be held December 15, need not be present to win.

Sponsored by the Chester County Library System and Boscov's Exton Square

## Movies

Don't miss the last free showing of the Fall Movie Series, as the original **Raiders of the Lost Ark** comes to West Goshen Community Park on Saturday, November 1 at 7:00 PM. See Indiana Jones fight Nazis (and snakes, too!) as he seeks the Lost Ark! In the event of inclement weather, the film will be shown at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Check [www.westgoshe.org](http://www.westgoshe.org) or call 610-696-5266 after 5:00 PM for location determination.

## Township Galleries Exhibits

October	PhotoGroup
November	West Chester University
December	West Chester Area Senior Center

Exhibits may be viewed weekdays between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM. Evening hours vary — call 610-696-5266 for times. ★

## Safety Tips from Officer Friendly

Each issue, we will bring you safety tips from West Goshen Township's own Officer Friendly, Corporal Robert Holland.

Keep your home safe by following these simple guidelines:

- Make sure all entry doors are solid wood (not hollow-core) or metal wherever possible.
- Install and use sturdy deadbolt locks.
- Secure windows on ground levels with appropriate locks.
- Light all entrances.
- Keep trees and shrubs trimmed.
- Stow ladders, mowers, and garden tools indoors when not using them.
- Mark valuable items in the house with ID numbers.
- Keep valuables out of easy view. Purses, wallets, and holiday gifts should not be readily visible from the door or street. ★

# Waste & Recycling Guide

**T**his waste and recycling guide contains information about West Goshen Township's residential trash and recycling pick-up. Residential establishments with four or more units and commercial, municipal, and institutional establishments shall contract at their sole cost and expense for the collection of waste and recyclables. Such establishments may select any collector/hauler licensed by West Goshen Township.

Each owner, operator, or administrator of a property which is required to contract with a recycling service must also provide to each occupant,

employee, patron, or resident written material describing its recycling program. Written instructions should clearly describe what materials are to be recycled, how the materials are to be prepared, and how the collection system works.

Recycling containers must be easily accessible and suitable for the type of material that is being collected. Educational facilities should provide for separation and collection of recyclable materials in classrooms, administrative offices, cafeterias, and dormitories.

Required materials for recycling are listed on the following page.

## LEAF PICK-UP

**Get those leaves ready! Pick-up is scheduled for November 8 and 22, and December 13.**

*See other side for details.*

## Household Hazardous Waste

Dates and locations for 2004 hazardous waste disposals will be listed in the Spring 2004 Township Newsletter. (Commercial and industrial entities are excluded from this program.)

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

#### PAINT PRODUCTS

Oil-Based Paints  
Paint Thinners/Stains  
Varnish/Shellac  
Strippers/Removers  
Adhesives/Solvents

#### OUTDOOR

Pool Chemicals  
Weed Killers  
Septic Tank Degreasers  
Asphalt Sealers  
Caulking Compounds  
Joint Compounds  
Roof Cements

#### AUTOMOTIVE

Grease/Rust  
Fuel Additives  
Carburetor Cleaners  
Transmission/Brake Fluid  
Antifreeze  
Gasoline  
Empty Motor Oil Bottles

#### HOUSEHOLD

Drain Openers  
Rug/Wood/Metal Cleaners  
Mothballs/Flakes  
Spot Remover  
Household Batteries  
Kerosene  
Smoke Alarms

#### OTHER

Acids/Caustics/Solvents  
Flammables/Oxidizers  
Lead/Mercury/Asbestos  
Pesticides/Poisons  
Organic Peroxide  
Reactive Metals  
Gas Cylinders max. 20#s



### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Infectious/Medical Waste  
Explosives/Ammunition  
Dioxin  
Latex/Water Based Paints  
Pressurized CFAs and HCFSs  
Commercial/Industrial Waste  
Unidentified Waste  
\*Tires  
\*Car Batteries  
\*Used Motor Oil

\*Call 610-344-6692 for recycling locations for automotive related materials or visit the Chester County web site, [www.chesco.org/health/dswml.html](http://www.chesco.org/health/dswml.html)

## Waste & Recycling Guide

**TRASH (Mondays/Thursdays)** Maximum of (4) 32 gallon cans per pick-up or its equivalent in trash bags. Place at curbside before 6:00 AM or the night before.

**RECYCLE (Mondays)** There is no maximum limit. Paper products must be tied or bundled in paper bags. Other items must be placed in a West Goshen Township plastic recycle bucket or a trash can with a Township recycle sticker affixed to it. Recycle stickers are free and may be obtained from the Township. If you have moved into new construction, you may obtain a recycle bucket at no cost at the Township Administration Building. Twenty gallon recycling buckets are available for purchase (\$6 each) at the Township Administration Building. Mark each bucket with your street and house number. Place at curbside before 6:00 AM or the night before.

State law mandates that commercial, municipal, and institutional establishments must provide, at a minimum, for the separation and recycling of white paper (computer paper, letterhead, etc.), corrugated cardboard, and aluminum cans. Residents of houses, apartment buildings, and condominiums must recycle clear glass, aluminum cans, and newsprint. In addition, West Goshen's residential recycling service will accept steel and tin cans, #1 and #2 plastics, clean clear glass jars and bottles, clean colored glass jars and bottles, and mixed papers (junk mail, magazines, telephone books). The Township's residential recycling service **can not** accept corrugated cardboard, tissues, paper towels and napkins, lids from jars and bottles, plate glass, light bulbs, drinking glasses, or mirrors.

### **BULK TRASH (1st Thursday of month)**

A bulk item is an item which two people can lift. Households are limited to one bulk trash item per month. Refrigerators, air conditioners, and other freon containing items must be tagged that freon has been removed. No building materials, railroad ties, automotive parts, or tires will be picked up. If unsure whether or not your bulk trash item will be collected, call the trash hauler, BFI, at 610-869-2222.

### **LEAF PICK-UP (November 8 and 22, and December 13)**

Leaves should be placed in biodegradable bags or trash cans. If using plastic bags, provide a container in which plastic may be left. Trash hauler will not rip open untied bags. Therefore, they could be used again. There is no limit to the number of bags.

Leaves may not be burned, raked into streets, or deposited onto stream beds.

### **YARD WASTE PICK-UP (2 Saturdays in the Spring)**

Yard waste should be tied in bundles with sticks no more than 4' in length and 4" in diameter. Dates for special yard waste collections are listed on the sewer/trash bill and in the Spring Township Newsletter.

### **NO TRASH SERVICE**

If a collection day for regular trash, recycling, or bulk pickup falls on a holiday, collection will occur on **the very next day**. Township trash holidays are:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Fourth of July
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas Day

## Recycle Your Holiday Trees

**Christmas trees will be accepted at the West Goshen Municipal Complex from January 5-16. Remove all tinsel, decorations, and plastic bags from trees. Wreaths will not be accepted.**

**If you left your tree for the trash hauler in previous years, consider giving our landfills a break and transporting it to the Municipal Complex to be chipped. A tree removal bag, which may be found at hardware stores, will help contain the needles, making transport easy and clean. Just remember to remove the bag when leaving your tree at the Municipal Complex.**